



# HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

*To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him*

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Dear Parents

## FAREWELL & WELCOME



We farewell our relieving part-time Accounting & Economics teacher, Mr Andy Cloete who has gained a fulltime position at De La Salle College. Mr Cloete has been covering this position since Mrs Osborn took leave to nurse her sick mother. We have been fortunate (blessed) to have a qualified and very competent teacher come forward to take his place and we welcome Mrs Edwina Nelson to take up this relieving role in the school until Mrs Osborn returns. Mrs Nelson, originally from South Africa has 11 years teaching experience in schools in South Africa and

New Zealand and comes with good character and professional references. We are sure our accounting and Economics students will do well in NCEA despite the changes in staffing this year.

## FAREWELL TO TEACHER TRAINEES



We also farewell two teacher trainees from Laidlaw College, Angelique Peterson and Rudolph Liebert who have been working in Rooms 10 and 12 in Term 1 and the first part of this term.

Both trainee teachers informed me they have had a very profitable placement in the school, have learnt an astronomical amount to help them with their teacher skills and have thoroughly enjoyed their time. They are now both back to college for more theory.

## HEBRON HAPPENINGS...

### YEAR 10-12 STUDENT & PARENTS' EVENING

Monday night's meeting for Year 10-12 students and their parents was very well attended and there was almost only standing room only for the latecomers. Our guest speaker, Alistair Papalii Curtin, a 5<sup>th</sup> year medical student, gave a most dynamic talk on the pressures of university study but ways of succeeding academically and safe guarding his faith. We were all inspired by his honesty, his strength of character to survive 3 road accidents (none of which were his fault) and his "get-up-and-go" mentality, becoming a top medical student even though he classed himself as a young man of average intelligence! We have asked Alistair to speak at next week's secondary assembly in order to inspire all our students to make the most of their opportunities and retain their faith in God. Other speakers covered the topics, "Ten Good Reasons To Keep Your Son or Daughter in a Christian School", "Achieving Your Best in NCEA" and "Hebron Subject Options for Year 11-13 in 2010"



## FOOD FAIR

The focus of Year 10 Food Technology in our school is the development of new products. An excellent place to study this topic was at the recent Food Show and the Epsom Showgrounds. So Mrs Hart, the teacher and a group of Year 10 students toddled off to the show and they:

- talked to food technologists,
- saw new innovations in food preparation
- learnt why new products are always being made
- looked at the way products are packaged and marketed
- tasted a **huge** variety of new food products.



Stephanie, Olivia & Sang-Hee try out some drinks

## COMING UP...

### SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL BALL

The annual Senior Secondary School Ball takes place this Saturday night at the Quay West Hotel. 83 students and staff will dance the night away in their finest clothing and fragrances and will need Sunday to recover! Hebron school balls are really great affairs – the students, from past experience, act sensibly, behave modestly and are really a great credit to themselves, their families, the school and the Lord. We don't have the problems other schools have with alcohol, drugs, sexually immorality, etc. So, roll on Saturday night...



### AUCKLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS HOCKEY FIELD DAY

Two Hebron primary and two intermediate hockey teams will represent our school at the annual Auckland Christian Schools Hockey Field Day at the North Shore Hockey Turf on Monday next week. Synthetic astro turf has certainly made hockey a more enjoyable and faster game than it was when I played it in the 60s on wet, muddy Auckland school fields. Today's players go home clean after the game! Students are still required to wear a mouth guard and shin pads are suggested too.

## RUN 4 BIBLES



This year, we plan to partner with Bibles in Action (formerly the Bible League) and help raise money to buy Bibles for countries where the Bible is not available or too expensive to buy. We will do this in conjunction with our annual School Cross Country – children will be given the opportunity to gain sponsors (yes, we know we did this for the Geographathon) for the annual run around Mt. Albert volcano. The New Zealand Bible in Action director, Mr Dirk de Brain, spoke to the primary & secondary assemblies on Tuesday about the Run4Bibles programme and the children seemed very

keen to help raise money to distribute the Bibles for the cost of \$7/Bible. The children were given a Sponsor Sheet today and are asked to begin gaining sponsors for the big event on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** starting at 1pm on the top of Mt. Albert.

## GOOD NEWS FROM THE GOVERNMENT

After 9 years of dropping Government financial support under the past Labour Government, the national Government has just announced an extra **\$10 million** increase in private school funding for 2010 with an extra \$25 million promised in the 2011-2012 period. Next year's extra \$10 million grant will include funding 150 places in private schools for secondary students from low income families, a scheme very much like the previous National Government's Targetted Individual Entitlement Scheme. Details are sketchy at this stage but I do expect our school to be offered at least 2 places after which qualifying families with low household incomes can apply for the positions (advertised in local and national newspapers) in which all fees and schooling costs (uniform, stationery, trips, etc) are paid for by the Government.



## NCEA ASSESSMENT INFORMATION



### Hebron Christian College

#### Yr 12

#### NCEA Assignments and Due Dates

##### Maths:

Mon - Complete 18.03 (10.03 new book) and do at least 3 questions from 18.04 (10.04) application.  
Wed - complete cubic graphs - 18.5 (10.04)  
Thurs - Hyperbolas - 19.3 (11.01)  
Fri - hyperbolas - 19.4 (11.02)

##### German:

Writing Internal (AS 90406): Due on Wednesday, 16 September  
Speech Internal (AS 90402): Due on Wednesday, 14 October

##### Chemistry:

Complete Activity 7E page 55 and 56. Wednesday and Thursday nights  
Percentage Composition, Empirical and Molecular Formulae

##### Biology

Internal Assessment (research) - due date 21st Aug 02  
Internal Assessment (field study)-due date 6th week Friday  
Collect research materials at home  
Read biozone bk on ecology and field study to gather more information to help you with the field study.

##### Graphics:

Yr12 Graphics students are currently working on a furniture design brief, which will be due near the end of term3.  
All students are expected to continue making progress with this by doing regular homework.

As a Christian school, we believe in open communication between home and school. Sadly, some of our students don't like their parents to know about school requirements such as homework, subject deadlines, etc and so we have been looking at ways of making this information more accessible to parents as well as providing another way of communicating to students who may have mislaid their School Handbook, assignment sheets, etc.

Year 11-13 students and/or their parents can go to the NCEA page on our school website and see up-to-date information on NCEA assessments, course requirements and due dates. We are working on a system for displaying Y8-Y10 homework assignments and requirements too.

## PROMISE KEEPERS



Each year, a number of Hebron male staff members and dads attend the Promise Keepers event, usually around October. The Hebron Ironmens Group will be promoting this event again and would encourage as many Christian men to come along to this year's event at the Telstra Clear Stadium,

Manukau City on the weekend 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October. Hebron men can register under the Hebron Group at the discount rate by phoning 0800 776 647, online at [www.promisekeepers.org.nz](http://www.promisekeepers.org.nz) or contacting George Douglas at [george@ironmen.org.nz](mailto:george@ironmen.org.nz) or Rodd Jacques at [rodd@clear.net.nz](mailto:rodd@clear.net.nz)

## TEACHER AIDE WANTED

A teacher aide is needed to work 3 days a week with a small group of secondary students. Experience is not essential but a willingness to help students with learning needs and the ability to relate to teenagers is a prerequisite for this position. If interested, contact the office and request a Job Description and Application Form.

Have an enjoyable weekend with the family.

*Geoff Matthews*

Principal