



HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him

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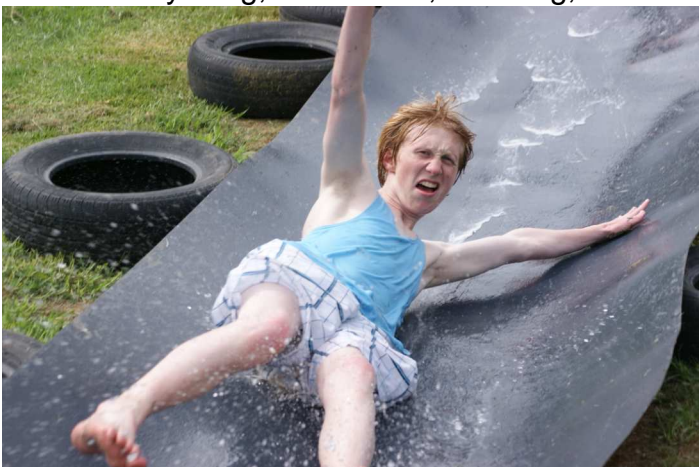
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Dear Parents

I spent two very enjoyable days at the Secondary Camp situated in the beautiful Kauaeranga Valley, not far from the Thames township. The teachers and parents are running an awesome camp and the atmosphere was fantastic.



The 3hr+ hike to the "Pinnacles" was the highlight of the camp but because of the size of our group (about 100), half the group undertook the venture on Tuesday afternoon and the other group climbed to the Pinnacles on Wednesday afternoon after sharing lunch together on the Wednesday morning when Group A had come down (see photo). Activities at the base camp included kayaking, water slide, shooting, soccer and the flying fox.



Sam Jacques tries out the water slide



Cara Allen & Catherine Marshall kayaking

Two staff members' sons, Desney Greybe and Joshua Breetvelt, took the morning and evening devotion times, challenging the students to read God's Word and live wholeheartedly for Him. So well done participating teachers, parents and students...you achieved great things and have matured in so many ways. More photos at the end of the newsletter....

HEBRON HAPPENINGS

Junior school trip to Alberton



On Wednesday, the Junior School visited Alberton House as part of their Social Science study for this term, "How have people changed the way they do things through

time?" Alberton House is a local Historic Places Trust home, built in 1863. The children looked through the home that has many of its 19th century wallpapers and furniture, churned butter (see photo) and had lunch in the grounds. The children particularly enjoyed climbing one of the trees, playing with hula hoops, walking on stilts and throwing quoits as if they were a child of the 1900s.



COMING UP....

PAT TESTING

Each year, we test all our Year 3 to Year 10 children using the Progressive Achievement Tests (commonly called PATs). These tests are Government-initiated tests that have been used for the past 35+ years in which children's achievement can be assessed against NZ-normed standards in listening, reading vocabulary, reading comprehension and mathematics. Testing will take place next week and parents are welcome to request the results after they are marked and ranked.

ATHLETICS

This year, our Athletics mornings/days will be run in Term 1, not Term 4 for the following reasons:

1. Help to reduce the amount of Term 4 activities
2. Count on warmer, rain-free days
3. Align the secondary athletics with the secondary inter-school athletics championships.

The Junior School Athletics will be held NEXT THURSDAY on the bottom field. Children in these classes will be informed on what to do for this event.

The Senior Athletics will be held on Wednesday 24th March. More info closer to the time.

GARDENING GROUP

The newly formed Gardening Group will be meeting next Monday at 10:30am. Meet outside the staffroom. Any interested people are very welcome

For more information, contact Christine Primrose on 8334019 or email capswp@xtra.co.nz



JAPANESE STUDENT VISIT

Eight Hebron families have now offered to billet a Japanese student in March but we need another 19 offers...Can YOU assist???

HOMESTAYS NEEDED

We now need to book up 19 Hebron families who could billet the students during their stay. Homestay families will be paid **\$300** for the 10-night stay and will also receive **\$56** for preparing 8 weekday lunches. Families will need to provide a bed, breakfast, lunch and dinner, wash clothes and assist with transport to and from school



(bus/train fares paid by Japanese student). The student will stay with the family for the weekend during the visit (27/28 Mar) and you are welcome to take them to church, etc. If you can assist with billeting or would like more information, fill out the form which accompanies this newsletter and email back to me (principal@hebron.ac.nz) or hand into the office.

PAINLESS FUNDRAISING

There is a new way of fundraising for the school which will be helpful to the school and families who participate. It is called **Yourfastshop**. Parents, or their businesses can shop online at Woolworths, Noel Leeming, Apple, Bond+Bond, Dell, OfficeMax, Dominos Pizza etc. It is a very simple way of fundraising, and easy shopping for busy parents, who will help Hebron at the same time.

The basic facts are:

- YourFastShop.co.nz is an online shopping mall that helps raise funds for your school, club, charity or other fundraising group.
- It is completely free and involves no work.
- Supporters get a great shopping site with over 85 stores to choose from, including Woolworths, Dell Computers, CCC, Qantas, Champions of the World, Swannndri and many other favourites.
- When supporters buy what they want, **up to 12.5%** of each purchase can be raised for the school
- Use YourFastShop.co.nz to order items directly for your group. There are lots of Educational, Computer, Office and Stationary Suppliers including School Supplies, Dell, OfficeMax and Office Rocket. All shopping raises funds.
- There is also a monthly prize pool for all active fundraising groups, where significant amounts can be added to our school fundraising targets
- More supporters shopping means more fundraising.
- This is a relatively new idea in New Zealand. Similar online shopping malls in UK and USA have raised over 70 million dollars for schools, clubs and charities. As a New Zealand company, we want our New Zealand communities to benefit too.

Go to: <http://www.yourfastshop.co.nz/> learn more about this way of fundraising for school, join up and your child will be blessed to see new equipment, resources, books, etc arriving at our school.

DATABASE UPDATE

Every family should have received a printout of their family's database details. Can you:

1. Check the accuracy of every entry
2. Add information that is missing
3. Modify inaccurate or out-of-date information
4. Return the sheet to the school with **or without** additions/modifications
5. **PLEASE** make sure your email address is added and is accurate.

It is essential that we not only start the year with correct information but you inform us immediately there is any change to your circumstances during the year such as a change of address, new cellphone no, etc. Also, please sign the sheet so that the office staff know you have seen it (some children returned the sheet without showing it to their parents).

MUMS IN TOUCH

Mums-in-Touch is a group of Mums who meet in the school staffroom (lounge in Rahiri Mansion) on Monday mornings around 8:45am to pray for the school. Pre-schoolers are welcome. Any enquiries can be made to Jill Jacques (625-4817) or Michelle Cummins (846 8777). All welcome, even if just for a short time or on days you are available.

Have an enjoyable weekend with the family.

Geoff Matthews
Principal

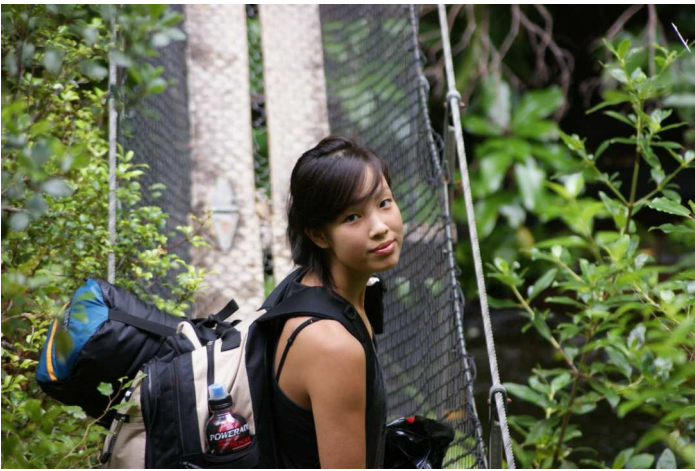
MORE SECONDARY CAMP PHOTOS



Fording the Kauaeranga River



Pitstop for Marshmallows



Dawn Chen about the cross the wire bridge



Mrs Finn & Mrs Greybe near the "Pinnacles"



Rafting up with the kayaks



Chris Herrmann & Mr Marshall vying for the ball



Jackson Harpur on the Flying Fox



Target practice with the airguns