



HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him

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Dear Parents

TERM 1 THEME

In a world that is in constant change, and in which we see our lives getting busier and busier, it is comforting to know that God is our source. God is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega. Everything good came from God, is of God and for God. It is easy to think that our lives are more significant than they are. Our world seems to revolve around us and our choices. But we are finite. God is infinite, and it is as we honour God's role in our lives, and in the earth, that we see both the wonderful capacity that humans have to change and improve our world, and the wonder of God's power to hold it all together!

God has given us the capacity for initiative to manage the world around us, and to work together with our Maker. We can use the resources that God has supplied to make the world around us a better place. God wants us to use all we have with thankfulness and wisdom.



During this term we will learn in Devotions about how people in Bible times knew God as their source, and we will learn about how to take initiative with the resources we have. We will particularly focus on how God worked in the lives of Joshua, Jesus and through the letters of Paul to Colossae.

In Science we will observe and inquire about physical and chemical changes that happen in the kitchen.

In Social Science, we will investigate social changes resulting from the way people in the past have solved problems like getting food, water or shelter. We will consider the question, 'How have people changed the way they do things? And "How do changes from our country's past impact us today?"

In Health, we will focus on physical and emotional changes that happen as people grow.



In Language, we will communicate through discussions and explanations about the changes we observe in scientific and social scientific studies, and also have the opportunity to write diaries and journals that document some of the experiences and feelings we have at present in our lives and to consider the changes that happen to us over time.

Throughout all, we will remember that God is the source of all we have and are.

HEBRON HAPPENINGS

MOBILE DENTAL CHECK UP



Dental nurses Jane Stevens and Melissa Jowitt have spent two days in their mobile dental van on the upper field checking the teeth of our primary and intermediate school children. They report that the dental health of our children is, overall, extremely good, but have found some children with tooth decay needing treatment.

The nurses stressed the need for children to avoid sugary drinks and food outside meal times and certainly avoiding these drinks and food at regular intervals.

JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

The Junior School celebrated its Athletics Day on Thursday 25 February. The excellent parent support made the day a memorable one especially when we had to stop and start the races due to the rain. New records were established as our young athletes participated with speed and enjoyment.



Sack racing boys



Happy winners

COMING UP....

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

The Middle School camp will begin on Tuesday next week with 105 Year 5-8 students spending 4 days at the Ngaruawahai Youth Camp in the Waikato.

Mr Randall's team of Middle School teachers will be ably assisted by 17 parents who will be at the camp fulltime with others coming for part of the time.

Activities will include kayaking, flying fox across a lake, abseiling, horse riding, archery, minigolf, swimming at the Waingaro Hot Pools, eeling, cookouts, BMX biking, etc. Hebron mum, Stephanie Sewell will be the camp devotion speaker.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN



INTEGRATION APPLICATION

The School wishes to inform parents that our application to become a state integrated school is on hold. The general consensus of the School Board, is that this is not the right time to pursue our integration application. Given the wider economic fiscal environment, the Government is under a lot of financial pressure to cap education budgets and to ensure that they are getting good value for money from all schools. It is highly unlikely, as in the case of other recent school applications, that our application would succeed at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide feedback to you all, when we are able.

SCHOOL FEES

The school Board is very grateful to the huge majority of Hebron families who pay their school fees on time and never have to be chased up for overdue fees, etc. Sadly, however, our school loses thousands of dollars each year from some Christian families who leave (with and without notice) owing fees and never paying them back. The School Board, consequently, has had to put in place some strict requirements in order to safeguard the financial stability and future of the school and they are:

1. All fees are to be paid **in advance** of tuition (usually on 1st day of the month)
2. Fees to be paid by **direct debit**.
3. Families unable to meet a particular monthly payment **must communicate this issue with the Bursar or myself before payment is due**. It is not the school's responsibility to chase up families who knowingly have dishonoured a payment. The school will agree to a financial settlement plan if it is offered in writing and approved by the School Board.
4. Families who do not meet their fee payments within two weeks of it being due will be sent a reminder notice warning their child(ren) may have to stay home until the obligations are met.
5. If the money is not paid, the children will have to be kept home until the debt is paid. (This is the last resort for the school and it is not the action we wish to take).

Again, thanks to all of you who are meeting these requirements and helping the school pay the teachers' wages, power bills, etc.

TWELVE WEEKS NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Parents are reminded that if they decide to withdraw a child from the school, **12 weeks' (1 term) written notice** is required otherwise 12 weeks' fees are required in lieu. All private schools have this arrangement in place to ensure the financial stability of the school and allow the school opportunity to responsibly plan for increases or decreases in the roll with enrolling or departing children.

JAPANESE STUDENT VISIT

Thirteen Hebron families have now offered to billet a Japanese student in March but we need another 10 offers...Can YOU assist???

HOMESTAYS NEEDED

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, email me (principal@hebron.ac.nz) .



DATABASE UPDATE

We are still waiting for **78** families to return their database form to the office. Have you returned yours??? 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).

SUBWAY LUNCHES

Subway lunches can again be ordered for a Friday lunchtime treat. Orders **MUST** be placed in the order box in the school foyer by **Thursday morning 9:30am**. Order envelopes are available in the foyer.



HEBRON FATHERS INVITE...

With so much change, trouble and turmoil going on in the world, it's good to know that the Word of God lasts forever. The Hebron Fathers "Ironmen" Devotional/Bible study group will have their first meeting on **Wednesday night 10th March, at 7pm**. Come along and meet other Dads and be encouraged and strengthened as we emphasize being better Fathers, Husbands, Sons and Brothers. The Bible reads – "as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another".

When: Evening Meeting Wednesday 7 - 9pm 10th March 2010

Where: Hebron Christian College; Rahiri Mansion (Staff Room)

Host: George Douglas george@ironmen.org.nz or 0274724663

Web: www.ironmen.org.nz



HEBRON TWILIGHT PICNIC

Parents, Caregivers and staff - come and join us at the Hebron Twilight BBQ on Saturday 20th March from 6pm. Our expert chef/s will supply and cook the steak/sausages - you bring your family, salad, drinks, picnic rugs, chairs etc. The Hebron Men's group will run some casual games and maybe we can find some water bombs somewhere in case our Deputy Principal needs cooling off.

What: Twilight BBQ

When: Saturday 20th March from 6pm

Venue: To be advised



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