



HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him

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Dear Parents

The School Board and staff are (and have always been) committed to providing an education service at Hebron Christian College that is of a high standard and helps students reach their God-given potential. Two online parent surveys last year identified many strong and some weak areas of our school but overall, gave us the understanding that the huge majority of parents were happy with their child(ren)'s education, safety issues, communication, uniform, student behaviour and general well-being.

One issue where there was concern was student manners. The staff too, have expressed concern about the lack of understanding and practice of basic manners among some students and consequently we are about to have a "blitz" on this very important aspect of human interaction.



The staff, like most Hebron parents, believe good manners are still applicable today as they were in our grandparent's generation.

Why then do some children not know or practise good manners. We do know in some families good manners are not taught or practised. We often see poor role modelling on television programmes and films. In some sections of society, uncouth and offensive behaviour is highlighted.



Jesus Christ exemplified good manners in the way he treated people, honoured elders, elevated the status of women, protected children and even blessed his

enemies. As a Christian school, we endeavour to teach the same behaviour to the children we teach and believe Hebron families should do the same so that we are all on the same page.

Manners we teach in our classrooms and assembly talks would include, among others:

- Don't interrupt others while they are talking
- Don't call out, put your hand up
- Hold the door open for others to walk through, especially adults
- Knock on closed doors before entering rooms
- Say "Thank you" when receiving gifts, services or products
- Use the word "please" when requesting something
- Youth to give up bus and train seats to older people
- Never mock or put down others
- Chew your food with your mouth closed
- Don't spit on the ground
- Walk on the left hand side of corridors & paths
- Don't queue-jump or push in
- Speak quietly and don't run around when indoors
- Use titles and surnames when talking to elders
- Never hurt people with physical pushes, kicks, etc
- Assist people with special needs eg. Blind person

Hebron teachers will highlight these manners in their classrooms and commend children who regularly practise them. "Good manners" charts will be displayed in our classrooms to remind children to practise these manners every day. We also hope to have secondary students dramatise these manners at assemblies too.

FAREWELL

We farewelled our two American trainee teachers today as they have completed their 6-week placement in our school. **Lane Smith** had a very enjoyable time in Mrs Sellar's Year 2 class and **Lyndsey Oldham** taught English, Social Studies and Classics under the care of 3 secondary teachers, Mrs Greybe, Mrs Finn and Miss Harris. Both of them took an active part in our secondary camp at Karakiriki. After a short

sightseeing stint in the South Island, the two of them return to their hometown, Mt. Vernon, Ohio where they will graduate as qualified teachers and seek employment in a school.



Mr Lane surrounded by his Room 7 admirers



Miss Oldham with the Year 13 students

Lyndsey writes.. Thank you so much for allowing Lane and I to come and train at your school. It really has been such a blessing! You (and God, of course) have such an amazing school here at Hebron. Your students and staff became instant family – giving me their patience, respect, time, opinions and love. This whole experience has been so much better I could have hoped or dreamed of. I hope to be back soon. God bless you in all the years to come. Sincerely, Lyndsey Oldham.

Lane writes: How does one give thanks for a completely life-altering and enhancing experience? I definitely don't know the right words to say or type. As I went about my last "official" day, I felt this constantly. Students giving thanks with presentations and gifts and "I love you's," all with uninhibited exuberance, and there I was, feeling completely unworthy of any such praise and honour. What amazed me even more was the response from students that I didn't even have the privilege of teaching. The year 13's filled my heart with their gesture and beautiful words of encouragement. Intermediate students coming up to me and giving going away gifts—it all left me utterly speechless. All I could manage was, "Thank you," which is so flat, so pale in comparison.

So how does one give thanks? By honouring the gifts—the conversations, the time on the playgrounds, the laughter and learning in the classroom—by taking the blessings I've received from my time here at Hebron and opening that floodgate of love I've received wherever the King leads. I hope it's back here, to New Zealand. I'll do everything I can to make that happen—if God wants me somewhere else, anywhere else, for any reason, I've already asked Him to slam the window shut on my fingers.

So, thank you, students, parents, staff—I will carry the love you've shown me everywhere I go and always speak words of praise for all of your people. But hopefully, I'll be seeing you soon, right here in the REAL land down under.

Much thanks, Lane Smith

HEBRON HAPPENINGS

Drench An American



This week our two American trainee teachers helped raise funds for our Africa mission trip by offering themselves as live targets for water bomb throwers in a "Drench An American" fundraising activity. A total of **\$533** was raised by these intrepid folk!

Junior Swimming Sports

The Junior School had a splash, splash, splashing time at their annual Swimming Sports this Thursday. There were lots of exciting activities using noodles, flutter boards, balls and rings. There were many competitive contestants in the freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke races. Thank you so much to all those parents who came to support their children and those who helped the teachers. A very special thanks to Mrs Tomlinson who was such a wonderful helper in the pool.



Senior Students give Blood

For their community service the Year 13 students decided to donate blood at the NZ Blood Foundation in Epsom. A total of 13 eager students participated in "saving lives". Each student donated 500 mL of blood which meant that 39 lives could be saved (1 bag for 3 people). For some it was a nerve-wracking experience, others went in confident but at the end of the day, they overcame their nerves and were hugely grateful for the opportunity that presented itself. They plan to do it again in 3 months time.

Left: Is Kirsten Whittington laughing or crying?

New Tenants

We welcome 4 new tenants into our refurbished "caretakers" house. Miss Harris, our secondary English teacher has moved in along with her 3 church friends who are all attending Auckland University. Renee does not have to travel far to her workplace these days!

Left to right: Aimee Donaldson, Kate Anstis, Brianna Melsop and Renée Harris



COMING UP....

Dental Bus Visit



The Dental Bus will be at school this Monday and Friday to check the teeth of all Year 1-8 children. Children who took home Dental Consent Forms need to get these signed and returned by Monday morning if they wish to have their child(ren) seen by the Dental Nurses. Parents of children needing dental work (cavities, etc) will be notified by letter and will need to make an appointment at a nearby Dental Clinic for the work to be undertaken.

Auckland Christian Schools Swimming Sports next Tuesday

Forty two of our better 8yrs+ swimmers have been selected to represent Hebron Christian College at the annual Auckland Christian Schools Swimming Championships at the West Auckland Aquatics Centre next Tuesday.

Interim Reports to be Issued Next Friday

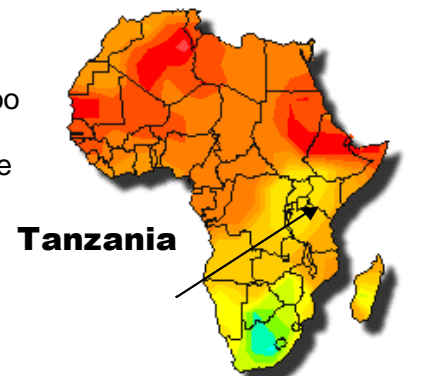
Interim reports will be issued next Friday for children of all levels. The report is not a comprehensive report (that will come in July & November) but does give a "heads up" on general progress and achievement. Parents with any concerns can arrange an appointment to meet the teacher(s) to discuss the matter in more detail but otherwise, formal parent-teacher interviews will be held in the last week of Term 2.

AFRICA MISSION TRIP

This year's biannual Senior Secondary Mission Team is, again, off to **AFRICA**. We will be working in the country of **TANZANIA**.

Why Africa? Why Tanzania?

1. We have already established a relationship with the New Life Foundation in Moshi, Tanzania through Glorious and Josephine Shoo who visited our school in 2004 and last year.
2. Our 2005, 2007 and 2009 missions to the New Life Foundation were highly successful. The New Life Foundation is very keen to host another Hebron Mission team



3. There are unlimited outreach opportunities in Tanzania and no threat of imprisonment, etc for preaching the Gospel in public.
4. It will be an exciting opportunity for Hebron students, all of whom have never visited an African country before.

Student Participation

At this point in time, 21 Year 11 - 13 students are booked to attend the mission. Planning is already well underway to make it as successful as our nine

previous missions in 1994, 1996, 1999 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009. A very full programme is being planned including a 2-day 1-night visit to a National Wildlife Park

Purpose of Mission

- Allow Hebron students to obey the "Great Commission" by *going into all the world and preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ* Matthew 28:18
- Develop and practise student evangelism skills learnt in our school Bible and Evangelism programme.
- Use individual and team skills and giftings of drama, mime, puppetry, songs, etc. to make the Gospel known.
- Encourage New Zealand students to share aspects of New Zealand and Maori culture with other nationalities.
- Cultivate cross-cultural understanding and sensibilities.
- Purposefully place Hebron students into "simple living" experiences where they will be separated from their comfort zone and *"learn to be content in all situations"*
- Exercise and develop student inter-personal communication skills with individuals from another culture and fellow team members.
- Enhance and strengthen a student's Biblical worldview and learn more of God's plan for his/her life.
- To strengthen the relationship we have already developed with the New Life Foundation in Moshi
- To experience the spiritual revival that is currently moving through Africa



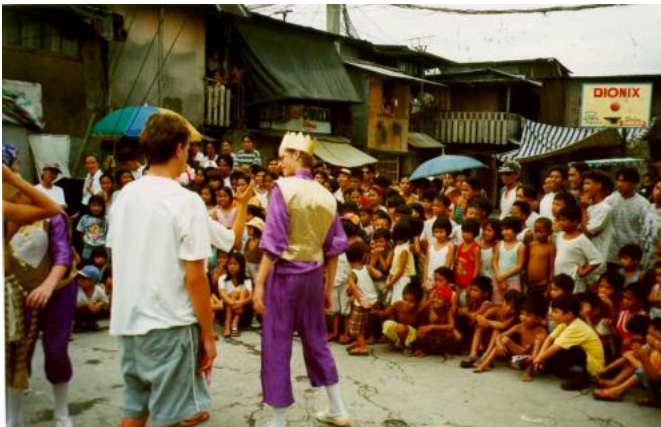
Planned Activities

New Zealand National Anthem performed to sign language. This performance effectively shares our cultural and spiritual heritage and informs viewers that New Zealand is a country with deep and widespread Christian roots.



Drama (25mins) “The Tale of Two Kingdoms”.

This mime, performed to music, depicts the Creation of the World, the Fall, Birth of Jesus, His Ministry, Crucifixion and Resurrection. It has a powerful effect on audiences and without language



problems, speaks into the heart of those watching. The mime has a powerful anointing and audiences are stirred in their spirit when they see our students perform this amazing drama.

Maori Christian Haka and Songs



Students will be taught to perform Maori hakas and

songs with a strong Christian message. Mr Stan Green, father of Nicole (Y9) has offered to compose a haka that will declare the vision of Hebron Christian College and the Lordship of Jesus Christ over our school.

Christian Dance Choreography

Students with dance skills will be trained to perform dance routines to contemporary Christian songs. These dance routines particularly appeal to girls and will be very popular in Africa – a nation



that loves to dance.

Street & Marketplace Preaching

Skills learnt in Bible & Evangelism lessons will be practised on streets and market places. Students will demonstrate crowd-drawing activities such as clowning, illusions, tricks and games in order to attract a crowd. Mission teachers, parents and willing students will then preach a simple Gospel message informing the listeners of the wonderful story of God's love in sending Jesus into the world to be our saviour and Lord. During the last mission, over 900 adults and young people responded to this preaching and came forward to offer their lives to God.

Testimonies

Each student will, at various times and in various situations, prepare and give a testimony, give object lessons with a Christian theme and if able and keen, preach a Gospel message.

Acts of Service

Team members will take part in various activities that will bless our hosts and the local people. Activities could include: feeding orphans, painting class-rooms, tilling vegetable gardens, teaching small groups of children & cleaning.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

1. TRAVEL COST SUPPORT

In order for each adult staff member and student to raise the \$4,300 trip costs (air fares, accommodation, meals, etc.), fundraising activities are to be undertaken between now and July this year. The team has already raised just over \$1,200 with the proceeds of vegetable and fruit sales, card sales and recently, Drench an American fundraising going towards the mission. I would like to invite EVERY HEBRON FAMILY to get behind this mission and help to fundraise for this venture. **Please note:** this is NOT an overseas holiday – the students are WORKING instead of enjoying a 2 week school holiday! The vegetable & fruit sales plus the recent launch of the Entertainment Book sales are some of the activities planned for this year's mission fundraising.

2. SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

One of the goals of this mission is to financially sow into local ministries in Tanzania. We have already challenged the students to keep aside some of their fundraising money to use as gifts to the mission organizations we are visiting.

3. DONATIONS

Some of the students wanting to attend this mission come from low-income families where the ability to raise funding for overseas trips, etc is limited. I would like to invite families in our school that are financially blessed, to give an offering to students from such families. Can you assist in this manner? Your contributions, even the smallest will be gladly received.

I look forward to your enthusiastic involvement in this Christian venture helping us to fulfill the motto of our school...*"To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him"*.

MISSION FUNDRAISING

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books can be pre-ordered by paying your **\$65/book** at the school office before **next Thursday 31st March** and you'll get the book **NEXT FRIDAY** (1st April) and receive over **\$150 in bonus offers** that you can use straight away. (Books not pre-ordered will only be available around Week 3 in Term 2 so it pays to pre-order!)



VEGETABLE CO-OP

- Three different size boxes are available:
 1. small family box **\$30**;
 2. large family box **\$40**;
 3. fruit box **\$30** and
 4. potatoes (10 kg bag) **\$15**.
- Pay for ten weeks and get 5% discount.
- Three methods of ordering...
 1. Dropping form into box in school foyer (attached or click "Newsletters" on the school website) or
 2. Phoning Kathy 0211132090 or Donna 0211833876 or
 3. Emailing kathyb@maxnet.co.nz.
- Payment on collection of order or before preferably. Cheques, cash acceptable or eftpos available on Wednesday.
- Please support the Hebron Mission Trip and encourage orders from neighbours, relatives and others.



WANTED...OLD CELLPHONES

The "Phones for Rewards" programme enables students to play a valuable role in a nationwide fundraising campaign for Starship's Air Ambulance Service, while also increasing their awareness of environmental issues, community giving and having some fun along the way. The good news is that our school gets to benefit too.



MISCELLANEOUS

School Gala

The Immanuel Christian School GALA will be held this Saturday 26th March, 10am - 2pm at 63 St Georges Road, Avondale. They have asked us to pray with them for good weather. So pop along and support a fellow Christian school this Saturday.

Socks & Buttons Wanted

The "Mission Mums" are wanting pre-loved socks to turn into sock puppets. Also...buttons to sew onto the socks as eyes. Please send along to school next week.

Old Mission Shirts

2009 Africa Mission team members who have not yet handed in their white tops (the ones without the 2009 logo) and/or culottes are asked to bring them along to school early next week.

Lost Jacket

A school jacket marked with "Isaiah Chin" has been misplaced. If by any chance it's with your child, Isaiah's parents would be grateful them on 022 682 3700 or email post.ceio@gmail.com

Lost Sandal

Oliver Butler's (Yr 7) right sandal went missing during swimming sports last Friday. The sandals were new this year. Could you please check your child's sandals as someone may have mistakenly taken it home. His name is on the sandal. Contact Lynda – 021 1405 669 Thanks

Have an enjoyable weekend with the family.

Geoff Matthews
Principal