



HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him

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Dear Parents

Last Friday, I attended the graduation ceremony at the Aotea Centre for my eldest son, Dylan, who was capped with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Hons). My wife and I were, obviously, very proud of his achievement after studying diligently for this degree for 4 years. I'm sure Dylan's Hebron teachers are equally proud to know their efforts have helped to bring about this success. Dylan is now our 3rd child to gain a university degree. Our youngest daughter, Alayna, will graduate with a Social Worker's degree mid year.



Dylan is an example of the large number of Hebron Christian College students who do go on to tertiary education and gain degrees and post graduate qualifications, belying the belief among some that smaller secondary schools such as ours can't "deliver the goods" like the big state or private secondary schools. The internal work ethic of the individual child has a far greater bearing on the future tertiary and career success than the size of the school the child is studying in. Other factors ensuring success are: quality, committed teachers, good classroom discipline, completion of homework and assignments and close involvement and interaction of the home and the school. Hebron provides these factors and is very keen to work closely with families to ensure their child's success, both at school and in future studies.

WELCOME

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We welcome **Mrs Debbie Airey** onto our staff as the new Junior School Teacher Aide. Debbie is the mother of Daniel (Y10) and Sarah (Y7) and has relieved as a teacher aide in our Junior School in the past. Debbie's duties will mainly be supporting the Junior classroom teachers with their daily reading programmes, listening to small groups reading their instructional readers.



We thank Mrs **Paula Matthews** who undertook this teacher aide position after Mrs Laughland downsized her job and until the appointment of Mrs Airey.

NEW STUDENT

We welcome **Sarah Doss** to our school. Sarah joins Mrs Sellar's Y3/Y4 class.

SECONDARY CAMP REPORT

This year the secondary camp was held at Coopers Beach Youth Christian Camp. Our hosts were Rodd and Maurine Sudlow who run the camp. Because of its location, up in the far north, there was a lot of travel. We broke the trip by stopping at the Waiwera Hot Pools and for lunch in Whangarei.

At the camp we enjoyed the activities and surrounding area and felt the travel was worth it. The students were rotated through eight activities over two days and enjoyed participating in kayaking, "ice" hockey (suds hockey), confidence course, fishing at the Monganui wharf, orienteering at the local reserve, sand sculpturing on the beach, swimming and concert item preparation. Fishing was a first for some students and they were even visited by the local fisheries inspector.



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The camp catering was undertaken by local people and the food was great with a three course meal on the first night. On Wednesday night we had an Hawaiian theme and also celebrated Mr Matthews 60th birthday. As part of the Hawaiian theme we were served ham stakes with pineapple.



Mrs Finn giving paddling instructions

Our guest speaker was Dan Sheed who spoke at our previous camp as well. Our theme for the camp was "Hearing God's Voice". Dan encouraged us with testimonies and stories to hear God's voice for ourselves. There was a great move of the spirit with many students, staff and helpers testifying to how God was speaking to them, often with a word of encouragement for others.

The weather was great with a perfect sunny day on Wednesday and an overcast and at times, slight drizzle on Thursday, which, amazingly, did not hamper any of the activities. On Friday it rained heavily but we were on the buses and on our way home. We visited the Marsden Oil Refinery where we had lunch and the opportunity to see a 20 minute video presentation and to view a scale model of the refinery. We returned very tired but very much alive and inspired by all the memories of a great camp and God's presence with us.

Bruce Breetvelt
Deputy Principal and Camp Organiser.

Note: Camp lost property on display in foyer but will be disposed of after **Wednesday!**



Mrs Greybe tries out the waterslide

HEBRON SUPPORT GROUPS

At our last board meeting on 12th February 2009, the School Board unanimously agreed to expand the number of Hebron sub-committees to eight. Each sub-committee has been created to take responsible for a function, identified as being critical to producing positive outcomes for the entire school community.

The School Board would invite Hebron parents to join a sub-committee where they have expertise or a keen interest in developing that particular area of the school. If you can help and would like to offer your services or gain more information, contact the convenor by email.

2009 HEBRON SUB-COMMITTEES

SUB-COMMITTEE	PURPOSE	CONVENOR	EMAIL ADDRESS
Finance	To manage the financial affairs of the school and report monthly to the School Board.	Gary Shuttleworth	gks@maxnet.co.nz
Fundraising	To plan and organise fundraising ventures in order to fund projects over and above core school business.	Keri Lipscombe	keril@hebron.ac.nz
Community	To further develop and strengthen lines of communication between the School Board, teaching staff, parent body and pupils.	Monique Douglas	douglasm@continuum.co.nz
Recruitment & Marketing	To explore ways of marketing our school to the wider Christian community and encouraging future enrolments	Geoff Matthews	principal@hebron.ac.nz
Uniform	To maintain a school uniform standard and advise the School Board on suggested uniform changes	Cheryl Henderson	topspin@xtra.co.nz
Technology	To advise the School Board on a range of issues associated with computer use and technology at Hebron Christian College	Colin Marshall	colin@stjohns.org.nz
Integration	To further investigate the possibility of integrating the school and overseeing that process to a successful conclusion.	Geoff Matthews	principal@hebron.ac.nz
Property	To implement the policies and priorities of the School Board in respect of property development, upgrading and maintenance.	Bruce Breetvelt	bruceb@hebron.ac.nz

NEXT WEEK

Next week we have our Middle School Camp off to Carey Park Camp in Henderson Valley. 112 Year 5-8 will participate in this outdoor adventure experience for 4 days starting on Tuesday and ending on Friday. Hebron mother, Mrs Stephanie Sewell, will be the camp speaker. Children will be dropped off to the camp on Tuesday morning, no earlier than 10:30am and picked up from the camp at 1:45pm on Friday afternoon.

(The Junior School Swimming Sports originally planned for next week has now been shifted to Thursday 19th March 10:00am-11:30am).

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are currently investigating options of providing after-school (maybe before-school) care for children. In the meantime, parents needing after-school care for their child at our school can make use of professional childcare businesses in the area, many of whom will pick a child up from the school at hometime and take to their premises where parents can collect later in the day. One local company is **School's Out** based at 2 Wagener Place, St.Lukes. They can be contacted at 815-4090 for more information or a brochure can be picked up at the school office.

Have an enjoyable weekend with the family.

Geoff Matthews

Principal