



# NEWSLETTER



**Our Vision:** To grow young people who love God and impact others through service and leadership.

**Our Mission:** To provide a quality education in a Christian environment where children can develop their God-given abilities.



## Year 5 & 6 Orana Park Visit



We had a fabulous trip to Orana Park for our Endangered Species unit. We saw a range of different animals including giraffes, cheetah cubs, and a baby rhino.



We learnt some amazing new things. Did you know that a giraffe's tongue is blue to stop it from being sun-burnt? Did you also know that a giraffe's tongue can be 45cm long?



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## Excellence – We always give of our best

Ephesians 6:7 – “**Serve wholeheartedly**, as if you were serving the LORD, not men, because you know that the LORD will reward anyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.”

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### Principal's Ponderings...



Kia ora parents,

When I arrived at Hillview in 2003, I encountered a brilliant initiative that I had not experienced at my previous school. It was based around the early chapters of Acts when the New Testament Church had been born and a new community of believers established. This group would often meet together to enjoy a time of fellowship, breaking bread and giving to one another. There was a genuine desire to look after one another by ensuring that each member of the group's needs was met. The initiative I am referring to is the benevolent fund. It was set up for the purpose of helping others who were in great need. The idea was centred around providing a wonderful mechanism for those who were able and willing to financially contribute to a fund that targeted families within our community who were in great need. I am thrilled to report that over the last 12-13 years, Hillview parents have generously supported this venture.

However, since the 2011 earthquake (understandably) the amount of funds has dwindled to a point where we are not able to give out anything of significance. Hence I am writing for us all to prayerfully consider what we can do in response to this. There may be some of us who are unable to contribute while there may be some who can. I know that any amount would be worthwhile. There may be a few things that would help when reflecting on this:

- ALL benevolent fund money is targeted to families in genuine need. None of this goes to the school. It has been used on helping to pay for attendance dues, uniform costs etc.
- Any contributions to the fund are classified as a donation and therefore are tax deductible. In the past some families have targeted their tax rebates to this fund.
- In one year we were able to bless over 30 families by providing much needed financial assistance.
- You are able to target the funding towards a specific family or give generally and the school will find an appropriate recipient.
- The benevolent fund will not pay for all expenses. It has been designed to give an amount that will help ease a financial burden.

Personally I am amazed at the goodness of God and the way He has worked in providing for so many families. I have received several emails/letters of acknowledgement and appreciation that have been so heart-warming to read. The impact of blessing others has been so invaluable.

If you would like to contribute towards the benevolent fund and bless another family **OR** you know of a family in genuine need, please contact Natalie at the office by either email [n.steele@hillview.school.nz](mailto:n.steele@hillview.school.nz) or ringing 332 6923 Ext 203. There is so much blessing we can enjoy as a school when we work together in this manner. It

has been and will continue to be a hallmark of a vibrant Christian community. My prayer is that it will continue to be a hallmark for years to come.

Many Blessings

Steve Frost

Principal

### Tips for Learning



Year 7-10 Tips for Developing Thinking Skills  
(by Philippa Becker)

#### Tip two: Question design

An important thinking skill is **question design**. A teacher once encouraged me to write questions when I was studying for a test. Setting questions motivates us to search through material, talk to an expert, and pursue a topic until we have found an answer. Setting questions motivates us to think. There are all sorts of different questions – closed, open, fat, and skinny!

This is an activity for around the dinner table. Give the family an **answer** and have them design as many questions as possible to fit the answer. For example: the answer is 'midnight'. Questions might be:

- \* When does morning begin?
- \* What is the name of your cat?
- \* When do some shift workers wake up?
- \* What time did you finish the dishes?

Encourage your child to ask as many questions in class as possible. It is likely that some students hold back on their questions in class due to embarrassment or other reasons. Ask your child to tell you about the questions they asked in class today.

### Pupil Achievements

#### Congratulations



Congratulations to *Emma Ford* who won her first gym competition last weekend. This competition had 65 girls from all over Canterbury, aged between 6 and 13 years old.

Fantastic news our *Year 7/8 Girls' Basketball team* won the Primary Sports Canterbury tournament this week and our *Year 7/8 Boys Basketball team* was placed fourth.



### Assemblies next week

**Y0-4:** Friday 2.20pm – 3.00pm – Junior Staffroom  
**Y3-6:** Wednesday 2.15pm – 3.00pm – Junior Staffroom  
**Y7-10:** Wednesday 1.30pm – 2.15pm – Bowling Club

### Dates to Remember

- 1.1 Thursday 28 May** – Speech Contest and Talent Quest evening 7.00pm at South City C3
- 1.2 Friday 29 May** – Year 9 Bike Trip to Bottle Lake
- 1.3 Friday 29 May** – Year 10 Leadership Day
- 1.4 Monday 1 June** – Queens Birthday – Public Holiday
- 1.5 Tuesday 2 June** – Y5/6 South Zone Basketball Tournament at Hillview 12.30-3.15pm
- 1.6 Wednesday 3 June** – ICAS Science Exam
- 1.7 Wednesday 3 June** – Year 6 South Zone Ripa Rugby 12.30-2.00pm at Waltham Park
- 1.8 Friday 5 June** – Year 0-2 Cultural Day

- 1.9 **Wednesday 10 June** – Year 5-8 Primary Sports Canterbury Cross Country 10.00am-12:30pm at Halswell Quarry
- 1.10 **Friday 12 June** – Middleton Grange Year 11, 2016 Applications close
- 1.11 **Tuesday 16 June** – ICAS Writing Exam
- 1.12 **Tuesday 16 June** – Orientation Afternoon starting at 1:30pm for remainder of 2015 New Entrants
- 1.13 **Monday 22 June** – Year 7 trip to Orton Bradley
- 1.14 **Thursday 2 July** – Whole School Assembly 1.40-2.50pm
- 1.15 **Thursday 2 July** – Last Day of Term 2
- 1.16 **Friday 3 July** – Teacher Only Day
- 1.17 **Monday 20 July** – First Day of Term 3

## Noticeboard



2.1 **ICAS Science Exam – Wednesday 3 June – Years 5-10 pupils are to report to Mr Stanton by the rocks** outside the Senior Campus staffroom no later than 8.30am. **Year 4 pupils are to report to Mrs Learey outside the staffroom** on the Junior Campus no later than 8.30am. They will be taken over to the Senior Campus. All pupils are to have 2 pencils, a ruler, and senior pupils may have a calculator.

2.2 **Sibling New Entrants 2016** – Do you have a younger child due to start here at Hillview during 2016? If your child's name is not listed below but they are due to start school sometime during 2016 please come and get an application form from the office. This really helps us with our planning for next year. Please note: closing date for applications in 28 August 2015. If you have any questions please contact Claire at the office. Applications for siblings we have received so far are for: *Jessica Allison, Lucy Burgess, Nevaeh Campbell-Tahatika, Micah Davis, Ruby Dowall, Chidima Emadi, Theo Kelleher, Peyton Kristiansen, Isabella McEwing, Lily McKenzie, Holly O'Brien, Noah Rebelo-Daniels, Mary Trengrove, and Matai Waddell.*



2.3 **Orientation afternoon** – We will be running this for new entrants starting at Hillview in Term 3 & 4 of 2015. For the following children starting in Room 8 with Mrs Harland their Orientation will be on Tuesday 16 June: *Violet Gilling, Roman Kako, Kaniesha Sopo, Anja Walters, William Weavers, Fynn Burrige, Chalise Weir, Evie Dewar, Eliza Beck, Makairi Cleghorn, Toby Englefield, Esther De Groot, Lydia Beardsley, Jahvarn Pulemau, Alesana Israel, Dior Tamati, Emily Baker, and Ritsuki Kawai.* An email with more details was sent on Monday 25 May, if you have not received this please contact Claire Onslow [c.onslow@hillview.school.nz](mailto:c.onslow@hillview.school.nz)

2.4 **Car Parking** – The school has received more complaints from neighbours about school parents parking over their driveways. Please don't park or wait in your car in such a way as to obstruct access to the neighbours (they also have children to collect from other schools.) One neighbour was so irate that he said he would "take matters into his own hands." Neighbours have been asked to take car registration details so we can follow up on inconsiderate drivers. Please park just a bit further away and avoid this problem. Thank you.



2.5 **Application for Year 11 enrolment at Middleton Grange 2016** – All "Preference Families" have a clear pathway of entry into Middleton **but** you must still fill out an application form and hand it in to

Student Services at Middleton Grange. **The closing date for applications is Friday 12 June.** If you have any questions please contact Dean Stanton at [d.stanton@hillview.school.nz](mailto:d.stanton@hillview.school.nz)

## HSA and BOT News

- 3.1 **Calling all Funky Pumpkin customers** – If you shop at Funky Pumpkin on Colombo Street please keep your receipts and give them to the HSA. Funky Pumpkin will give the school a % of the amount purchased (excluding Westmeat). Please bring them to the office and place them in the HSA.
- 3.2 **Entertainment Books** – Entertainment Books have arrived. We have a few extra copies so it is not too late to make an order at the school office.

## Community Notices

- 4.1 **Work Available** – Are you a reliable, responsible, trustworthy Year 9 or 10 student? Would you like to earn some money? I need you to deliver pamphlets into letterboxes in the Beckenham and Opawa areas. This would take about 2-3 hours a week. Please phone Mr Learey on 981 7946 in the evening.
- 4.2 **Rental Needed** – Urgently looking for a 3/4 bedroom home to rent, short/medium term, that is available from 20 June or earlier. Please contact Gill or Mike on 021368624 or email [info@gill.co.nz](mailto:info@gill.co.nz). Thank you.
- 4.3 **Supersale Saturdays at Christian Superstore** – 370 Colombo Street. 20% off all DVDs and CHILDREN'S BOOKS this Saturday 30 May, 10.00am-5.00pm. Follow the link for more details, and to sign up to receive the latest specials and discount offers <http://www.christiansuperstore.co.nz/>
- 4.4 **Free Bible Pathway APP** – Bible Pathway Adventures has a free discipleship Bible story app to help parents teach their children more about the Bible. They're a home-grown New Zealand children's ministry, based in Wellington. To download the app use one of these links:  
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## Verses to Learn Term 2

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."*

**I Timothy 4:12**

## Prayer Requests



### Give thanks for:-

- the progress of the gym
- passionate teachers and supportive parents
- Christian education being available in New Zealand

### Please pray for:-

- the protection and strengthening of our marriages
- the smooth completion of our school gym
- the growth of Rolleston Christian School

Join us for prayer tomorrow morning from 8.20am in the small theatre next to the library.

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