



# NEWSLETTER



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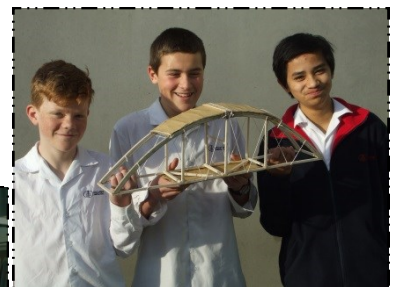
**Our Mission:** To provide a quality education in a Christian environment where children can develop their God-given abilities.

## Aurecon Bridge Building Competition

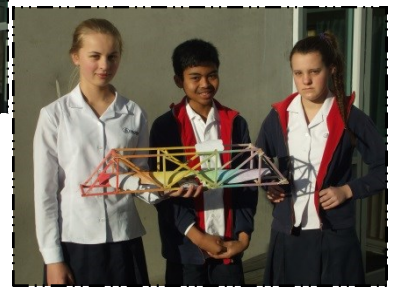
Our three teams came up with three independently designed bridges with only balsa wood, string, cardboard, and glue to hold it all together. On the finals day this week each design was put under strain and tested—literally to breaking point. All our teams thoroughly enjoyed the competition and learned much in the process about design, problem solving, and working together. They are eagerly looking forward "building" upon this experience next year!



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## Humility – All our successes are due to God

But, 'Let him who boasts boast in the Lord'. 2 Corinthians 10:17

6 August

### Principal's Ponderings...



Kia ora Parents,

This week I have asked Mr Stanton, Head of Senior Campus, to contribute to the newsletter.

Many Blessings to one and all,  
Steve Frost

(Principal)

Dear Hillview Community

Last Sunday night I sat down on the couch at 7.00pm to watch New Zealand play Zimbabwe in a one day cricket international. Unfortunately the result did not go our way but what caught my eye was the word Aotearoa emblazoned on the shirts of the New Zealand team. This was done (for the very first time) to help celebrate Maori language week. There were some interesting attempts at trying to pronounce Aotearoa by the African commentators but it certainly caught their attention and gave some international publicity. It is important to acknowledge the rich heritage that the Maori culture has contributed towards New Zealand. A special thanks to Matua Steve and Whaea Su for the tremendous work they do in this area for our pupils.

One of the things I did to celebrate the week was select a whakatauki (Maori proverb) each day to share with my class. My quest for suitable whakatauki led me to a couple that spoke simply and eloquently of humility (our school value for this term).

#### Kāore te kumara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka

The kumara (sweet potato) does not say how sweet he is

#### Waiho ma te tangata e mihi

Leave your praises for someone else

Coupled with the wise advice that comes through these Maori proverbs are verses from the Bible that reveal a close connection between humility, wisdom, and honour.

Proverbs 11:2 teaches that: *Pride leads to disgrace, but with **humility** comes wisdom.*

Proverbs 15:33 tells us that: *Fear of the LORD teaches wisdom; **humility** precedes honour.*

James 3:13 reveals to us that: *If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honourable life, doing good works with the **humility** that comes from wisdom.*

I recently read the following extract from a devotional written by Ben Carson (world renowned neurosurgeon and U.S presidential candidate) entitled a "Simple formula for humility".

*Winning against pride can be a struggle. Whenever a person does anything extremely well and others recognise it, it will be a struggle. When people say you're great, you're wonderful, you're amazing. It is important that we don't get an exaggerated sense of our own importance. Instead of singing "How Great Thou Art" if we are not careful we can sing "How Great I Am"*

I have worked out a simple formula for humility:

IF WE RECOGNISE THAT:

1. God created this universe, including us, and
2. God shows that he is much more powerful than we are by what he does and has done in our world, and

3. God gives each of us abilities that we cannot supply to ourselves or explain our worthiness of,

THEN WE ARE HUMBLED.

These words link so well to our school value of humility where we acknowledge that "All our successes belong to God". It is a great blessing to belong to a school community that doesn't just say this but models it too. When success comes (as it does in many different ways) we love to honour those who have been successful. However seldom will I hear a pupil or teacher "blowing their own trumpet". God is identified as the giver of the gifts and talents and others are thanked for their contribution.

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in **humility** value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."*  
Philippians 2:3-4

Dean Stanton

Head of Senior Campus

### Tips for Learning



Year 3-6:- Is your child struggling?  
(by Jen Chamberlain)

Spelling: Spelling is all about construction!



Using a mini-whiteboard, paper and felts or coloured pencils, write a word together which your child wants to learn.

Turn the word into a construction shape – does it look like a submarine, aeroplane or what?

This helps some children visualise and remember their words.

### Pupil Achievements

#### Congratulations

As part of World Vision's 40 Hour Famine fundraiser pupils have raised approximately \$24,500 for malnourished children and families in Bangladesh. About 80 per cent of the school took part choosing different ways to take part in, with some going without television, or even a bed.

Hillview raised the fourth largest amount out of schools in the country, coming behind Saint Kentigern College, Wellington Boys' College and Elim Christian College.



### Assemblies next week

- Y0-2:** Friday – 2.15pm to 3.00pm Junior Campus Staffroom  
**Y3-6:** Wednesday – 2.15-3.00pm Junior Campus Staffroom  
**Y7-10:** Wednesday – 1.30-2.15pm Bowling Club

### Dates to Remember

- 1.1 **Friday 7 August** – New Entrant classes Museum Trip
- 1.2 **Monday 10 August** – Year 4 Museum Trip 9.00am-1.30pm and 12.30-3.00pm
- 1.3 **Tuesday 11 August** – ICAS Maths Competition
- 1.4 **Thursday 13 August** – Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.15-7.00pm
- 1.5 **Monday 17 August** – Teacher Only Day
- 1.6 **Wednesday 19 August** – Year 9/10 Winter Sports finishes
- 1.7 **Thursday 20 August** – Year 0-2 Grandparents Day 9.00-10.00am
- 1.8 **Thursday 20 August** – Year 3 Museum Trip 9.00-11.30am
- 1.9 **Friday 21 August** – Year 3 Museum trip 12.30-3.00pm



## Noticeboard

**2.1 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. **Please note: closing date for NE applications is 28 August 2015.** If you have any questions please contact Claire at the office. Applications for siblings we have received so far are:

*Jessica Allison, Calista Botherway, Lucy Burgess, Micah Davis, Ruby Dowall, Chidima Emadi, Lucy Frew, Amelia Graham, Theo Kelleher, Daniel Le Roux, Raema Le Roux, Isaac Manson, Malea Marsden, Isabella McEwing, Lily McKenzie, Rupert Nielsen, Holly O'Brien, Noah Rebelo-Daniels, Max Skinner, Mary Trengrove, Matai Waddell, Benjamin Wilkinson, Maddison Beale, Katie Matthews, and Martha Platt*

**2.2 Year 10 Leaders** – As part of their leadership development programme, the school leaders will be visiting the Year 6 Camp (Living Springs) on Wednesday 17 September from approximately 12.30pm and aiming to return to HCS by 9.45pm. They will also be visiting the Year 8 Camp (Woodend Christian Camp) on Wednesday 14 October from 12.30pm and aim to return to school by 10.00pm. They will be travelling by school van and tea will be provided. Any questions, please contact Mr Frost.



**2.3 All Parents of Year 5-10 Pupils** – Coming home today is a copy of our latest ICT Cybersafety Responsible Use Contract. In an ever evolving online world it is important that we help our pupils to be good digital citizens. Teachers will go over the contract with pupils in class before it comes home. Would you please ensure that this is discussed between yourself and your child(ren) so that they have a strong understanding what they are signing. We would like all contracts **returned by Friday 14th August.** If you have any questions please contact your child's classroom teacher. Thank you, Mr Stanton.

**2.4 ICAS Maths Exam - Tuesday 11 August** – Years 5-10 pupils are to report to Mr Stanton by the rocks outside the Senior Campus staffroom no later than 8.20am. Years 3-4 pupils are to report to Mrs Learey outside her room (Room 2) on the Junior Campus no later than 8.30am. Please bring 2 pencils and a ruler.

**2.5 Tuhono Kapa Haka Festival** – On Tuesday 15 September the Junior and Senior Kapa Haka groups will perform at the Tuhono Kapa Haka Festival. *This will involve all the Year 4 pupils, and the Year 5-10 pupils who have chosen Kapa Haka as an option.* (If your child is unable to attend please contact their teacher ASAP) 7.00pm, Tuesday 15 September, at Cashmere High School Performing Arts Centre, entry off Barrington Street. Performers will have \$1 registration fee and \$1 costume cleaning fee added to their account. Tickets to see this performance are available at the school office. \$10 adults and \$2 children in audience.



Tuhono

**2.6 Year 10 Health** – As part of the Year 10 Health programme, the classes will be covering material related to the sexual reproduction system during the next 1-2 weeks. Like any other unit, this will be presented within a Biblical framework. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Genet.

**2.7 Advertising on our Newsletter** – We are currently seeking new advertisers for our back of newsletter page. If you are interested please contact Nina at the school office.

**2.8 Drop off Zone** – An area outside the Junior Campus front gate operates as a drop off zone between 8.15-8.45 am. This is a "Kiss and Go" zone.

- Please have your children ready to go

- Please pull to the front of the zone so others can pull in behind you
  - Please don't stop and chat
  - Please get children to hop out on the footpath side
  - Please don't park in this area
- If you want to walk your child into school you will need to find parking further afield. Thank you for helping others.
- 2.9 Scholastic Orders** – Visit [www.scholastic.co.nz](http://www.scholastic.co.nz) for the latest issue. Orders close 28 August.

## HSA & BOT News

**3.1 Red Alert! Red Alert!** – Save the date for a fabulous night with the HSA on Saturday 19 September. **We're putting on the biggest and best clothing 'Shwop' the world has ever seen.** Loads more details to come, but we'll just say now that you won't want to miss it. Mark those diaries NOW and start saving any items of clothing you'd be proud to see someone else in. Watch this space!



## Community Notices.

**4.1 Calling ALL Men with Connections at Hillview** – Men's Christian Convention: Philip Jensen will be speaking on "Living as Men of God" on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 August, 6.45-9.30pm at La Vida. \$35; \$25 for students; Free if you are under 18 (suitable for 16yo and older). Refreshments provided after both evenings. **Optional Seminar:** There will also be a separate seminar on 'Men in the Home' on Wednesday 12 August at 5.45pm. Bring a friend or relative. For all details see the website: [www.mcc-nz.org.nz](http://www.mcc-nz.org.nz) Parent contact: Nick Romans on 021 0275 0299

**4.2 Neighbourhood Week** – Bringing people together, so why not organise a small get-together or local gathering to get to know your neighbours? It could be a BBQ, street party, progressive dinner, monster garage sale or even a sports day. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board is making small subsidies available towards Neighbourhood Week gatherings in the ward. For an application form and guidelines, as well as invitations and ideas on planning and organising your gathering, please visit the Council website [www.ccc.govt.nz/neighbourhoodweek](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/neighbourhoodweek)



## Verses to learn Term 3

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **Ephesians 4:32**

## Prayer Requests



**Give thanks for:-**

- many instances where God's character is being reflected in the lives of our pupils
- God's spirit who continually transforms our community to be more like Jesus
- for the vision of pioneering a Christian School in St Martins

**Please pray for:-**

- the enrichment of our relationship with each other
- wisdom and strength for our Y7-10 Middle School Pupils as they journey through significant change in their development – physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually
- the Proprietors of our school, South City C3, as they seek to strengthen and guard our special character of the school

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



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