



# 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.

## DAD DATE-SLOT CAR RACING



The dads were ready, the boys were excited, the engines were roaring and the tyres were smoking! The very first Dad Date was organised for last Friday night and Saturday morning. Both events were extremely well attended and it ended up being a roaring success. Participants were also treated to American hotdogs and fizzy drinks. The sessions provided quality time for both son and 'dad' to enjoy. A BIG thank you to Rich and Claire Burridge who ran the event. We look forward to the next Dad Date!

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## Respect – We value our differences

**Romans 12:10** - "...Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour [Respect] one another above yourselves."

3 December



### Principal's Ponderings...

It has been a very busy week since the last time I wrote to you all. There have been many decisions that have had to be made. Sometimes we are given the grace of taking a few moments to decide or even a day to consider wisely what the next step should be. At other times we are afforded no time at all and a decision needs to be made almost immediately. In both instances we need to call on God's wisdom and truth to lead and to guide. While we will often draw on the wisdom of experience and time there is nothing that compares to following God's distinct leading in these situations. A parent once asked me how I make decisions as the principal of this school. If I had to simplify it down to one question it would be this, "What is the best outcome for the pupils at Hillview?" This is the question I filter most (if not all) decisions through. A decision cannot be based on one person's agenda or another person's preference. It needs to be weighed up against the bigger purpose of why we exist as a Christian School. The answer may not always please everyone but we can be confident the school will be led in such a way that it remains true to its vision, mission, and core purpose. Please continue to pray for wisdom over the decisions that are made. The words of proverbs echo this sentiment.....

*"My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgement and discretion." Proverbs 3:21*

Ngā mihi and many blessings,

Steve Frost (Principal)

P.S. I would also like to keep you informed about some Staff Changes for 2016:

**Y0: Mrs Gayleen Harland** will be taking a well-deserved break for 6 months in the first half of 2016. She will be enjoying some rest and relaxation while taking the opportunity for a trip abroad. We look forward to her return at the beginning of Term 3 and 4 when she will be the teacher for the remainder of pupils yet to start school. I am thrilled to announce that **Mrs Julianne Tscherry** will be a new entrant teacher for 2016. She is very excited about this opportunity and I know the children are in for a treat. This means she will be the teacher of pupils who start in Term 1 and 2 and are not listed in Mrs Rossouw's class. They will remain with her until the end of the year.

**Y2: Mrs Gina Spicer** will finish full-time teaching at the end of this year. She will be sorely missed in this role and I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed having her as their teacher. However, we are very glad that she is keen to help on a part-time basis in the Learning Centre.

**Learning Centre: Mrs Kimberly McLean** will shift from the Learning Centre into a fulltime classroom teacher. She arrived earlier this year and has fulfilled her role extremely well within the Learning Centre. We are excited that she is keen to be a classroom teacher again and she will most likely teach within the Y0-2 area of the school. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, **Mrs Claudia Pennell** will be taking up the role of Head of Learning Centre.

It is with sadness that we farewell **Mrs Judith Keir** at the end of this year. Mrs Keir has been a wonderful remedial maths teacher for pupils in Year 5-8. She and her husband have felt

led by God to serve in Asia with an organisation called Invader – this particular group seek to save girls from sexual slavery. In the same breath, we welcome back **Mrs Amelia Kench** who will take over the role of being the Y5-8 remedial maths teacher.

**Office:** Sadly we will be saying, "good-bye" to **Mrs Nina Brown**. Mrs Brown has worked in our office for eight years. She has worked extremely hard to ensure that our school runs smoothly day in and day out. She has been responsible for many tasks which include helping to establish our new website and keeping it regularly updated, ensuring we have enough advertising to cover the newsletter, and taking on the giant task of organising school photos. We are currently in the process of appointing a new office administrator and hope to confirm this in the near future.

### Prayer Diary



#### Give thanks for:-

- progress on the gym
- great success at the Canterbury Primary Athletics
- our Board of Trustees and their passion for the school

#### Please pray for:-

- our graduate pupils – they may continue to serve the Lord Jesus with all their heart, mind, and strength
- wisdom, protection, and courage for the Christian School movement to keep and cultivate their special character

Join us for prayer on Friday from 8.20am in the small theatre next to the Library.

### Verses to learn in Term 4

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

### Tips for Learning



**Year 7-10: Writing** [by Alisha Woods]

#### Year 7-10 students still need you!

As students move into the senior school, they are often required to complete assignments at home. Many students are so relieved to simply complete a writing task that they hand it in without bothering to edit their work. Punctuation, sentence structure and vocabulary choices are often overlooked, and many assignments are presented like an unfinished painting. The sketch is there, but often there is little attention to detail.

#### How can you help?

Stay involved by keeping your young person accountable, not only for having the work done, but also ensuring that the quality of the work is their best. You might like to try setting aside some time each week where you can touch base and see how they are going. Try and keep the time positive. Chocolate always helps 😊 Encourage your young person to edit and refine their writing themselves, but be available to help them if they need it. Introduce them to new words and other possible ways of saying the same thing. Staying connected with your teenager's learning is sure to make a big difference in the long run.



### Pupil Achievements

#### Congratulations....

Well done to Reuben Garlick who was awarded the trophy for Gymnast of the Year for Level 7 at the Christchurch School of Gymnastics prize-giving for all gymnasts.



## Assemblies next week

Y0-2: Friday: 2.15-3.00pm Junior Campus Staffroom


## Dates to Remember

- 1.1 **Friday 4 December** – Year 9 and 10 Study Day
- 1.2 **Friday 4 December** – Year 5 Beach Education Trip
- 1.3 **Friday 4 December** – Year 7 McLean Island Mountain Biking Trip
- 1.4 **Monday 7 December** – Year 9 and 10 Exams
- 1.5 **Tuesday 8 December** – Year 9 and 10 Exams
- 1.6 **Tuesday 8 December** – Year 0-2 Concert and Award Afternoon 1.15 pm at South City C3 – doors open at 1.00pm
- 1.7 **Wednesday 9 December** – Year 3-4 Concert 7.00pm at South City C3
- 1.8 **Thursday 10 December** – Year 5-7 Concert 7.00pm at South City C3
- 1.9 **Friday 11 December** – Year 5-6 Action Cricket finals
- 1.10 **Monday 14 December** – Year 3 - 4 Picnic Day at Waltham Pool
- 1.11 **Monday 14 December** – Year 8- 10 Concert and Award Evening 7.00pm at South City C3
- 1.12 **Tuesday 15 December** – Year 0 - 2 Picnic Day
- 1.13 **Tuesday 15 December** – Year 5-10 Picnic Day
- 1.14 **Wednesday 16 December** – Final School Assembly 10.30-11.45am
- 1.15 **Wednesday 16 December** – School closes for 2015 at noon
- 1.16 **Wednesday 16 December** – Graduation Dinner for Year 10 6.30pm

## Noticeboard

- 2.1 **Uniform Shop** – The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays for the next 2 weeks with extended hours of 1.00pm-3.30pm. You are welcome to email your orders through and your garments and the invoice will be left at the office for you to collect at your convenience. During the holidays opening hours will be Monday **25 January** and Monday **1 February** from 12.00pm-3.30pm, or by appointment. Please note the email address is now [uniform@hillview.school.nz](mailto:uniform@hillview.school.nz)
- 2.2 **School Photos** – These will hopefully arrive tomorrow and will be available only for those needing to collect them for the overseas cut-off date (which is Friday 4 December). These can be collected after school tomorrow at 3.10pm from the Junior Campus staffroom. For everyone else collection is on Monday 7, before and after school, from the Junior Campus staffroom. We will **not be** sending photos home with your child. Please send your child with a note giving your permission for them to collect them if this is your preference.
- 2.3 **Term 4 Statements** – The final statement for 2015 has come home today with your newsletter. **Please note the payment of Attendance Dues and Activity Costs need to be cleared by the end of the school year.** If you have any questions about either of your accounts please see Natalie in the office.
- 2.4 **School Pool** – A reminder for key holders that any child under 18 years old must be supervised by someone over 18 years old as per the key holder agreement.
- 2.5 **Year 3-4 Swimming Celebration** – Friday 4 December, 2.00-3.00pm. To celebrate all our new learning in swimming the Year 3-4 students will have a few small races on Friday 4 December at the Pool.
- 2.6 **Calling All Campers** – We are looking for somebody to "babysit" our campsite for the Saturday night between our Year 10 camps on Saturday the 13 February. We can provide all camping gear. You would just need to be able to get up to the beautiful Lewis Pass to enjoy a

night in paradise. Please contact Luke Buxton for more information. [l.buxton@hillview.school.nz](mailto:l.buxton@hillview.school.nz)

- 2.7 **Year 0-10 Cycle Champs** – Wednesday 9 December. If your child wants to have a go, please enter by Friday 4 December. Details are on the sports blog under the Cycle page.
- 2.8 **2016 Sports Calendar** – The 2016 Sports dates will be on the Sports Blog from next week. 
- 2.9 **Year 9-10 Summer Sport and Volleyball 2016** – Students in Year 8 and 9 will soon get a notice about this. Can options please be entered online by Sunday 13 December.
- 2.10 **Year 0-2 End of Year Event** – Tuesday 15 December, the Year 0-2 children will be going to Chipmunks (Y0 & Mrs Rossouw's Y1s – 9.00am-12.00pm, Y2s and Mrs V's Y1s – 12.00pm-3.00pm). We will not need any parent help for this.
- 2.11 **Room 6 & Room 8 Chatswood Retirement Village Visit** – On Thursday 10 December Room 6 & 8 children will be walking to Chatswood Retirement Village, to sing Christmas carols to the residents. Parents are invited to accompany us. We will be leaving school at 10.00am sharp to arrive at Chatswood by 10.30am. We will be returning by lunch time. The postponement date, in case of rain, is the next day, Friday 11 December.
- 2.12 **Rooms 7 and 13** – Community outreach to Kauri Lodge Rest home on Thursday 10 December. Bus departs at 9.30am to return at 11.30am.
- 2.13 **Year 3-4 Picnic Day** – Monday 14 December at Waltham Pool, 12.00pm – 2.30pm. No charge. Pupils are to wear their PE gear, bring their lunch, swim wear, towel, sun hat, and sun screen. (Possibly an extra t-shirt to wear when out of the pool to prevent sunburn).
- 2.14 **Year 5-10 Picnic Day** – Tuesday 15 December at Waltham Pool, 12.00pm – 2.30pm. There will be no pool charge. Students are to wear their PE gear, bring their lunch, drink bottle, appropriate swim wear, towel, sun hat, and sun screen.
- 2.15 **Year 10, 2016 Camp** – Cost of camp is \$155 per pupil. Please pay by tomorrow, Friday 4 December, 2015.
- 2.16 **Scholastic Books** – Order close tomorrow, 4 December, so if you wish to make a purchase of books for Christmas ensure your order is in before then. 

## 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). Bring the receipts to the office and place them in the HSA box on the wall and we will do the rest.

## Community Notices

- 4.1 **Power Zone After School Care** – We are currently taking enrolments for the 2016 After School programme; 3.00-5.30pm. The Programme offers school pick up, afternoon tea, homework help, as well as a large range of fantastic resources such as; scooters and skateboards, skate ramps, sports equipment, board games, crafts, tablets, and gaming consoles etc.
- 4.2 **Carols in the Square** – Saturday 12 December at Cathedral Square. Come and join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas! Christchurch St John's Anglican Church is hosting this free community event. 4:00pm: enjoy live music, free kids face-painting, bouncy castles, kids games and craft stalls. 6:00pm: sing-a-long Christmas carols concert. There will be a small number of food stalls selling delicious food, or if you prefer pack your own picnic! Best of all, it's free! Just bring a rug or deck chair, your finest voice and your friends and family. [facebook.com/carolsinthesquare](https://www.facebook.com/carolsinthesquare)



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