



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.

These are photos from Elgregoe who entertained our pupils yesterday at assembly.



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Compassion – We put others first

“Don’t do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble towards one another, always considering others better than yourselves. And look out for one another’s interests, not just for your own. The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had.” Philippians 2:3-4 (GNB)

7 April

Principal’s Ponderings...



Kia ora Parents,

Last week the school mourned the loss of two very special people – **Shayden Gibbons-Kingdom and Niki Hibbert**. Both exhibited a strong faith and impacted many people by the way they viewed life and lived it.

On Tuesday we celebrated Shayden’s life (an ex-pupil who attended Hillview from 2003 – 2013). Shayden had muscular dystrophy which prevented him from walking at an early age and eventually assigned him to a wheel chair for the rest of his life. However, Shayden refused to let his condition hinder him from learning or from attending school events. I remember him making the effort to travel a considerable distance up to Windy Point to spend a day with his peers at Y10 camp. He was determined not to miss out but be part of the action. I will also remember him speaking courageously at an assembly about his journey in life and challenging pupils to be thankful and to appreciate each day. Shayden was set to graduate from Middleton Grange School at the end of this year.

On Thursday we honoured Niki Hibbert’s life. She was a parent in our community from 1999 – 2013. Her children Levi, Alicia, and Seth attended Hillview during this time. Niki became very involved in our school community and had a genuine talent for igniting the hearts of pupils, parents, and staff to support the school in a number of ways. It was not surprising that she ended up leading the Home and School Association for a number of years spearheading a wonderful group of parents who were enthusiastic about blessing the school. Rachel Trengrove has written a lovely tribute to Niki on behalf of the current HSA team and I have included this below.

We continue to pray for their families and friends as they walk this difficult journey together.

Ngā mihi and many blessings,

Steve Frost

(Principal)

NB: As this is our final newsletter for Term 1 so I wish you all a very relaxing and refreshing school holiday break with the family.

Rachel Trengrove writes.....

It is with a profound sense of privilege that I write this tribute to Niki Hibbert on behalf of the HSA. Aroha Skinner and I inherited the legacy that Niki left to the HSA in 2013. When joining the HSA I was struck with the rich history and culture that had gone before my time. Niki Hibbert was the name on everyone’s lips! Niki was instrumental in and passionate about raising money for the gym. It was under her guidance that the HSA and school community managed to raise the whopping total of approximately \$300 000.

I was always impacted by the presence of our Loving Father that Niki carried. She had a great sense of humour, a ready smile and that ‘twinkle’ in her eyes that was her hallmark. She had such a big network, from Hillview, to CYS to Strengths, and her church, Grace Vineyard. Her funeral was a fitting tribute to the

incredible woman of God she was, and the legacy she leaves to us all, especially her precious family.

Chris and Niki totally believed that Niki would be healed. And healed she was, when she ascended into the presence of her Saviour on Easter Sunday. Interesting timing don’t you think?! If I’m being honest, I am left with a feeling of sadness and confusion as to why she wasn’t healed in this life. But what I know for sure is that our perfect Father is faithful and He sees the big picture. As I’ve wrestled with these feelings in the past week peace is slowly settling in my heart. I love the analogy that God is the weaver of the tapestry of our lives. We can only see the underside of the weave - the knots and ties and loose threads. It is only when we enter eternal life that we see the rich and beautiful pattern that He has woven.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chris, Alicia, Levi and Seth as they grieve the loss of a woman who was so much to so many, but most of all a wonderful wife and mother.

*God’s richest blessings on you all,
Rachel Trengrove*

Prayer Diary



Give thanks for:-

- an excellent term and a sense of achievement
- strong unity we enjoy together

Please pray for:-

- the finishing of our school gym

**Prayer meeting in the AV room Tuesday 2.40-3.00pm
All welcome.**

Verses to learn in Term 1

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin
against you.*

Psalms 119:11

Tips for Learning



Year 0-2: Science [by Jonathon Blows]

Questions lead to discovery if we don’t give up too early, so my science tip this week is to **encourage your children to ask big questions and then encourage them to find some answers.**

Here is a starter: Go for a walk around the garden or neighbourhood and see if you can work out what native trees are growing there. A parent alerted me to an app for smart phones called Flora Finder which you can then use to identify the trees by answering a series of questions based on shape of leaves. This is a great way to integrate technology and observation to gain a better understanding of our own environment; so why not give it a go as we enter into autumn? Happy learning...



Pupil Achievements

Congratulations....

PJ Palamo was awarded with the following medals and trophies for Athletics last week: *Athlete of the year, Jumper of the year, Thrower of the year, 1st in his age group for long jump (Canterburies), 1st shot put (Canterburies), and 1st discus (Canterburies).*

Joshua Buckley came 1st in the Year 7-8 sea2sky aquathon, he had to wade/swim about 100m and run 1km.

The U14 Girls' relay team (Fia La-Kong, Lydia Garlick, Leila Lene, and Alethea McMillan) made Hillview history last week with a brilliant 3rd place in the 4 x 100m relay final in Timaru at the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships.

Assemblies next week

Y0-10: Wednesday 1.30pm – 2.20pm (Cross Country prize-giving assembly with Angie Petty)

Dates to Remember

- 1.1 **Friday 8 April** – School Cross-Country Year 0-4, 12.00-1.00pm and Year 5-10, 1.00-3:10pm on the Senior Campus (postponement Tuesday 12 April)
- 1.2 **Wednesday 13 April** – Year 9 Sailing Trip
- 1.3 **Thursday 14 April** – Year 8 Sailing Trip
- 1.4 **Friday 15 April** – Year 7 Sailing Trip
- 1.5 **Friday 15 April** – Last day of Term 1
- 1.6 **Monday 2 May** – First day of Term 2
- 1.7 **Thursday 5 May** – Secondary Schools Swimming Champs at Jellie Park
- 1.8 **Friday 6 May** – Year 4-6 Rugby Fun Day at Burnside Park

Noticeboard

2.1 **Accounts** – Sent home today is your Term 1 accounts for Attendance Due (SCCC Education Trust) and Activities (Hillview Christian School). Please note Attendance Dues for the FULL year has been added and total payment is expected by the final day of Term 4. Those paying regularly by automatic payment will see this amount decrease throughout the year with each installment. The Bank Account numbers for each statement is noted on each account. Payments can also be made using this method or by eftpos, cash, or cheque to the school office.

2.2 **Compulsory Parent Teacher Interview** – We are pleased to announce that for the first time Year 9/10 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the same nights as Year 0-8 Interviews. Please also note that this year all interviews will take place in the new school Gymnasium. Please go online and book your compulsory interviews for Y0-10s before 4.00pm **Tuesday 3 May**. The instructions for this has been sent home today with your newsletter. Please note: Year 9/10 Interview bookings are structured slightly differently to Y0-8, please read the booking instructions carefully.

2.3 **Year 7 – 9 Sailing Trips** – The Year 7, 8, and 9 classes will be sailing at Lake Rua next week. They leave school at 8.50am and return by 3.10pm. Dates of sailing are as follows: **Y9 classes: Wednesday 13 April, Y8 classes: Thursday 14 April, and Y7 classes Friday 15 April.** This has been heavily subsidised and approximately \$6 will be added to each child's school account (normally the charge is \$50 per pupil). A comprehensive gear list has been sent home for each trip.

2.4 **Year 5-10 Winter Sport** – Year 5-8 notices should have been returned to class teachers and Y9-10 notices should have been returned to Mr Genet in C2. Winter Sport starts week three next term.

2.5 **Hillview Hockey** – Year 3/4/5 boys needed. We still need a few boys at Year 3/4 and Year 5 to make up our Saturday teams - all other ages are full. We need to know urgently. Please email Mr Norton for more details: p.norton@hillview.school.nz

2.6 **Year 0-10 School Cross Country** – Friday 8 April (note new postponement day is Tuesday 12 April). Our school Cross Country is being held on Friday 8 April on the Senior Campus. The Year 0-4 children will compete from 12.00-1.00pm and the Year 5-10 students from 1.00-3.10pm. A course map, notice with start times, and race records are all on the Sports Blog.

2.7 **Y0-10 Cross Country Prize-Giving** – Will now be from 1.30-2.20pm on Wednesday 13 April in the Gym as we have current New Zealand Olympic 800m runner Angie Petty coming.



2.8 **Year 4/5/6 Rugby Fun Day** – This is being held on Friday 7 May. All Year 4-6 children may take part in this one-off tournament. A notice will be sent home with those students keen to take part or email Mr Norton: p.norton@hillview.school.nz. Our next practice is on Tuesday 12 April.

2.9 **Year 3/4 Girls Thursday Netball** – We need some girls for a Thursday after-school Netball team at Hagley courts. Please email Tina Norton if your daughter is keen: nortontina@gmail.com

2.10 **Uniform Shop** – We will be **open** extended hours on **11 April**, or at other times **by appointment**. Please start thinking about **winter** uniforms for your children. Orders can be emailed to uniform@hillview.school.nz and collected in the last week of term. We now stock Junior Boys Winter Shorts and Junior Girls Skivvies, Tights and Navy Socks, and well as all the other uniform requirements. During the holidays, we will be **open** on **Friday 29 April** from 10.00am-3.00pm, or **by appointment**. Thanks, Emma Richardson.

2.11 **Holiday Dental Care** – Emergency service are available over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8.30am until 12.30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic for the following times: **Tuesday 19 April to Friday, 22 April (excluding weekends) and Tuesday 26 April to Friday 29 April (excluding weekends)**. This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance. You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.



HSA and BOT News

HSA AGM – Home and School Association will be having their AGM on Wednesday 4 May, 7.30pm in the Junior Campus Staffroom. Please come along and find out more about what the HSA is all about and how you could get involved. Any questions contact email Rachel Trengrove (racheltrengrove@gmail.co) or Aroha Skinner (stephenaroha_skinner@hotmail.com).



Community Notices

4.1 **Fingerprints Christian Preschool** – Extending opening hours (8 am - 5.15 pm). As a result we are looking for two people to join our staff team. If interested in either of the two positions please email CV to Camdon on info@fingerprints.school.nz. **Part-time Qualified Teacher** – 3 to 3 ½ full days, Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am – 5.15 pm. **Teacher Aide** – Monday through Friday 3 -5.15 pm. Providing care to approx. 12 children. No formal qualification required but previous relevant experience considered.

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