



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.

IRONMAN 2017

2017 kicked off with a bang as our Year 5-10 pupils competed in our annual Ironman competition. Thanks to Mr Norton for organising the event and to all the parents who helped on the day. Full results are on the Hillview sports blog



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A Ministry of South City C3 Church

Humility – All our successes are due to God
"But, 'Let him who boasts **boast** in the Lord". 2 Corinthians
10:17

9 February 2017

Principal's Ponderings

WHAT A YEAR!

Kia ora Parents.

I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming pupils back to school. To hear their laughter and excitement is always 'music to my ears' whenever we return from a holiday break. Last week we had a whole school assembly and it was very special gathering everyone together.

During the assembly we introduced all the pupils who were attending Hillview for the first time. I was greatly encouraged by the way

our current pupils welcomed them with genuine enthusiasm. We also welcomed six new staff:

- **Mr Jared Rochford:** Year 3 teacher
- **Mrs Kim Morgan:** Year 5 teacher
- **Miss Rachel Hoult:** Year 7 teacher
- **Mrs Robyn Webster:** Learning Centre for Y5-8 remedial mathematics
- **Mrs Anna Lu:** Y7-9 Mandarin Teacher
- **Mrs Rosa Font:** Y7-10 Spanish Teacher

Each of them has expressed a great passion to work at Hillview. We pray that they may feel welcomed and supported while influencing our pupils' lives for God's glory through excellent teaching and learning.

If there was a key word to focus on this year it would be **CELEBRATE**. The reason for this is we are celebrating Hillview's 40th anniversary. Yes, our school is officially 40 years old this year. At times like this it is worthwhile



reflecting upon God's faithfulness and transforming power. He has grown a school which began with just 5 pupils on the 7th of March, 1977 to the 512 we have today.

Forty years ago a group of men and women from the Evangelistic Church of Christ felt led by God to

establish a Christian School in the St Martins suburb.

They purchased a block of land: looking towards Wilsons Road. It had been used as an orchard.

However, the church's vision was to produce a different kind of fruit – spiritual fruit

harvested from the lives of school pupils. Here is an excerpt from our school charter:

"Hillview Christian School was established in 1977 by the Evangelistic Church of Christ to provide a Christian education which they believed was vital for the balance and growth of their children, both academically and

spiritually. For the first 15 years, the school was known as St Martins Private School and the school was open only to children from families that were part of the founding church. In the 1990's, the Evangelistic Church had a significant shift of vision and values. The church sought to be a lot more inclusive of others, relevant in how it communicated the Christian message and sought to work cooperatively with like-minded Christians and organisations from around Christchurch, New Zealand and beyond. This outward looking vision precipitated the church to change its name to South City Christian Centre in 1994 and in 2013 to South City C3 Church. The 1994 shift in vision for the church was also reflected in the school, with pupils accepted from outside of the church for the first time. The school was renamed St Martins Christian School in 1995 and then in 2001 became Hillview Christian School to avoid confusion with the nearby St Martins Primary School.

The school has continued to flourish and I feel very privileged to be part of its journey. Many stories of service, sacrifice, and selfless giving have been shared over the years and we pay tribute to the great pioneering spirit of our faithful proprietor church. While we do not wish to dwell too long in the past, may we never forget the special qualities and attributes that made the school what it is today. Thanks be to God!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou [many blessings from my heart to one and all]

Steve Frost

(Tumuaki/Principal)

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

- The variety of achievements by the pupils
- Our gymnasium can be used by others
- The unity we enjoy as a school
- Christian Education in New Zealand

Please pray for:

- The Year 0 pupils as they transition into school.

PRAYER MEETING IN THE AV ROOM TUESDAY 2.40-3.00PM
ALL WELCOME.

Verses to Learn Term 1

'Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honour and life.'

Proverbs 22:4

Tips for Learning

Year 0-2 Tips for Developing Thinking Skills

(by Philippa Becker)

Tip one: [Listing] Listing is a low-level thinking skill, but it is important when we start learning about a topic because it shows us what we already know and what we need to find out! It is a non-threatening activity and encourages fluency of thought. In listing, you can elicit some quality thinking amidst the quantity. Try some of the ideas below.

1. At the dinner table pick a topic, for example 'colours'. Go around the family with each person



contributing a colour to the list until people run out of ideas.

Other topics to create lists about: animals, capital cities, girls' names, boys' names, rivers, landmarks...

For extension, you could choose a letter of an alphabet and a topic. All items are to start with the chosen letter of the alphabet.

2. There is an excellent song on YouTube which goes through the countries of the world. Learning a song is a fabulous tool for helping children to learn lists and content. Look up 'Countries of the World KidsTV123' on YouTube. There are also songs available for the Books of the Bible on YouTube.
3. To encourage memory development, prepare a tray of about 15 familiar house-hold objects. Allow your child to look at the tray of objects for a minute or two then conceal the objects. Have your child list as many objects as he/she possibly can. Encourage strategising here (grouping objects in your mind).

Pupil Achievements



Y5-10 Ironman: Well done to all competitors and helpers. Full results are on the Sports Blog and the

prize-giving will be on Wednesday 1 March in the Senior School assembly

Assemblies Next Week

Year 7-10 Assembly: Wednesday 15 February 1.30pm in the gymnasium.

Year 3 -6 Assembly: Wednesday 15 February 2.15pm in the gymnasium.

Year 0-2 No assembly on Friday 17 February due to the triathlon.

[This week's flag is France. Next week's flag will be United Kingdom]

Upcoming Events



- 1.1 **Monday 13 February** – Year 5-8 Swimming lessons commence.
- 1.2 **Monday 13 February** – Outreach Band Parent Information Evening. 7.00pm Gymnasium Café.
- 1.3 **Monday 13 February –Friday 17** 10DS camp at Windy Point.
- 1.4 **Thursday 16 February** – “Showbiz” rehearsals begin 3.20pm – 6.00pm Gymnasium.
- 1.5 **Friday 17 February** – Year 0-4 Triathlon/Duathlon from 1.30pm on the Junior Campus.
- 1.6 **Tuesday 21 February** - Band Outreach Programme Training Band and instrumental lessons begin
- 1.7 **Wednesday 22 February** – Year 5-10 Swimming Sports at Wharenui Pool, 11.45am
- 1.8 **Friday 24 February** – Y9-10 Athletic Sports, Ashburton.

Around Our School



- 2.1 **Year 9-10 Volleyball and Sport:** Volleyball starts on Monday 13 Feb. and Wednesday sport on Wednesday 15 Feb. - except for Year 10s who are on camp.
- 2.2 **Year 0-4 Triathlon/Duathlon** - Friday 17 February: This is held at the Junior Campus. **Year 3/4s** compete from 1.30-2.15pm, **Year 1/2s** from 2.15pm-2.45pm and **Year**

0s from 2.45pm-3.00pm. Teachers will send a note home.

2.3 Year 5-10 Swimming Sports - Wednesday 22 February: These are held at Wharenui Pool from 11.15am-2.45pm. All children will compete. We travel to and from Wharenui by bus. Bus cost and entry fee will be added to term activity fees.

2.4 Year 9/10 Athletic Sports - Friday 24 Feb. - Ashburton: Students will travel by bus (cost to go on activity fees). We leave school at 8.00am and return by 4.00pm.

2.5 Year 5-8 Swimming Lessons Mon. 13-Tues 21 Feb. These are at our school pool and all students will take part. We have tutors from Daltons Swim School. The cost of the lessons (\$10) will be added to the activity fee. All students to bring togs and towel each day.

2.6 Music Lessons The school provides the opportunity for pupils to have music lessons with Itinerant Teachers. Information sheets with teacher contact details and costs are available from the office.

2.7 Year 10 LB Camp. Pupils are expected to return from camp this **Saturday 11 February at 12.30pm.** You can collect your children from the Senior Campus.

2.8 Can You Givealittle to Make a BIG Difference? The Henderson's are a Hillview family who would be grateful for support as they struggle with Mum Rachel's degenerative health condition. This is a great way to support a family in need in our community. Tax deductions are available for any donations. www.givealittle.co.nz/donate/cause/hendersons

2.9 Unclaimed Uniform From Last Year - All UNNAMED uniform from lost property 2016 - **senior and junior** - is on display in the AV room until Monday 20 February. It will then be given to the uniform shop.

2.10 Uniform Announcement: Y7-10 pupils
The uniform team are considering a change for Y7-10 pupils in relation to the polar fleeces. The suggestion is to replace the polar fleece with a jersey (for boys) and a cardigan (for girls). This would be transitioned over a 2 year period. The idea behind this was based around the idea that the jerseys and cardigans look much smarter and more appropriate for the Middle School pupils. We would ask you to please click on the link below and fill in the short survey to give us your valued opinion. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D5X2SX2>

The survey will be open for just over two week closing on **Friday 3 March.** Currently we are out of size 12 and 14 polar fleeces. There is limited stock of jerseys available and cardigans will be arriving in the next 3-4 weeks. If you have any queries or questions, please contact Emma on uniform@hillview.school.nz

Around Our Community

- 3.1 **14th CHCH Boys' Brigade** is an action packed programme geared for Young Kiwi guys. It is a fun filled Christian based programme for boys aged 5-19 yrs old. We operate in three sections, 5-7 years, 8-10 years and 11-19 years old. Activities include crafts, games, camps, outdoor pursuits, leadership training, life skills and lots more. We meet on a Friday night at Beckenham Methodist Church Hall, 52 Martin Ave, Beckenham. New members welcome for 2017. Contact Stephen 337 2296, admin@14thbb.org.nz or visit www.14thbb.org.nz
- 3.2 **Rental House Wanted** . A Hillview family is looking for a warm, 3 bedroom home, preferably with a garage, to rent in the St Martins, Opawa areas, or close to the school vicinity. Please ph Suzzannah, 02102426198.



Hillview's Values:

•Whanau •Excellence •Humility •Respect •Compassion •Innovation

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