



HILLVIEW CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# 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.



## Alpha Team Cultural Day

Our year 0-2 pupils enjoyed a Cultural day, where they dressed up in clothing representing other nations, enjoyed a delicious morning tea based around various national cuisines. Thank you to all the parents who helped make this such a fun event!

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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)**

27 July 2017

Kia ora Parents.

### Principal's Ponderings

One of my favourite topics of discussion is sharing stories of how Hillview pupils have risen to the challenge of assisting or helping others in need. There have been many occasions when the young people have responded to the call of putting others before themselves. One such story happened several years ago when a decile 2 school was burgled during a weekend. All of their physical education equipment was stolen and the pupils returned on Monday having nothing to play with anymore. It was a very despicable



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act and left an entire school community discouraged and depressed. It wasn't too long before the news was spread amongst the Hillview staff and their pupils. That is when compassion kicked in. Our children responded with sadness which turned into a strong desire to do something about it. The children loved having a cause "to die for".

Some pupils approached staff and suggested that the school raise some money and donate this towards this other school so they can purchase and replace their much loved P.E. resources. The staff were keen and when this was brought to the Board's attention, one B.O.T. member suggested that the school should match \$2 for every \$1 the children raise for this great cause. Another B.O.T. member cautioned the Board that if they agreed to do this, they may end up paying out more than what they initially expected. He explained that while there were less than 300 children enrolled at the time, they were capable of raising a significant amount. The Board heeded the advice and changed it to every \$1 raised by the children they would give \$1 from school funds. They were expecting they would have to provide a donation ranging anywhere from \$200 - \$800. This was quite a significant amount of money to donate to another school. However, they wished to encourage and inspire a generation of pupils to not only give to others but to do so cheerfully.

The pupils got to work and had a time limit to raise as much as they could. By the end of this period, they handed in all the cash and totalled up the amount. Once all the money had arrived the total was announced to the entire school community. It was staggering. They raised a grand total of \$3000. So.....the Board had to write out a cheque for \$3000. The Y10 class was selected along with two staff members who drove the pupils over to the decile 2 school. They were welcomed with a powhiri and the two groups sat opposite each other. No one from the effected school knew why we were really there – only that we had come to present them with a gift. One of our pupils stood and expressed our disappointment with the burglary and shared that we had raised some money to help replace much needed equipment.

She handed an envelope to one of their senior pupils and asked them to open the envelope. The pupil ripped open

the envelope and began to cry with tears of joy then screamed with excitement while yelling how much had been given. It was a very special moment.

While we had gone to bless this particular school, we ended up being so blessed through their humble appreciation on what had been given. The pupils understood and experienced the blessing behind Paul's words when he wrote, **"And look out for one another's interests, not just for your own. Your attitude should be the same as Christ Jesus."** They also learned that genuine compassion never remains in the head. It flows into the heart while activating the hands.

Ngā mihi nui and many blessings,

Steve Frost

(Tumuaki)

P.S. I was thrilled to find out that our pupils raised \$29 285 for the 2017 World Vision relief fund for Syrian Refugees. This is the highest total in the history of Hillview and a HUGE congratulation to all the students and parents who participated in this. To show you the significance of this total, it was the fourth highest out of all state/state integrated primary and high schools in NZ

## Prayer Requests

### Give thanks for:

- The money raised for St John and World Vision
- Our new staff – Miss Van Leeuwen and Mrs Smith
- The different cultures within our school

### Please pray for:

- Smooth assimilation of new families into our school
- Protection and strengthening of school culture

Join us for prayer in the AV room Tuesday  
2.40-3.00pm. All welcome!

## Verses to Learn Term 3

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup>Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:9-18

## Pupil Achievements

THANK YOU to our Hillview community for your generous contributions to our Hero Mufti Day. We raised **\$1000** for St John Ambulance.

### Year 0-4 Cross Country Challenge Results

Congratulations to **Vadim Pulin** (Y0/1) and **Manny Thrupp** (Y2) who won their races, **Isabella McEwing** who placed third

(Y2), **Louis Dowall** first and **Israel Davis** who came second in Y3 boys race and **Abby Graham** who won the Y3 girls race. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped out; it was a super event and the 343 children from 14 schools loved it, which is the main thing!

Congratulations to **Blythe Yule** who won the Year 8 Speech Contest at Middleton Grange.



Congratulations also to **Lewis Hawkins** who has been chosen to represent New Zealand in the World Youth Scrabble Championship in Kuala Lumpur.

W E L L D O N E

World Youth Scrabble Championship

## Tips for Learning



By Mrs Philippa Becker, Head of Music and Year 10 Teacher

### 1 – Advantages of Learning an Instrument and Free Software

So much more is known these days about what happens in the brain when we do different activities. It has been discovered that when a person makes music it is like fireworks go off in the brain! It is a very stimulating activity. Watch this TED clip to find out more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0JKCYZ8hng> I have found these free websites and software really useful in my music classes.

Incredibox allows you to build up your own piece of music by making decisions about how you will use pre-existing loops. It is very easy to use and sounds great. <http://www.incredibox.com/> For older children, Soundation is a great site. It enables you to create your own backing track using loops. <https://soundation.com/>

For those wanting to develop their aural skills I recommend Theta Music Trainer. You can create an account and play the games up to level 3 for free. <https://trainer.thetamusic.com/>

## Assemblies Next Week

Year 0-2 – Friday 4 August 2.20pm in the Junior Staffroom

Year 3-6 – Wednesday 2 August 2.20pm in the gymnasium

Year 7-10 – Wednesday 2 August 1.30 -2.15pm in the gymnasium.

[Next week's flag will be Zambia.]

## Upcoming



- 1.1 **Thursday 27 July** – Speech and Talent Contest Finals 7.00pm in the Hillview gymnasium
- 1.2 **Monday 31 July** – Y5-8 South Zone Winter Tournament
- 1.3 **Tuesday 1 August** – ICAS English exam
- 1.4 **Friday 4 August** - Y7 Excursion to Spencer Park
- 1.5 **Tuesday 15 August** - ICAS Mathematics exam
- 1.6 **Wednesday 16 August** – Y9/10 winter sport finishes
- 1.7 **Thursday 17 August** – Y5-8 winter sport finishes
- 1.8 **Thursday 17 August** – Optional parent-teacher interviews
- 1.9 **Friday 18 August** – Y9/10 basketball finishes

## Around Our School

- 2.1 **Year 5-8 South Zone Winter Tournament** - Monday 31 July: Our A teams in Rugby, Hockey, Netball and Football will be attending this tournament. We will travel by bus (charged to school activity fees) and play at South Hagley from 12.15pm-2.15pm. Draws and teams will be on the Sports Blog.

- 2.2 **Year 5-8 and Year 9/10 Winter Sport:** This finishes the week of 16/17 August. Any costs including bus fees will be charged to school accounts. Thank you to all parents who have helped out.

- 2.3 **Sibling New Entrants for 2018.** Do you have a younger child due to start Hillview next year? If your child's name is not listed below but they are due to start school sometime

during 2018, please come and get an application form from the office. This will assist us with planning for 2018. **Please note applications close Friday 25 August.** Nathaniel Andrews, Sophie Baker, Sophie Beardsley, Malaya Dayo, Poppy Frazer, Hannah Hoyt, Georgia King, Esta Lene, Tobie Liebert, Joseph Meecham, Samuel Nihoniho, Nikolas Tillman, Marcus Verbeek, Ethan Eckford, George Dowall, Maddy Molioo, Luca Alesana, Hannah Grimwood, Amelia Manson, Kiani Kakoi, Aoriana Rushton and Hudson Greenstreet.



### 2.4 Hillview Code Club – Thursdays 3.30–4.30pm.

Code Club is a fantastic opportunity for pupils aged 8 - 13 to learn critical computational thinking skills. If your child is in years 5 - 8 and you would like to give them the opportunity to learn to code, register at <https://codeclub.nz/> then follow the steps to enroll your child in the Hillview Club. In Term 3 we will be focusing on Python programming with Raspberry Pi's, talking to the International Space Station (through an API) and looking at the basics of Web development.



- 2.5 **Year 9 and 10 - Middleton Technology** On Monday 7 August Technology will be finishing at 3:00pm. The bus will return to Hillview at 3:10pm instead of the usual 3:30pm.

- 2.6 **Do You Have My Shoes?** Josh Ford (D2) had his shoes mistakenly taken from the gym on Wednesday last term (somebody had taken the wrong shoes accidentally and left theirs behind). They are size 6 black shoes, 'Ascent' brand, with special black orthopaedic insoles. They are expensive shoes and very new. Can you please check your child's shoes in case they have picked up Josh's by mistake? Please contact Miss Owen on [d.owen@hillview.school.nz](mailto:d.owen@hillview.school.nz) to organise a swap.

- 2.7 **PIE DAY FRIDAYS** The Year 8's will be running 'Pie Day Fridays' beginning on 28 July and running every Friday during Term 3. They are fundraising to help subsidise a portion of their Year 8 camp fees. **Orders and payment will be taken on Wednesday mornings outside the library (Junior Campus) and outside the Staffroom (Senior Campus) between 8:15 and 8:40 am.** If you would like your child to have a nice warm pie on a cold Winter's day, then please send your child with \$2.50 on a Wednesday. Thanks for your support!



- 2.8 **ICAS Exams** will be held on the following dates:

**English – Tuesday 1 August**

**Maths – Tuesday 15 August.**

Year 4 pupils report to Mrs Learey outside Room 2 and Year 5-10 pupils report to Mr Stanton at The Rocks. **All exams will be held between 8.30am and 10.00am and pupils will be required for this time.**

### Hillview Uniform Shop Announcements

The uniform shop is open Monday 8.30am - 3.30pm Contact Emma on [uniform@hillview.school.nz](mailto:uniform@hillview.school.nz) to book an appointment.

## In Our Community

- 3.1 **Tweens & Teens Toolbox Parenting Course.** A six week course designed to give you tools to equip your teenager with a strong sense of self, responsibility and resourcefulness. **Commencing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July**, 7.30pm in Hillview Junior Staffroom. \$75 per person, \$110 couple (further subsidies are available) Contact Kate Tipple 021 762 939.

- 3.2 **Toddlerock St Martins.** A fun music & play programme for 0-5yr olds & their parents/carers. Wednesday 26 July and runs every Wednesday during term time, 9.30-11am in the Hillview gym café area. \$2 per family (includes morning tea). For more information visit [www.c3church.org/groups/toddlerock](http://www.c3church.org/groups/toddlerock),



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