



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.



*When I grow up I want to be...
an astronaut*

Our Year 0-2 classes enjoyed a visit from Annmarie Robinson - a real astronaut! The children learned what it is like to be an astronaut. They were even given an opportunity to try on a space suit!

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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)

31 August 2017

Kia ora Parents.

During this week I attended a seminar centred around the understanding of key issues regarding pupils engaging with pornography, the teaching of sexuality in schools, and clarifying concepts around sexual consent for teenage pupils. There were a number of interesting comments made throughout the presentation. The morning began by all the schools being asking a question of on whether we had experienced pupils being involved in a specific sexualised gratification activity through technology. Many (if not all) schools raised their hands and agreed they had come across this activity and in some instances (sadly) had observed it a number of times. I chose not to raise my hand as I could honestly say that I was not aware of anything like this ever occurring



between our pupils at HCS (NB: I think I have been made aware of most things that have occurred at our school but nothing came close to the activity mentioned). The presenter noticed I was the only one not to raise my hand and looked at me with some contempt. She stated emphatically that either it is happening in our school (and I do not know about it) or it will only be a matter of time before it happened so get ready! What an encouraging way to commence a seminar.

However, it did raise in my mind the question of whether, as a society, we have lowered our expectations about the way our children and teenagers behave in life. I am not, for one instant, thinking our children will always be perfect and never make mistakes or wrong decisions (not even adults can achieve this!). But I am of the mind that we should not head down the dangerous path of accepting that poor decision making and sinful behaviour is just the norm for any of our children and we shouldn't expect anything better. It is a sad and tragic reality if this is the case.

We know (and I bear witness to this) that our young people can rise up and be radical ambassadors for Christ seeking to live a life that is pure, founded on God's truth, purpose, and hope. Young people will only rise to the level we expect them to achieve. I have seen this so many times in classes where teachers have set the standard, shared strategies on how to get there, and cheered them along the way. I think it is timely to remind our children of God's way and that it IS possible to [successfully] journey in this world following His precepts and His principles.

The second thought which came to mind were the solutions that were shared repetitively throughout the session. If only we had more resources (money and people), more research, and more information given to younger aged children then the problems would diminish. Really?! I remember these same ideas being highlighted when I left the College of Education in 1993. The statistics are no better. In fact, they are worse. Sadly, nothing about instilling values or growing virtues in our children was mentioned as possible answers. Rather it was all about encouraging our pupils to think critically while being

exposed to a range of explicit material. Please do not misunderstand me as I am all for critical thinkers. However, no one can make a just, right, or wise decision unless they have something solid to base it on. Yet we seem to think our children can do this very successfully without thinking of what is true, admirable, and trustworthy.

I left the session disheartened on the one hand but encouraged on the other. It was disheartening to observe people searching helplessly for answers while deliberately rejecting the truth which seemed to be right in front of them. But it was encouraging as it reinforced in me the importance as Christ-centred educators to keep [unashamedly] teaching and sharing God's life-giving principles and life-protecting precepts to a generation that desire to be shining lights in a world of darkness and despair. The call from God's word is clear; *"Brothers/sisters, I beg you, to live a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God."* (Ephesians 4:1 NLT). Now if that is not a clear mandate for our young people to rise to, I am unsure what is.

Ngā mihi nui and many blessings to you all.

Steve Frost

[Tumuaki/Principal]

Give thanks for:

- The best HCS ICAS Writing results since 2008
- Encouraging progress on our Christian Living curriculum review in preparation for 2018
- Our teaching and learning staff who continue to teach with passion and purpose

Please pray for:

- Our Middle School Pupils (Y7-10): they will rise up to be effective ambassadors for Christ
- Doors to be open to purchase strategic land in order to further the vision of the school

PRAY WITH US

Every Tuesday,
2.40-3.00pm
in the AV Room.

All welcome!

Verses to Learn Term 3

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. ¹⁷ Do not be conceited. ¹⁸ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁹ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:9-18

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to **Sam Manning** and **Mathias Tupara** who's rugby league team, The Celebration Lions 11's, won the CRL grand finals on Saturday and so are now the reigning champions. They are also going up to Whakatane for a tournament next month.

Well done to **Danika Rossouw**, **Serena Morgan** and **Blythe Yule** who achieved bronze and silver Whistler awards from the Christchurch Netball Centre for refereeing.



Tips for Learning

Tips for Discipling Teens

By Hannah Ploegstra, founder of learnChrist

Discipling teens can be complicated, socially exhausting, and emotionally risky. When you step into the lives of teens—even responsible ones who are committed to Christ—you're stepping into the roaring rapids. You never quite know what the next turn will bring, and it's never calm for long. It's exciting... also a bit scary. We will be sharing some tips over the coming weeks.

Tip One - Follow Christ yourself, hard

John the Baptist, a disciple-maker, was a kind of disciple himself. He saw Christ as superior in every way, and Christ's ministry as surpassing his own (John 1:26-27). He was the son of a priest, a lucrative career for a first century Jew. Yet he sacrificed it all—the status, the wealth, the respect, the security—to announce Jesus as Messiah (John 1:23).

Teens need adults in their lives who are following Jesus with the youthful faith and zeal and all-in gusto that affirms the worth and power of the one they have left everything to follow. And one way they can see us following him first-hand is in our love for them, being willing to lay aside the perks and pursuits of adult life in order to know them personally and serve them practically. Teens have a pretty honest sense of how hard they can be to handle; when we keep coming back for more, for the sake of Christ, they might just listen to what we say about Him.

Assemblies Next Week

Year 7-10 Wednesday 6 September 1.30 -2.15pm in the gymnasium.

Year 3-6 Wednesday 6 September 2.20pm in the gymnasium

Year 0-2 Friday 9 September, 2.20pm in the Junior Staffroom
[This week's flag is China. Next week's flag will be Cook Islands]

Upcoming



- 1.1 Monday 4 September** – Zone Storytelling Competition.
- 1.2 Friday 15 September** – PrEP Market Day
- 1.3 Monday 18 September** – Concert Band end of term concert
- 1.4 Monday 18 September** – Get2Go Challenge
- 1.5 Tuesday 19 – Thursday 21 September** – Y7/8 Koru Games
- 1.6 Wednesday 20- Friday 22 September** – Y6 Camp
- 1.7 Friday 22 September** – Tuhono 2 Kapa Haka Festival
- 1.8 Wednesday 27 September** – Y0-4 Puppet Show
- 1.9 Thursday 28 September** – Whole School Walkathon
- 1.10 Friday 29 September** – Last day of Term 3.

Around Our School

- 2.1 Pie Day Fridays Are Here!** The Year 8's will be running 'Pie Day Fridays' 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!
- 2.2 Year 8 and 9 Parents** All Year 8 and 9 students, who are returning to Hillview next year, have been given a Middleton Grange Technology information booklet to take home. At the back of the booklet are pages that need to be completed and returned no later than **tomorrow, Friday 1st September.** If you have any questions please email Mr Stanton at d.stanton@hillview.school.nz
- 2.3 Y0-10 Orienteering - School Champs.** If your child wants to compete in the Inter-school champs on Saturday 16 and/or Sunday 17 September please download a form from the sports blog or get one from outside Mr Norton's office. **ENTRIES DUE IN BY FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER.** Next Monday Practice (3 Sept.) at South Brighton Domain - bring \$2 wear PE gear - is from 3.30-

5.00pm approx. Vans will leave outside the Gym Foyer at 3.25pm. -and return by 5.30pm

2.4 Year 5-10 Winter Sport and Basketball. Thanks so much to all of our parent helpers who helped with teams! Can all children please return any uniforms/equipment by the end of next week to their coach/teacher: especially rugby jerseys to Mr McKenzie.

Thank You



2.5 Year 0-8 SMART Touch - Term 4 on Thursdays after school at Waltham Park. Any children are welcome to take part. Cost is \$30 for 9 weeks. Details and sign up information is on the Sports Blog. This is a mixed competition. see www.hillviewsport.wordpress.com or contact Mr Norton: p.norton@hillview.school.nz

2.6 Tuhono Kapa Haka Festival- Friday 22 September at Hillview Christian School Gymnasium, This will involve 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.) Year 5/6s: 4pm-5pm, Year 7/8s: 6pm-7pm and Senior (Years 7-10): 8pm-9pm. Tickets available at Hillview Office, \$6 adults, \$2 children (5-17 years) Information on costumes and meeting times for performers will be sent home closer to the time.

2.7 Band Concert The Hillview school community is warmly invited to attend our end of term band programme concert on **Tuesday 26th September.** It will be held in the school gym at 4:00pm. This is a great opportunity to see the concert and jazz bands perform.



2.8 The Henderson Family are part of our school community and are a family whose health requirements mean they need and appreciate our help. You may be aware that we have a "Give-a-Little" programme set up. Of the funds donated over the last two years (\$7305) almost all has been used up. We are asking if you would consider donating to this fund, which provides a small weekly food voucher for the family. Please follow this link: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/hendersons> Rachel suffers from Huntington's disease which is a terminal, degenerative brain disease with no current cure, and Mike has health concerns of his own (Crohns Colitis) which make everyday life a struggle which few of us can comprehend. The family are extremely grateful for the donations received so far through this 'Givealittle page'. Please continue to pray for the family - pray for the strength and courage to face this ongoing struggle, and for God's comfort and peace for Mike, Rachel, Ethan and Emma-Jane.



2.9 School Drop Off and Pick Up Zone helpers needed. Would you like to help manage the flow of cars at the school drop off/pick up zone in front of the gym? We would like to start a roster of parents to help out at this busy place from 8.25 - 8.45am or 3.00 - 3.20pm. Your job would be to ensure cars don't park or delay in the zone, and the flow through is orderly. If you are keen to help please email David Mitchell d.mitchell@hillview.school.nz Thank you



2.10 Scholastic Book Club. New brochures are available in the office. Orders close on 22 September.

Hillview Uniform Shop Announcements

The uniform shop is open Mondays 8.30am- 3.30pm or by appointment. Contact Emma on uniform@hillview.school.nz or place your order online at http://www.hillview.school.nz/?post_type=product

2.11 Whooping Cough – We have had a fourth confirmed case of Whooping Cough. An information sheet is attached.



The Great Walkathon is happening on Thursday 28th of September, 9am – 12.30pm. See attached flyer for more details

30 August 2107

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Dear Parent/Caregiver

The School Principal, Steve Frost has kindly agreed to forward this letter and fact sheet to you on our behalf.

There have now been four confirmed cases of Whooping Cough at Hillview Christian School and it is important to stop further spread. We are concerned that there may be other undiagnosed cases in the school.

Those most at risk are infants under 12 months old, pregnant women, immune compromised and anyone not fully immunised.

We recommend the following:

- If your child develops a runny nose or cough in the near future we recommend that you take him/her to a doctor.
- If you also have a child at home (especially those aged under one) who develops a runny nose or cough in the next three weeks he/she should also see a doctor because of the possibility of it being Whooping Cough
- If your child is not up to date with his/her immunisations we advise that these be updated.
- If your child develops symptoms and you are in the last three weeks of pregnancy we recommend you see your doctor for advice.

Immunisation is the most effective means of preventing the disease and controlling it in the community. If you are unsure of whether your child's vaccinations are up to date we recommend that you discuss this with your medical practice. Vaccinated children are much less likely to get the disease. If they do get Whooping Cough however, it is usually less severe.

Vaccinations given as part of the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule are free. The recommended ages for the vaccination against Whooping cough are:

- 6 weeks, 3 months, 5 months, 4 years and 11 years

A fact sheet is attached for your information but if you have any questions please telephone the Public Health Nursing Service on (03) 383 6877 or a member of the Communicable Diseases team on (03) 378 6828.

If you do go to see a doctor please take this letter with you.

Yours sincerely

Susan McEwan
Health Protection Officer
for
Medical Officer of Health
Community & Public Health

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) fact sheet

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is an infectious disease of the airways caused by the bacteria (*Bordetella pertussis*). It can affect persons of any age and is particularly serious and occasionally life-threatening for children aged less than 1 year. Complications include pneumonia, seizures, brain damage and weight loss. It is spread by coughing and develops within 6-20 days (usually 9-10 days) of a person coming into contact with the disease.

What are the symptoms?

The disease often begins with the same symptoms as a "cold", along with an irritating, persistent cough which gets worse and may last for several weeks.

Bouts of coughing result in breathlessness which causes the characteristic "whoop" on breathing in. This may be associated with vomiting. Adults and infants may not have the "whoop". Diagnosis is confirmed by a swab from the back of the nose and sometimes a PCR test.

How is it caught?

Whooping cough is caught from the airways secretions of an infected person and by droplets produced by coughing or sneezing. A person is infectious for 3-4 weeks from the onset of the first symptoms.

How is it treated?

An antibiotic (erythromycin) if given early, can shorten the infectious period and reduce symptoms.

If whooping cough is suspected, the person should be seen by a doctor and kept away from others and especially children under one year of age and women in the late stage of pregnancy.

They should be off work, school or preschool until they have taken at least 5 days of a 14 day course of the antibiotic.

If the antibiotic is not given, the person should be kept away from others for 3 weeks from the onset of the cough.

A doctor can advise about treatment of symptoms. The cough is often distressing for preschoolers, but bed rest, plenty of fluids and small bland meals can be helpful in management and may lessen trigger factors for the cough.

Keep in contact with your doctor especially if the illness persists.

How is spread prevented?

Antibiotic treatment for people who have been in contact with whooping cough is aimed at preventing spread to under one year olds who are more likely to develop severe disease.

- Where there is a household or preschool with a child under one year at risk because a person has recently been diagnosed with whooping cough, members of the household or preschool may need antibiotics. Contact the local public health service for advice.
- When a case occurs in a household where there is a woman in the late stage of pregnancy, all persons in that household should also receive a course of antibiotic to prevent possible future spread to the newborn infant.

What about spread to others?

Immunisation is the most effective means of preventing the disease and controlling it in the community.

Five pertussis vaccinations are given as part of the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule.

These are given free by your local doctor. Immunised children may still develop whooping cough but it is usually not as severe.



Put your **SOUL** into it!

The Great Walkathon!

The Great Walkathon is happening on **Thursday 28th of September**, 9am – 12.30pm. As a school, we are fundraising to assist with enabling all pupils to have greater access to technology resources and devices at school.

All pupils have been given a yellow sponsor pack and we are asking that they find sponsors to sponsor them to do the walkathon. Pupils are sponsored per “lap”. A “lap” is a 200m distance.

The Walkathon route starts outside the Gym, and the children will be walking on the footpaths around the four streets that surround the Junior Campus (Wilson’s Road, Wades Ave, Prossers Road, St Martins Road). This is a distance of 1km.

There will be five checkpoints at each 200m interval around the course and each child will be marked on their hand every time they go through a checkpoint. This will determine how many laps they have done, and therefore how much money their sponsor owes them. Each Year Group (two classes) will walk together, for a total of 30 minutes. The Year 10 Buddies will be walking with the Years 0-2 children.

Children need to return their sponsor pack and money to their teacher by the end of **Week 1 Term 4, 20th October** . There will be a prize for the Junior Class (Year 0-4) and the Senior individual (Year 5-10) who raises the most money.

Please come and support this great event. Come along and cheer the kids on, or you are most welcome to walk with your child.

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