



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.



SNOW

MUCH FUN!

Our Year 4 pupils enjoying a trip to the Canterbury Museum this week as part of their study on Polar Regions.



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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)

14 September 2017

Kia ora Parents.

As a child growing up, I never thought about the culture of Tokoroa, my home town, nor even New Zealand, my home country. It wasn't until I travelled overseas that I realised that New Zealand has a very strong culture, and one that is quite different to Indonesia, America, or even Australia.

Since having this experience, I am more attuned to how people experience a new culture. Asking people who are new to church how they are finding the experience can help us see our church through their eyes. Asking people new to our country about their perceptions of the people and customs can help us learn how best to integrate newcomers. Asking people new to our school to reflect on their experience can tell us a lot about what stands out in our school culture.

At our last whole school staff meeting, we were given some reflections on Hillview culture by two staff who had joined us at the beginning of Term 3. Megan van Leeuwen and Julz Smith had both flown into the country from England and Brunei respectively during the last holiday break. They had moved from a different national and school culture into the Hillview culture, with scarcely enough time to take a breath. As newcomers, they had asked for an opportunity to speak to the staff about what stood out to them about Hillview.

Firstly, they were overwhelmingly grateful for the Biblical core values and beliefs. They mentioned the warm welcome they had been given, the willingness of staff to go the extra mile for them, and the way the school was bathed in prayer. One of the ladies reflected on a difficult meeting she had had in her previous school, where all she wanted to do at the end of it was pray, something that would have been totally anathema. She was so thankful for the constant prayer at Hillview, occurring so naturally in a variety of situations.

Secondly, they mentioned striving for high standards. They saw the school's Christian culture leading to a desire to pursue excellence in all areas. They had been challenged to maintain their high standards, and had also been given enough support to enable them to do so.

Finally, they reflected on the warm, caring, and nurturing relationships between staff, parents, and children. They found the school community to be genuine - people said what they meant and then followed through. They mentioned the Hillview practice of celebrating staff birthdays where others prepare morning tea goodies for the birthday celebrant, and then give a speech to acknowledge and thank them for their contribution to the school.

Having recent arrivals speak so positively of our school culture should make us very thankful, because.....

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." 1 John 4:11,12.

Ngā mihi nui and many blessings to you all.

Andy Vosslamber (Head of Professional Development)

Give thanks for:

- New staff enjoying the experience of joining our school culture
- Christ-centred education – our pupils can thrive within a Christian environment in NZ
- Each new day and the many blessings we can enjoy living in His strength

Please pray for:

- Our Primary School Pupils (Y3-6): they lay strong Biblical foundations to build their lives upon
- 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 repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:9-18

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Pupil Achievements

Well done to the **Year 7 Boys' who took the Silver Medal in the teams' race at the NZ Aims Games** Cross Country in Tauranga on Sunday 10 September – counting scores came from **Matthew Fairhall** 15th, **Max Blockley** 18th and **Zachary Landers** 19th. **Noah Davis** was awarded the Team Player medal for the team.

Sam Meecham then ran and achieved a fabulous 5th place in the Year 8 race.



Tips for Learning

Tips for Discipling Teens

By Hannah Ploegstra, founder of learnChrist

Tip 3 Prepare to lose followers

John the Baptist was the ultimate case of someone working himself out of a job. Several of John's disciples (probably teens themselves) left John to follow Jesus, no doubt because they were so inspired by John's own devotion to Jesus ([John 1:35-37](#)). If you've disciplined teens for long enough you know that this is truly one of the challenges. Unlike the neighbour or the friend at



work or the cousin you might be discipling, the teens in your life are moving on. They're a couple years from leaving home, going to college, getting married. If they follow Christ, you're most likely going to lose them... and that's the point.

You want the teens you disciple to become independently reliant on him, willing to go wherever he leads them, no matter how dangerous or remote. You want them to find other godly heralds of Christ to pursue—friends, mentors, even future spouses. It will feel at moments like they've lost interest in you, like you have been discarded for someone more interesting or relevant. But if they are leaving you to follow Christ, you've done your job. Take comfort: you're decreasing as Christ increases.

Assemblies Next Week

Year 7-10 Wednesday 20 September 1.30 -2.15pm in the gymnasium.

Year 0-6 Thursday 21 September 2.20pm in the gymnasium
[This week's flag Fiji. Next week's flag will be France]

Upcoming



- 1.1 **Friday 15 September** – PrEP Market Day
- 1.2 **Monday 18 September** – Concert Band end of term concert
- 1.3 **Monday 18 September** – Get2Go Challenge
- 1.4 **Tuesday 19 – Thursday 21 September** – Y7/8 Koru Games
- 1.5 **Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 September** – Y6 Camp
- 1.6 **Friday 22 September** – Tuhono 2 Kapa Haka Festival
- 1.7 **Wednesday 27 September** – Y0-4 Puppet Show
- 1.8 **Thursday 28 September** – Whole School Walkathon
- 1.9 **Friday 29 September** – Whole School Assembly 1.40pm
- 1.10 **Friday 29 September** – Last day of Term 3
- 1.11 **Monday 16 October** – First day of Term 4

Around Our School

PrEP Market Day 2017 This Friday!

15th September, 2017 at Hillview Christian School gymnasium from 11-2pm The day will be filled with delicious foods, cool crafts, exhilarating games, and much, much, more. So come along with all your pocket money and splurge on this exciting, fun filled day at 150 Wilsons Rd, St Martins For more information check out our website:

<https://prep2017.wixsite.com/prepmarket2017>

2.1 Pie Day Fridays -2 weeks left! The Year 8's are 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!

FRIDAY
PIE DAY

2.2 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.

2.3 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.



2.4 Back gate entry to school. Please do not use the driveway on the south (hill) side of the gym to enter the school. There is no designated footpath through here; it is the church staff carpark. It is also used by school vans, tractor, and service vehicles to access the workshops. While parents may feel safe walking their children through here, very small children are following the example, so we are closing this as a pedestrian entry point for all. Thank you.

2.5 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.

2.6 Walkathon Parking Due to the walkathon **there will be NO parking available on the junior carpark for parents on 28th**

Hillview Uniform Shop Announcements

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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

Please consider organising your child's summer uniform in the next two weeks, before the school holidays. **The shop will be open during the holidays by appointment only.** If you have summer uniform to sell or giveaway, please drop to the shop or the office ASAP.

September. The Kiss and Go outside the gymnasium will still be operating but will close promptly at 8.45am. **Please ensure your car is clear of the school site by 8.45am.** Thank you for your co-operation.



Put your **SOUL** into it!

The Great Walkathon
Thursday
28th September,
9am –
12.30pm.

In Our Community

3.1 Kelly Sports Holiday programme – book online at www.kellysports.co.nz

3.2 Science Alive School Holiday Programme. 3-5 October. A fun two hour holiday programme about electricity. "Get Connected" to electricity through circuit building and design. Price: \$18 per child. To book for 7-9 year olds: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/get-connected-juniors/christchurch>

For 10-13 year olds: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/get-connected-seniors/christchurch>

3.3 Port Hills Athletics, Registration days: Sunday 17th September 2-4pm & Wednesday 20th September 6-7pm at Clubrooms Hansen Park, Opawa. Info: T&F Club Captain Sarah Clapp gandsclapp@gmail.com WWW.PORRHILLS@ORG.NZ

3.4 Gators Basketball Clinic. Oct 9th – 13th For children in years 2-8, at Middleton Grange Gymnasium. Cost Y2-6 \$65 and Y7/8 \$85. Register by email at wharanuigators@gmail.com or ph 021 993 720 <https://www.facebook.com/gatorsbasketballclub/>

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