



# 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.



### Budding Athletes

Our Year 0 to 4 children enjoying a terrific afternoon of running, jumping, sack races and hurdles. Thank you to Mr Norton and all our Junior Campus teachers for organising the day.

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**Innovation – We always look to improve ourselves.**  
“In the beginning God created/designed....” Genesis 1:1

23 November 2017

Kia ora Parents.

Character or talent? Which one is more important to a child? I think we would agree that both are integral to a child's development. However, I personally believe that character outweighs talent. For it is character that drives a person to make decisions on how to use their talent, their skills, and their abilities. When interviewing new families, I will often use Adolf Hitler as an example of someone who was extremely gifted in leadership but bereft of character. He was morally bankrupt to the point that he threw his own mother into prison and attempted to exterminate an entire race of people on the premise that they were not worthy to live.

Last week I read, with interest, about a group of high school-aged girls who decided to “befriend” a down syndrome student in their school. This student thought that she was very special having another group of girls show friendship towards her. The girls continued to spend time with her creating a delusion

they were keen on being her friend. In fact, all they were doing was grooming her for entertainment.

Gradually they coerced her to perform activities such as licking the ground with her tongue (like a dog), revealing different parts of her body, and so forth. This would then be recorded on their phones and loaded on to social media. It took a while but eventually the parents of the child found out.

While this behaviour is disgusting and despicable, reading about the girls' responses when being interviewed belied belief. Only one of the group of girls could see that it was a wrong act. The rest thought these actions could be justified as “just what teenagers do – there is no harm in it!”.

I guess I should not have been so surprised because when we make truth relative rather than accept it as absolute, we can create our own rules to satisfy our own desires and justify any decision we make. I do pray that as parents we continue to take the responsibility to lay the foundational truths of Christ in each of our homes so our children can understand that there is such a thing as truth and it is found in a person. Jesus stated quite emphatically in John 14:6, “I am the way, THE TRUTH, and the life.” All truth originates and emanates from Him. It is this truth that can help shape our character.

Folks, we cannot choose our talent but we can choose our character. John Maxwell put it like this: “We have no control over a lot of things in life. We don't get to choose our parents, our birth place, or even our talent. But we do choose character. In fact, we create it every time we make choices – to cop out or dig out of a hard situation, to bend truth or stand under the weight of it.” These girls

had a choice to make and they made the wrong decision. I hope that after some of reflection they will arrive at the point where they admit the wrong they have done. Seek forgiveness. Do whatever it takes to put it right and most importantly, learn from it.

Many blessings and ngā mihi nui,

Steve Frost

[Tumuaki]

**Give thanks for:**

- 40 years of Christ-centred education at Hillview
- The 29 different nationalities at our school
- A supportive Home and School Association

**Please pray for:**

- Our Y10 pupils graduating at the end of this year
- 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 4**

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

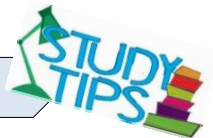
*Kia hari i runga i te tumanako; kia manawanui ki te whakapawera;  
kia u ki te inoi* Romans 12:12

**Pupil Achievements**

Well done to all our pupils who participated in our school Walkathon last term! We raised a massive \$11,000 to purchase new Chromebooks.

Congratulations to **Zachary Landers** for raising the most money on the senior side and to **Room 11** for winning the junior class competition. **Thank you** to the wonderful HSA team for organising the event and to everyone who gave so generously.

**Tips for Learning**



Thanks to Youth Central for the tips.



**5. Review and revise**

At least once a week go back over the things you've studied in class. Thinking things over can help you to understand the concepts and help you remember when you need them the most.

- **Quiz yourself** - Get a friend or family member to quiz you on key concepts. Offer to help your friends with their work too. Quizzes are great ways to get confident about what you know and find

out what you still need to learn.

- **Make your own study materials** - Think up some practice exam questions or create your own flash cards to help you study. This way you learn it all twice: once when you make the study materials and once when you use them to revise.

**6. Take breaks**

It's important to take breaks while you're studying, especially if you're feeling tired or frustrated. Working too long on a task can actually decrease your performance.

When you take a break, make sure you get away from your desk or study space. A bit of physical activity - even just a walk around the block - can sometimes help you to look at a problem in a different way and could even help you to solve it.

## Assemblies Next Week

**Year 7-10** – Wednesday 29 November, 1.30pm in the gymnasium.

**Year 3-6** – Wednesday 29 November, 2.20pm in the gymnasium

**Year 0-2** - Friday 31 November 2.30 in the Junior Staffroom

[This week's flag is Kenya; next week's will be The Netherlands]



- 1.1 Wednesday 29 November – Y5-8 Triathlon
- 1.2 Thursday 30 November – Y5 Beach Education
- 1.3 Monday 4 December- Y9 Community Service Day
- 1.4 Monday 4 December – Y10 Work Experience
- 1.5 Tuesday 5 December- Y9 & 10 Study Day
- 1.6 Tuesday 5 December – Y0-2 Concert and awards afternoon
- 1.7 Wednesday 6 December – Y5-8 Athletics in Ashburton
- 1.8 Wednesday 6 December – Y9-10 exams commence
- 1.9 Thursday 7 December – Y3-6 Concert and awards, 7pm
- 1.10 Friday 8 December – Y3-4 Swimming Carnival
- 1.11 Friday 8 December – Y0-2 Woolston Firefighters visit
- 1.12 Monday 11 December – Y3-6 Picnic Day – Waltham Pool
- 1.13 Tuesday 12 December – Y0-10 Cycle Champs
- 1.14 Wednesday 13 December – Y0-2 and Y7-10 Picnic Day
- 1.15 Wednesday 13 December – Y7-10 Concert and awards 7pm
- 1.16 Thursday 14 December – Final day of term- 12 noon finish

## Around Our School

- 2.1 **Y0-2 Picnic Day** On Wednesday the 13 December the Y0-2 children will be going to Chipmunks (Rms 6,8, and 12 from 9:30 - 12:00; Rms 7,11, and 13 from 12:30 - 3:00) and also having some lego challenges for the half day they are on the school grounds. Chipmunks have generously given us a special deal so that the cost of the bus and entry fee will come to \$8.00 per child. The lego half day will cost \$2.50 per child. The total cost for the picnic day is \$10.50, which will be added to your child's account.



### Year 9 and 10 Notices

**MGS Technology**- The last day for Technology is **Monday 27th November**. Year 10 pupils, who are going to MGS in Year 11, will be leaving at morning tea time to attend an orientation event from 11:00am to 12:30pm. They will stay at Middleton Grange for lunch and then go to their final Technology class that afternoon.

**2018 Year 10 Camp Information** Please return the consent form by Friday 1 December at the latest.

**Year 10 Graduation Dinner** is coming up on the evening of Thursday 14th December. The cost will be \$38 per person. **An invitation has been sent home.**

If you have any questions about any of these things please contact Mr Dean Stanton at [d.stanton@hillview.school.nz](mailto:d.stanton@hillview.school.nz)

- 2.2 **The Year 3/4 Swimming Carnival** will be on Friday 8 December from 2-3pm at the pool.
- 2.3 **School Pool Keys** will be on sale from Monday 27 November at 8.00am in the classroom at the back of the gymnasium. Keys cost \$70 + \$50 refundable bond.
- 2.4 **2018 School Dates.** School will commence with Learning Conferences to be held over 30 and 31 January. The first full day of school will be Thursday



1 February. All other term dates for 2018 are on the Hillview website.

### 2.5 Outreach Band Blow Test and Parent Meeting 28 November

All Year 4s will attend a blow test to try out band programme instruments on the morning of Tuesday 28 November. Instruments include the trumpet, trombone, saxophone, flute, clarinet, bass guitar, and percussion. Year 4 classes will attend with their teachers and any interested Year 5-8 students will be timetabled to join them. Please email Philippa Becker with any questions. A parent information evening will be held at 7.00pm in the junior staffroom on 28/11. All parents of interested students are welcome. There will be opportunity to enrol your child in the programme for next year. If you have any questions about the band outreach programme, please email the director, Maree Parr, on [mareeparr@gmail.com](mailto:mareeparr@gmail.com).

### Deck The Halls!

HSA would like your unwanted Christmas decorations and glass jars with lids. Please collect over the summer holidays and we will advise when to bring them to school. Thanks!

- 2.6 **School Photos.** Ordering information was sent home with your child last week. Please note when you are logging in, the password is the number specified on the sample photo and include .jpg. **Orders close 1 December** to ensure delivery before the end of the term.

- 2.7 **Parents of Y6-7 Pupils.** If you weren't able to make it to the Parent Information Evening and would like a copy of the Power Point that was presented please contact Dean Stanton at [d.stanton@hillview.school.nz](mailto:d.stanton@hillview.school.nz).

### 2.8 Carol Singing at Chatswood Resthome, Thursday 7

**December. Rooms 7 & 8** will leave school at 10.30 to walk to Chatswood to sing to the residents. They will return by 12.30pm. We would love parents to come along.



### 2.9 Absentee Line.

If you are aware your child will be absent from school you can leave a message on the absentee line at ANY TIME, even at 2am when cleaning up your child's vomit! Please clearly state your child's name and the reason for their absence.

**HELP! Exam Support** – We are looking for parents who can support a group of Y9 & 10 pupils who are using special accommodations during exams. It would involve reading/writing at the following times:

Wednesday 6 December 8:45-11am, 12:45-3pm

Thursday 7 December 8:45-11am

Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

## In Our Community

**Piano to giveaway.** Contact Marilyn 027 3333115 or 331 6272



### Uniform Shop Announcements

The uniform shop will be **OPEN Monday 4th December 8.30pm- 3.30pm.**

Please note: shop **CLOSED** on Monday 27th November; and **CLOSED** on Monday 11th December.

Appointments can be made for other days by emailing Emma on [uniform@hillview.school.nz](mailto:uniform@hillview.school.nz), or place your order online via the Hillview website.

The Shop will be **OPEN BY APPOINTMENT** from **22 January to 31 January 2018**. Email to make your booking.

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