



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.



IRONMAN 2018

Our Year 5-10 pupils (and some parents!) competing in our annual ironman event. Congratulations to all who participated and well done to the many competitors who broke records. THANK YOU to Mr Norton for organising the event.



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Whanau – Through unity is strength
“How good and pleasant it is when brothers (and sisters) live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

15 February 2017

Principal's Ponderings

Kia ora Parents.

It has been a fabulous start to the year! I think God has blessed Hillview with a wonderful school community and culture where the pupils can thrive in their learning. Thank you for your ongoing support ensuring our culture is not only protected but enhanced.



One way we are able to strengthen school culture is by meeting together to encourage one another and fellowship with one another. The Home and School Association (HSA) are organising two special community events which I would like to bring to your attention:

Friday 16 March will be our 'HCS CONNECT 18' night.

This will be an opportunity for ALL families and staff to enjoy being together and provide an opportunity to strengthen our relationships with each other over a BYO picnic tea. It will be held on the Junior Campus site and run from 6pm – 7.30pm. There will be a time to eat and greet then enjoy some fun activities which will include all children.

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Hillview Mid-Winter Market. This will be our school “fair” but with a difference. The HSA are working hard to develop a special event which I am confident will be well organised and very engaging. More details will follow later. Often I give thanks to God for our HSA team. Not only are they multi-talented but they have a servant heart that genuinely seeks to honour God and bless the school. I do not take this for granted as I am aware this is not the case with a number of schools. Please continue to encourage them and support them as they organise events which seek to strengthen our school community.

Earlier this week the staff enjoyed a “retreat” where there was opportunity to spend a day participating in a number of activities including a brunch, artwork, outdoor bowls, problem solving, quiz, and dinner. The Board of Trustees understand the importance of unity amongst staff and the effect this has on teaching and learning within a school. If teachers are united there will most likely be more collaboration on the best strategies for teaching and an enhancement of the special character of the school.

Finally, we have an ‘open door’ policy at the school so please feel free to make contact with the appropriate staff member if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Your classroom teachers or the office staff will be able to direct you if you are unsure who to contact.

Many blessings and ngā mihi nui,

Steve Frost

(Tumuaki/Principal)

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

- The variety of achievements by the pupils
- Our gymnasium that 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

Parents who Pray make all the difference! Do you want to join together and pray regularly for your children and their school? If you are interested please let Margaret know (mimcewing@gmail.com) and we can work out a day/time that suits the most people.

Verses to Learn Term 1

Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good.¹⁰ Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another.¹¹ Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion.¹² Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times.¹³ Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians, and open your homes to strangers.¹⁴ Ask God to bless those who persecute you—yes, ask him to bless, not to curse.¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep.¹⁶ Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud, but accept humble duties.¹⁷ Do not think of yourselves as wise.¹⁸ If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good.¹⁹ Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.

Romans 12:9-18

Reading



Tips for Learning

Reading With Y0-2 Children

(by Andy Vosslander, Head of Professional Development)

A child aged 5 or 6 is at various stages in their understanding of how to decode the written word. Much as it may not always seem it, English is an alphabetic language with a (fairly) predictable set of rules to govern how to unlock an unknown word. Here is a suggestion to help your child with reading:

- Encourage your child to read expressively and to make their reading sound as interesting as possible. This helps your child to think about the meaning of what they are reading.

Pupil Achievements

Y5-10 Ironman

Thanks to everyone who came along to support the Ironman last week at Waltham Pool/Park. Full results are on the Sports Blog. Well done to **Bonnie Graves, Willow Cook, Max Blockley, Joseph Brown** and the Y5/6 Girls team of **Emma Ford, Luca Greenstreet** and **Eva Wilkinson** who broke records.

A huge special thanks to three Year 8 students who put "others first" by stopping in the Ironman last week to help another



student who had an accident. Well done to **TC Lui, Meg Regnault** and **Kavanah Lene!**



Well done to **Noah Davis** who got 2 bronze and a silver at the Canterbury West coast junior championships in Ashburton in the 400m freestyle / 200m backstroke and relay back stroke.

Assemblies Next Week

Year 0-2 Assembly: Tuesday 20 February 2.30pm in the Junior Campus Staffroom.

Year 7-10 Assembly: Wednesday 21 February 1:30pm in the gymnasium.

Year 3-6 Assembly: Wednesday 21 February 2:30pm in the [This week's flag is Samoa. Next week's flag will be Romania]

Upcoming Events



- 1.1 **Friday 16 February, Year 5-10 Swimming Sports** - Wharenui Pool 10.30am-2pm.
- 1.2 **Monday 19- Friday 23 February** Year 10DS camp to Windy Point.
- 1.3 **Wednesday 21 February** – Year 5-6 Landmarks of Christchurch excursion.
- 1.4 **Friday 23 February - Year 0 Duathlon and Y1-4 Triathlon** Junior Campus. 1.30pm - Year 3/4, 2.15pm Year 1/2, 2.45pm Y0.
- 1.5 **Thursday 1 March - Year 9/10 Athletics** - Hansen Park 9.30am-2.15pm.
- 1.6 **Monday 12 March** – Teacher Only day.

Around Our School



- 2.1 **Permission Granted** This notice is to inform the parent community that unless the appropriate teacher is informed, teachers will assume that ALL pupils have been given permission to attend school field trips, camps, and any other school activity/event which is part of their education programme. School events have been loaded on the school calendar (on website) so that parents are aware of what is ahead. This also includes the Year 5s being taught on how to cross Wilsons Road in pairs. If you have any questions around this, please contact your classroom teacher.
- 2.2 **Friday 16 February, Year 5-10 Swimming Sports** - Wharenui Pool 10.30am-2pm. The Senior school swimming sports are on this Friday. ALL Y5-10 students will take part in at least two events. The timetable is on the Sports Blog. Students will travel to and from Wharenui by bus. Pool entry and bus charges will be added to activity fees.
- 2.3 **Friday 23 February - Year 0 Duathlon and Y1-4 Triathlon Junior Campus** 1.30pm-3.00pm (ppd Monday 26 Feb.). A timetable, course map and notice is all on the Sports Blog. 1.30pm - Year 3/4, 2.15pm Year 1/2, 2.45pm Y0.
- 2.4 **Thursday 1 March - Year 9/10 Athletics** - Hansen Park 9.30am-2.15pm All Year 9/10 Students will take part in the Y9/10 Christian School Athletics at Hansen Park. Students will participate in at least two field and two track events. A timetable is on the Athletics Page on the Sports Blog.
- 2.5 **Year 9/10 Monday Volleyball and Wednesday Sport** - teams and draws are on the Sports Blog - see the Year 9-10 Sport page.
- 2.6 **Sports Blog.** Information regarding sport at Hillview can be found on the sports blog at www.hillviewsport.wordpress.com
- 2.7 **Coding Club 2017** Any children who were in the Coding Club last year and helped plant the vegetable garden, if you want to see which plants have grown over the summer (and take some home) please meet Mrs McEwing after school this Friday (16th) at the Bowling club where the garden is.



2.8 New Drum Teacher If your child has always wanted to learn how to play the drum kit, now is a great time!! We have a fantastic new drum teacher called Cameron Finlay. He attends Grace Vineyard Church and is actively involved in four bands. Cameron has been playing the drums for ten years and has completed a Bachelor of Music Arts at Ara School of Music. He sings lead vocals, plays the drums, guitar, keyboard, and bass as well as writes his own music. Please email Velocity Music School to book in with Cam (admin@velocitymusicschool.co.nz). Lesson payment is required by term (\$170 incl. GST for 10 lessons of 20 mins each).

2.9 Year 2 Choir Mrs Somlyai is running the Year 2 choir this year. She absolutely loves working with the children and is particularly skilled in drawing the best out of them. For more information, please contact Mrs Somlyai (d.somlyai@hillview.school.nz).

2.10 Year 3-4 Choir Please contact Mrs Kim Morgan if your child would like to be involved in the Year 3-4 choir this year. Mrs Morgan is a trained vocalist with years of experience working with children and choirs. Contact: k.morgan@hillview.school.nz.

2.11 New Guitar Teacher We have a new guitar teacher at Hillview called Marcus Burton. Marcus attends Grace Vineyard and is in his final year of a Bachelor of Music Arts at Ara School of Music. Marcus is passionate about guitar and composition, and plays a range of instruments. Contact details: Cell: 027 543 1210. Email: marcus.warren.burton@gmail.com For information about other tuition on offer at HCS...ask for a brochure at the school office or contact p.becker@hillview.school.nz.

HSA News

Christmas Decorations Wanted!
The HSA are collecting any Christmas decorations for this year's Winter Market.
If you have anything Christmassy to donate, please drop them into the school office. Thank You!

Around Our Community

- 3.1 **Beckenham Methodist Church runs a GAMES CLUB** for anyone interested. Family friendly, for you to play with your kids/ others. The club is free of charge and is held 5.30-7pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Ball games and board games provided, or you can bring your own .Any questions ph Kirsty 0210722939
- 3.2 **Piano to Give Away.** Older piano but in very good condition. Needs to be picked up and will require tuning. Ph Liz on 027 78 205 78
- 3.3 **CHCH Boys' Brigade** 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. Friday night at Beckenham Methodist Church Hall, 52 Martin Ave, Beckenham. New members welcome. Contact Stephen 337 2296, admin@14thbb.org.nz or visit www.14thbb.org.nz
- 3.4 **Kelly Sports** – T-ball, cricket, touch rugby and football for Year 0-6 Pupils. Thursdays 3.10- 4.10pm in the Hillview Gymnasium. Email steve@kellysports.co.nz or www.kellysports.co.nz

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