



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.



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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

8 March 2018

Kia ora Parents.



Principal's Ponderings

Yesterday I was driving to the Y10 Camp (2nd camp) at Windy Point located in the Lewis Pass. I was listening to NZ Talk ZB. An experienced researcher was being interviewed by Mike Hosking regarding factors that have a strong influence on a person's life expectancy. The researcher mentioned that the genetics of a person had a 30% influence on how long a person lived. There was no choice in this. This part depended just on your DNA. However, the choices we make during life had a 70% influence on our life expectancy. How we choose to think about life [and the resulting behaviour] would often determine the quality and length of living. This included our sleep patterns, eating habits, and more importantly our exercise routines. He made every effort to point out that 30mins of exercise a day has a huge effect on the life expectancy. His statements were based on extensive research [observing and monitoring a sizeable sample of people within NZ over a significant period]. He finished with a very encouraging thought. It is never too late to change our choices whether you are 15 years of age or 50 years of age. I was relieved to hear this!

It did make me reflect about choices that I have in life and the way I think has a huge effect on what I do. The wise saying in Proverbs 4:23 is so true – *"As a man thinks, so he is"*. Simply put, how we think governs how we behave. That is why being a teacher is so fulfilling. We have the wonderful opportunity of affecting the way a child thinks about life and to direct them towards thinking about things that are *"worthy of praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honourable."*

One of the areas we are focusing on this year is something called the "Growth Mind-set." It targets a framework with a philosophical viewpoint that we are always open to learn and grow. Here are some brief statements that describe a Growth Mind-Set:

DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET

INSTEAD OF...	SAY THIS...
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

I am pleased to report that I witnessed this first hand as I watched the Y10 pupils leave their comfort zone to conquer activities that brought about real growth and learning – not only about themselves but also their classmates.

Ngā mihi nui

Steve Frost

[Tumuaki]

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

- Opportunities to learn and grow
- Our BOT and their governance
- God's faithfulness on the school

Please pray for:

- Wisdom and courage as seek God's leading for future direction



Parents who pray make all the difference! Please join us on Wednesdays at 2.40pm in Room 14 to pray for our school community. **Everyone welcome.**

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.

¹⁷ If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good. ¹⁸ Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.

Romans 12:9-18

Tips for Learning



Reading With Y7-10 Children

(by Andy Vosslander, Head of Professional Development)

Once a child matures they need to see good role-models of reading and need to be encouraged to read a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts in order to help them build character as well as general knowledge. Here are some suggestions about how you could go about this:

- Source a good collection of biographies of people you would want your child to emulate. Read them yourself and talk about them with your child to encourage them to read them too. Our school librarian can help you with suggested titles.

Pupil Achievements

Year 0 Duathlon and Y1-4 Triathlon

Thanks to all who supported our children in this event! All children did so well and showed great character to finish. The results are on the sports blog

Well done to our Year 9/10 Athletics Team

Results for this event are on the Athletics Page on the Sports Blog.

Assemblies Next Week

Year 0-2 Assembly: Tuesday 13 March 2.30pm in the Junior Campus staffroom.

Year 7-10 Assembly: Wednesday 14 March 1:30pm in the gymnasium.

Year 3-6 Assembly: Wednesday 14 March 2.15pm in the gymnasium

[This week's flag is Spain. Next week's flag will be Switzerland]

Upcoming Events

- **Monday 12 March** – Teacher Only day.
- **Tuesday 13 March** – Y9-10 Secondary Schools Athletic Prelims Rawhiti Domain.
- **Tuesday 13 March** – Y5-8 South Zone Swimming Sports at Jellie Park.
- **Wednesday 14 March** – Y5 Water Pumping Station trip.
- **Thursday 15 March** – Y6 Water Pumping Station trip.
- **Friday 16 March** – Y9 Trip to Cave Stream.
- **Tuesday 20 March** – Orientation afternoon for children commencing school in Term 2.
- **Friday 23 March** – Year 4 Sleepover.
- **Monday 26 March** – Y5-8 Primary Schools Duathlon at Rawhiti.
- **Friday 30 March** – Good Friday.
- **Monday 2 April** – Easter Monday.
- **Tuesday 3 April** – Easter Tuesday.

Around Our School

SPORTS NOTICES

Hillview Netball Club

Registrations for this season are **CLOSING**. If your child is in Year 3-10 and would like to join a team please txt us on 0211607345 or email us at hillviewnetball@gmail.com with your child's name, age at 1 Jan 18, school class level, contact number and email address. Please advise if they have played before and if so their preferred position, alternatively, return the form your child brought home last week to the office. Final teams are dependent on numbers. Preseason training is on tomorrow (Friday) from 3.30 to 4.45pm for Y7-10 in the school gym. Please let us know if your child can't make it.

Hockey

Year 0-2 Funsticks and Y3-8 Saturday Hockey Teams

Hillview (through the Southern United Club) has teams (Year 3-6) playing Hockey on Saturdays (and practising during lunchtimes) and Year 0-2s have fun sessions on Friday afternoons at the Sydenham turf. If your child is interested please email: p.norton@hillview.school.nz or look at the Hillview Hockey Page on the Sports Blog. Year 7+ play in club teams.

Year 9/10 Athletics Team

Our Athletics team competes next Tuesday 13 March at Rawhiti Domain. The entry fee of \$6 for each student will be charged to their account.

Sports Blog

Information regarding sport at Hillview can be found on the sports blog at www.hillviewsport.wordpress.com

Lost! Red bag with Anchor written on it mistakenly taken from junior boys cloak room at the end of school 2017. Named yellow towel (Elijah Hendry) and red board shorts with white pattern were in bag and possibly goggles too. Please return to the office if bag/contents has been found at your house. Thank you.

Orientation For New Entrants

Tuesday 20 March, 1.30pm in the Junior Campus staffroom. Orientation will be held for the following pupils who commence Hillview in Term 2: *Nathaniel Andrews, Kevin Binu, George Dowall, Eli Dudley, Kiani Kakoi, Maddy Molioo, Willah Shaw, Lauren Westbrook, Kaito Worsp* An email with further details has

been sent. If you haven't received it, please contact Kerry on k.harris@hillview.school.nz

Year 9 and 10 Parents

On Friday 13th April "Real Talk" will be coming to Hillview to make a presentation to our Year 9 and 10 pupils. Real Talk are an Australian-based Christian organisation who speak to pupils about a range of relevant topics. They have been invited to come to New Zealand by Middleton Grange to speak to Christian schools. This will also include a Parent night at Middleton Grange on Wednesday 11th April. They will make a presentation to all Year 9 and 10 pupils on the topic of "Getting Real in the Digital World". The girls (Brave and Beautiful) and boys (Stronger) will then separate for the second presentation. The cost per pupil is \$12 and this will be added to your school account. If you would like any further information please contact Mr Dean Stanton (d.stanton@hillview.school.nz) or check out the Real Talk website www.realtalkaustralia.com



Hillview Uniform Shop

The shop will be **closed on Monday 12 March** due to teacher only day. Appointments can be made by emailing Emma at uniform@hillview.school.nz Alternatively, orders can be placed online at http://www.hillview.school.nz/?page_id=855214 and collected from the office.



Christchurch School Music Festival For Year 5-8 Pupils

Auditions for 2018 Representative Groups are open!

Applications for individual singers and instrumentalists to audition for one of the Festival's Representative Groups – **Junior or Senior Choir, Concert Band, Orchestra** – are now open. This is the opportunity for singers and instrumentalists to achieve at the highest level of performance and to excel in their chosen area of artistic endeavour. **For further information and an application form** visit the festival website www.musicfestival.school.nz. Feel free to contact Kim Morgan for advice or additional information by email at k.morgan@hillview.school.nz.

HSA

Connect '18

School BBQ/ Picnic Tea Friday 16 March 6pm- 7.30pm Junior Campus. Come along to a fun evening and meet other families in our school community.

Bring your own picnic tea and enjoy a free sausage. Please note parking is NOT available in the New World carpark.



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

Wharenui Junior Basketball. Friday night junior basketball for Year 5-8 boys and girls commences in May. Contact wharenuigators@gmail.com or phone Matt 022 314 3084 for more information.

Plunket Babysitting Course – Monday 23rd April

Course covers expectations of a babysitter, child and family, safety, play and basic first aid by a trained Plunket facilitator. Costs \$25. Hosted by Youth Alive Trust in New Brighton. Register now at www.yat.org.nz or call 3881001

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