



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.



Hanging Out at Orton Bradley Park

Our Year 7 Pupils enjoyed a terrific excursion at Orton Bradley Park.

The trip provided the pupils with the opportunity to work out how to complete the orienteering course and conquer the challenging 'ropes course.'

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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

22 March 2018

Kia ora Parents.



Principal's Ponderings

Last week I was interrupted in the evening by a knock on the door. Our neighbour has a young lady living at her home and she needed a principal/teacher to complete an interview about their school as part of her tertiary study. I leapt at the opportunity as I enjoy sharing about Hillview for two reasons. Firstly, it reminds me why we exist and helps me reflect on whether we are keeping loyal to the pioneering vision of this school. Secondly, it encourages me to celebrate all the opportunities that are provided for our children to learn and develop.

About halfway through my “speech”, I was sharing about our “OTHERS FIRST” motto. I mentioned how this was ‘lived-out’ in parents as well as pupils. I pointed them to the Benevolent Fund where parents with a bit more financial resource are able to give to parents with a bit less. Her face lit up and she became quite animated about this concept. She shared with me that this was a wonderful idea and concluded that she had not come across this before and we should not take it for granted.

The Benevolent Fund is something, which at times, I have been guilty taking it for granted. Often I have slipped into the mind-set that we will always have this at our school - such is the generosity of our parent community. However, my neighbour rightly pointed out this is indeed something special and we need to nurture and celebrate it. Therefore, I thought I would take this opportunity to remind us all that we still have a benevolent fund and I praise God for the MANY families it has blessed over the years. In the previous decade parents have donated over \$10 000 to families who have been struggling to pay Attendance Dues, pay for camps/technology, or purchase parts of our uniform.

The donations given have been gratefully received and I can recount a number of occasions where tears of joy have been expressed in my office. There are some guidelines we use when distributing the money:

- We give to families in genuine need
- We will not pay the whole amount of the debt – this way the family is encouraged not to take the donation for granted
- The donors are kept anonymous

The bonus for donors is that this qualifies for a tax rebate. If you would like to give in order to help others, you can send a donation to our school account (suffix 01) referencing BENEVOLENT FUND on your transaction. If your amount is received before the 31st March, you will receive a receipt soon after. If after the 31st March, it will be receipted next year. Please continue to pray whether you are able to donate to this fund and give it with a cheerful heart.

Ngā mihi nui,
Steve Frost

[Tumuaki]

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

- God's forgiveness and the forgiveness of others
- A fabulous CONNECT 18 night on Friday
- The property team who work so diligently to present our grounds in immaculate condition

Please pray for:

- Healing as a number of staff are facing some difficult situations



Parents who pray make all the difference! Please join us on Wednesdays at 2.40pm in the staffroom 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

Year 0-2:- Christian Living

(by Steve Frost)

Taking a child to church can test our patience at times but it is definitely worth it. Having them involved in a Sunday School or Kids Klub is an excellent way for them to learn about God and cope with everyday problems. Here are three ways in which this can occur:

Singing: Our children sing songs about who God is, what He has done, and how we can live for Him. It is special when mum or dad can sing with/to them when the opportunity arises. They remember so much truth through music. It is not uncommon to hear our children singing songs to themselves while playing with their toys.

Pupil Achievements

Winnie Palamo was one of the most outstanding athletes in her grade at the Secondary School Athletics on Saturday. Allowed to enter a maximum of three individual events, she won all three! She is now the Under 14 100m, Long Jump and 80m hurdles champion! **Sam Meecham** contested the 3000m final and had an excellent race to place third and beat his 3km track PB by a massive 47 seconds.

Assemblies Next Week

Whole School Easter Assembly: Thursday 29 March
2.00pm in the gymnasium

[This week's flag is South Africa. Next week's flag will be South Korea]

Upcoming Events

- **Friday 23 March** - Year 4 Sleepover
- **Monday 26 March** – Y5-8 Primary Schools Duathlon at Ruapuna
- **Monday 26 March** – 9RG trip to the Council Buildings
- **Friday 30 March** – Good Friday
- **Monday 2 April** – Easter Monday
- **Tuesday 3 April** – Easter Tuesday
- **Thursday 5 April** – PS Swimming Sports at Rolleston
- **Friday 6 April** – Whole school Cross Country
- **Wednesday 11 April** – Y3-6 & Y7-10 Top Team Challenge
- **Friday 13 April** – Last day of Term One
- **Monday 30 April** – First day of Term Two

Around Our School

SPORTS NOTICES

Sausage Sizzle tomorrow

On the senior campus, \$2 each. Please support Winnie and Sam as they travel to Timaru to compete in the South Island Athletics Tournament.

Year 2-4 Miniball

All Year 2 – 4 pupils will have the opportunity to play miniball with the Canterbury Rams during school time. There will be a tournament held in either Term Two or Three.

Y5-8 Friday afternoon/evening Basketball @ Middleton

This will take place on Fridays at Middleton Grange Hall/Gyms. If your child is keen to play please fill out the application form on the Basketball page of the Sports Blog by Friday 23 March. This runs from 18 May to 14 September.

Y0-10 School Cross Country

Friday 6 April on the Senior Campus from 12-1pm for Year 0-4 and 1pm-3.10pm for Year 5-10. A full timetable, course map and records are on the Cross Country page of the Sports Blog.

Year 5-8 Winter Sport on Thursdays and Year 9-10 Wednesdays

Year 5-8 can choose from: rugby, football, hockey, netball or gym and played on Thursday afternoons from 1-3pm. Year 9-10: hockey, football, netball and badminton/table tennis. This is played on Wednesday 3.00-4.30pm approx. Notices have been sent home and need to be returned by Thursday 29 March please.

Year 4-5-6 Rugby Fun Day - Boys and Girls

We are entering teams in a "one-off" Rugby Fun Day at the start of next term. Anyone can play (you don't have to be a Saturday or Thursday rugby player) and we have a Girls Only team who play against girls only. Please email Mr Norton if students are keen: p.norton@hillview.school.nz

Sports Blog

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

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

Coffee Mugs Wanted!

The HSA are collecting any usable coffee mugs for this year's Winter Market.

If you have any unwanted coffee mugs (not chipped or cracked) to donate, please drop them into the school office.

Thank You!



Are you creative with wood, wool, fabric, paper etc or good with a hot glue gun? We need people to help make things to sell at the School's Winter Night Market early in term 3. If this is something you can help with please email

Kathryn Denne, hsa@hillview.co.nz.

Swimming Pool Closure

Would all pool key holders return their key to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Scholastic Book Club

Latest brochures are available from the office. Orders are due by the end of this term, 13 April.

Year 9 and 10 Parents

Real Talk are a Christian organisation who speak to pupils about a range of relevant topics. They will make a presentation to all Year 9 and 10 pupils on **Friday 13 April** on "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. There will also be a Parent night at Middleton Grange on **Wednesday 11th April**. 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 26 March for stocktake.

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. Appointments for during school holidays can be made a www.schoolinterviews.co.nz with the event code xc4yg

In Our Community

South Christchurch Children's Community Orchestra

We are looking for keen and committed musicians – any orchestral instruments to join a new South Christchurch children's community ensemble starting in Term 2, conducted by the excellent Richard Oswin. Suggested ability level equivalent approx. grade 2-6. We'll be meeting on Wednesdays after school in the Hillview gymnasium. If interested, or for more details, please contact Kathy on 021 0650 959, email kathycatton@me.com, or on facebook <http://bit.ly/2tiU2IG>.

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