



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.



This is me knitting at Ferrymead. It was hard but worth a try. I was knitting a square to be part of a quilt, but things didn't go quite as planned! I did enjoy it! (Helena Smith)

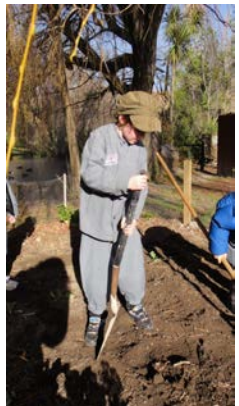


At Ferrymead I did an old fashioned way of doing washing. I had to use a washing board to get them clean. Also I used a tub that had warm water in it. I had to hang the clothes up too. (Cludia Hendry)

At the extraordinary Ferrymead I did some arts and awesome crafts. I made thick and white candles out of wax and string. (Tom Manning)



Ferrymead



Year 3 & 4's visit

I had heaps of fun at Ferrymead. This is a picture of me gardening. I am helping the lady that lives in the V-Hut. We replanted potatoes in the ground and it was lots of fun. (Joseph Brown)

I am standing next to a V-Hut at Ferrymead. V-Huts are the houses early settlers of Christchurch lived in. It was very interesting at the huts and I learned lots of things I didn't know. (Levi Franks)



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**EXCELLENCE: We always give our best –
whenever, wherever, and to whoever!**

Ephesians 6:7 – “Serve **wholeheartedly**, as if you were serving the LORD, not men, because you know that the LORD will reward anyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.”

19 July

18/12

Kia ora Parents.

I would like to extend to you all a warm welcome back to Hillview for Term 3. A special greeting to the new families who have joined our wonderful school community. I am confident you will feel accepted as part of our whanau very quickly. One of the special attributes of the parent community is a genuine love towards each another. It is an integral part of the culture we have enjoyed over the years.

I hope you all managed to have some quality time as a family over the last two weeks. Sadly I am aware of a number of staff, pupils, and parents who have been terribly sick with either a bad dose of a cold or severe flu. This seems to be problematic across Canterbury at the present moment. For those who are still battling with their health, we pray for you to have a speedy recovery.

The two week holiday provided an excellent opportunity for me to spend more time with the family. We stayed in Christchurch for the first week visiting various places and attended some Kid's Fest activities such as riding on a double-decker bus and Dad taking his eldest daughter for a ski lesson (Dad was rather sore at the end of the day). The second week was spent at the grandparents' farm while Dad prepared for the school term and the school production entitled OZ.

The value for this term is **EXCELLENCE – always striving to give our best**. It provides an excellent theme/concept/big idea to lay the platform for an integrated unit. In the next five weeks the entire school will be participating in a unit that explores the idea of what excellence is and why we should value it. The obvious context for the unit is the Olympic Games. Next Friday will be very special as we plan to run a Hillview Olympics Day for the entire school. Please feel free to come and watch the children in action.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I thought it would be prudent to remind us all that excellence should never be mistaken for 'elitism' or 'perfectionism'. I do not believe that God demands or requires a person to **be the best**. Instead, He asks for us to **do the best** with whatever we have, wherever we are, and to whoever we meet.

Approximately 18 months ago we ran a staff development day and part of the programme included unpacking this value of excellence. Here are five ideas that were discussed on the day:

a) Excellence is a mind-set – it is not necessarily dependent on results: a person of excellence will not always achieve a top result but the fact that they are striving to give their very best is extremely important. For instance, someone running a race could be placed 15th and be proud of their result if they had given their best. Conversely a person could do enough to win a race but come away dissatisfied with the time due to not applying themselves enough leading up to the event.

b) Excellence does not have to be divorced from fun: There is a phrase I often hear thrown around amongst particular circles of the media when addressing sports organisation for pupils..... “it is not about winning, it is about having fun!”. I would agree with half of this statement. It is important for children to enjoy their activities but I think that trying to give their best and win a

game/match is just as important and in my experience, actually promotes the enjoyment by giving meaning and purpose. I am positive that children can enjoy a sporting experience while skilfully pitting their strengths and strategies against another team/opponent.

c) Excellence benefits other: If someone is giving their best there will be many other people who will greatly benefit. This could be fellow class pupils, fellow committee personnel, fellow team members, family, friends, and the like.

d) Excellence has its obstacles: There can be many struggles to overcome when trying to give our best such as:

- a) Being disheartened by results
- b) Complacency – don't really care
- c) Laziness – can't be bothered,
- c) Mediocrity – would prefer not to improve.

In each case, the battle is in the mind and how we think will determine how we behave. Overcoming these obstacles can strengthen and deepen our characters.

e) Excellence is motivated out of service for God: Ephesians 6:7 begins with “**Serve wholeheartedly...**” When *servicing God* becomes my focus, it helps motivate me to give my best. He gave His very best in the sacrifice of His Son. The least I can do is do my very best for Him. It is not difficult to point out different examples of excellence within our school community and I hope to do just that over the next few newsletters. May the Lord bless you and your family as you seek to honour Him.

Many blessings

Steve Frost

(Principal)

Dates to Remember

- 1.1 **Thursday 19 July** – Oz Production 7.00pm SOLD OUT
- 1.2 **Friday 27 July** – Olympics Day
- 1.3 **Monday 30 July** – Olympics Day – postponement date
- 1.4 **Tuesday 31 July** – ICAS English Exam
- 1.5 **Tuesday 31 July** – Year 5/6 Primary Sports Canterbury Indoor Tournament
- 1.6 **Tuesday 31 July** – Y9/10 Get2Go Challenge
- 1.7 **Thursday 2 August** – Y9/10 Maths Competition
- 1.8 **Wednesday 8 August** – South Zones Winter Sports Tournament
- 1.9 **Wednesday 8 August** – Split assemblies
- 1.10 **Wednesday 8 August** – Cantamath Competition at CBS Arena for Years 7-10 (4.00pm – 9.00pm)
- 1.11 **Tuesday 14 August** – ICAS Math Exam
- 1.12 **Wednesday 15 August** – South Zones Winter Sports Tournament postponement date
- 1.13 **Thursday 16 August** – Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.15-7.00pm
- 1.14 **Friday 24 August** – Teacher Only Day
- 1.15 **Saturday 25 August** – Netball Prizegiving 4.00–7.00pm. This year's prizegiving will be followed by a free sausage sizzle to all club members. Venue is Hillview Christian School junior staffroom.

HSA Fundraiser

Quince Jelly

Yummy Quince Jelly for sale, \$4.00 a jar. All proceeds go to the gym fundraiser. Contact Ruth Hitchins on 0211067833.

Noticeboard

- 2.1 **Absences/Lates** – Please call and leave a message before 8.45am with any absences. Please push 2 for

the absentee line after the welcome message. We are no longer using the text service for absentees. This was being trialled and it has been decided to cease using it.

- 2.2 Hillview in 2013** – Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is not going to be attending Hillview next year. We would respectfully remind you that a half term's fees, per child, will be charged if we do not receive a term's notice of your child/ren leaving.
- 2.3 Dental Service** – During July and August 2012 the Community Dental Service has a final year Bachelor of Oral Health (dental therapy) student from the University of Otago, Courtney Coey, working with us. Courtney will be supervised by one of our experienced Dental Therapists and may check your child's teeth and provide preventive care while working at your school in our preventive mobile from Monday 23 – Friday 27 July. Please phone 0800846983 or call into the mobile ASAP if you do not wish Courtney to see your child and we will arrange alternative care for your child.
- 2.4 Hillview Olympics Day - Friday 27 July (postponement Monday 30 July)** – The whole school will be taking part in the Hillview Olympics next Friday. Every child will be representing a country, will participate in opening and closing ceremonies and will compete in a number of sports. Each child should bring home a small note letting you know which country they are and the colour of their clothes needed for the day (as well as sports shoes). Before the day starts at 11.00am, Barry Magee, Olympic Bronze Medallist in the Marathon, will speak to the children on "What God Can Do with Nothing!"
Olympic Day outline:
9.00-9.30am: Senior Assembly (Bowling Club) with Barry Magee Olympic Marathon Bronze Medallist
9.50-10.20am: Junior Assembly (Junior Staffroom) with Barry Magee, Olympic Marathon Bronze Medallist – (seniors go to P2)
11.00-11.30am: Opening Ceremony - senior side courts
11.40-12.40pm: Sport Rotations set 1 - both senior and junior campus
12.40-1.10pm: Lunch break: sit in Countries on senior side courts
1.20-2.20pm: Rotations set 2 - both senior and junior campus
2.30-3.00pm: Closing Ceremony - senior side courts
Parents are most welcome to come and spectate during the day.
- 2.5 Production Lost Property** – A number of pupils seem to have swapped their uniform for other pupils during production. Please check at home and return anything taken by accident to the senior lost property bin. Thank you.
- 2.6 New Entrants Applications** – The closing date for ALL new entrants for 2013 is 24 August 2012. Below are siblings we have received applications for, if your child's name is not listed please get your application in as soon as possible as this will help us with planning for 2013: Samuel Hitchins, Oliver Lubbers, Susannah Regnault, Joel Buxton, Jacob Taylor, Samuel Tuata, Jireh Tainui, Elijah Hendry, Joshua Nicholson, Grace Williams, Elynore Marsden, Amelia Blockley, Lily Norton, Hadassah Prangell, Rachel Denne, Charlotte Cooper, Mischa Haultain, Ella Linton, Abigail Brown, Archie Duncan, Isaac Tilbury, Elijah Rodger, Joseph Sandes, Will Fisher, Savanah Franc, Jasmine Hoani, Melody Ehau, Amelia Spicer.
- 2.7 Uniform** – A new shipment of PE uniform has arrived so a full range of sizes is now available again. Old Style Uniform (Sell on Behalf) - I have a large number of **old style** boys navy polo's and senior girls winter and summer skirts. We will no longer be selling these in the uniform shop as they are outdated. If I have your items and you would like them back please send me an email (hillviewuniform@gmail.com) letting me know before the end of July, otherwise these will be disposed of. Thanks. Rhonda

- 2.8 Congratulations** – Luke Mitchell has qualified for the Primary Sports Canterbury Cross Country team and has been made the Year 5 Boys' captain. Luke will run for Canterbury against Wellington and Tasman teams in the Inter-Regional Cross Country on Thursday 27 September in Wellington.
The Hillview Year 7/8 Boys' Basketball team won the Primary Sports Canterbury Indoor Tournament in the last week last term. They went through the day long tournament unbeaten! Well done to them and their Coach, Andrew Harrison.
- 2.9 Ed Alive Software** – These have now arrived for those who placed an order. They are available for collection from the office.
- 2.10 Scholastic Book Club** – New brochures have arrived!

HSA & BOT News

- 3.1 Entertainment Books** – We have on 5 copies left! If you wish to buy one, they are \$65.00 each. First in, first served!
- 3.2 Beanie & Scarf Fundraiser** – These are available to collect from the uniform shop on Friday after school.

Community Notices

- 4.1 Tweens and Teens Toolbox Course** – Running at Hillview in Term 3. The teenage years can be like riding a roller coaster. Toolbox courses aim to take out a few of the nastier twists and turns on the track, and also to help you to hold on and enjoy the ride. Next term there will be a Tweens and Teens Toolbox course here at Hillview run by a trained Parents Inc facilitator. The course runs over six sessions and covers topics such as atmosphere, boundaries, communication, discipline, self-esteem, and future focus. The course runs every Thursday evening for six consecutive weeks and starts week 2 of term 3, Thursday 26 July. 7.00pm-9.30pm. Visit www.theparentingplace.com for more information. To sign up for the course please contact Philippa Becker (p.becker@hillview.school.nz or 9811 373).
- 4.2 Girls Brigade** – Are you looking for something fun to do on Tuesday nights? At Girls Brigade you can make new friends, learn new skills and crafts, and have fun in a caring Christian environment. Our aim is to help girls live a balanced life and discover their potential through the range of activities we offer, covering physical, social, educational and spiritual aspects. 4th Christchurch meets at Opawa Baptist Church, 285 Wilsons Road on a Tuesday night from 6.00-7.30pm. We currently have spaces for 5 – 8 year olds and limited space for 9 year olds and over. Please contact Debbie Jaeger on 4thchchgirlsbrigade@gmail.com if you would like to know more, or phone 322 5256 (after hours).

Verses to learn Term 3

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle response defuses anger, but a sharp tongue kindles a temper-fire.

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:-

- God's rich blessings on us as a school
- the unity we have at Hillview Christian School
- passionate teachers and supportive parents

Please pray for:-

- protection on our marriages and families
- the school to continue being a blessing to others

Join us for prayer tomorrow morning from 8.20am in the small theatre next to the library.

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