

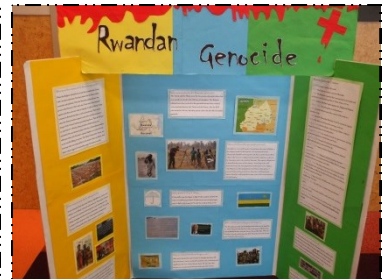
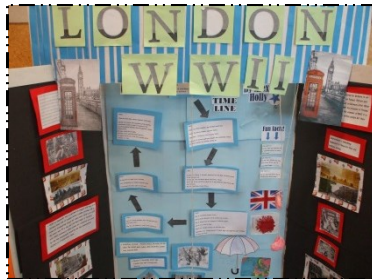


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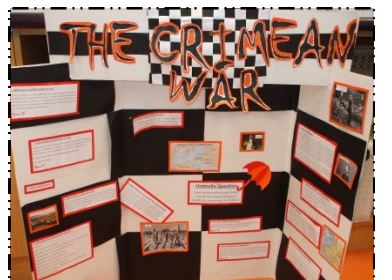
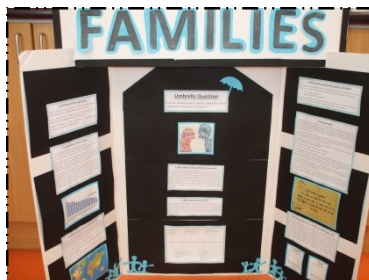


Our Vision: To grow young people who love God and impact others through service and leadership.

Our Mission: To provide a quality education in a Christian environment where children can develop their God-given abilities.



The two Year 8 classes recently completed their conflict inquiry. Students partnered up with a classmate to research a number of questions relating to their topic of interest under the umbrella of 'Conflict'. Each group had to present their findings on panel boards. Some of these displays can be seen in the office.



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Excellence – We always give of our best

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.”

30 April

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Principal's Ponderings...



Kia ora Parents.

This week I have asked Mrs Learey to contribute to the newsletter.

Many Blessings,
Steve Frost

(Principal)

Dear Hillview Community.

Recently I have been reading some of Joni Eareckson Tada's writings. I find her inspirational. A diving accident in 1967 left Joni, then 17, a quadriplegic in a wheelchair. She founded Joni and Friends in 1979 to provide Christ-centred programmes to special-needs families, as well as training to churches. Joni survived stage 3 breast cancer in 2010. She has written over 50 books, is a songwriter, a painter, and she continues – 48 years since her accident - to minister with her husband Ken, through radio and T.V., as well as having visited 47 countries sharing her love for Christ, and passionately encouraging people in their faith. You may like to look at her website - www.joniandfriends.org. I am sure you will find it inspiring. Joni has won numerous awards including several for excellence, notably for persevering in the face of great difficulties.

Excellence is our term's value. “We aim high, we do our best, and we persevere in the face of difficulties or obstacles.” Let me share some of the ways the pupils on the Junior Campus are encouraging excellence:

- giving a badge (“I showed excellence today”) out each day to a child who has done their best
- encouraging other children to ask that person why they got the badge, to reinforce the concept
- making a poster to show how we can show excellence in the classroom, in the playground, at home, and in sports teams
- taking photos of children displaying excellence e.g. a photo of a child who does not excel at running, but who finished the Cross Country. The child did his/her best
- basing the Word of the Week on what excellence means e.g. strive, persevere

Excellence is often seen as something achieved by the top 5%. But Joni's story shows us what it really means. Despite her struggles she achieves excellence. It is not just about doing our best with our strengths, but also doing our best with or in our weaknesses. Taking Joni as an example, we can teach our children to identify their strengths and weaknesses and to use these to pursue excellence. 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Let us strive to use both our strengths and weaknesses to honour God and to serve others.

May God bless you.

Margaret Learey

Head of Junior Campus

Tips for Learning



Year 0-2 Tips for Developing Thinking Skills
(by Philippa Becker)

Tip two: Flexibility

Flexibility encourages children to think of different ways to approach a problem, to think of possibilities. This thinking skill is useful in a variety of contexts, both academic and practical (i.e., the playground).

Ask your child the following types of questions:

- * How many different ways could you have travelled to school this morning?
- * I have a mystery object in this paper bag... What could it be?
- * Your pet budgie has escaped from its cage into a nearby tree. How many different ways can you think of to get it back?
- * Think of three different ways you could use a ball for a game.
- * A large egg has mysteriously appeared in our backyard. Think of all the reasons it could be there.
- * You and your sister both want to play with the same toy. Think of three different ways you could share the toy

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Leah Blondell** who took third place in the Girls U14 50m Breaststroke at the Canterbury Secondary Schools Swimming Champs at Jellie Park recently. This possibly could be our first ever placing at a Secondary Schools level.

We had three teams involved at the Cantabrians Rugby Fun Day (Year 4, 5 and 6) and they all had an awesome time. We had eight wins out of nine games and scored approximately 60 tries! The Year 4 and Year 6 teams were unbeaten with both winning their final games by over 60 points. The main emphasis was on fun though and the boys and girls had a great time working as teams together.



Assemblies next week

- Y0-2:** Friday 2.20pm – 3.00pm – Junior Staffroom
- Y3-6:** Wednesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm – Junior Staffroom
- Y7-10:** Wednesday 1.30pm – 2.15pm – Bowling Club

Dates to Remember

- 1.1 Friday 1 May** – Mufti Day “Blast from the Past”
- 1.2 Monday 4 May** – South Zone Y7/8 Basketball Tournament at Hillview 12.30-3.15pm
- 1.3 Thursday 7 May** – Y5-8 Winter Sport commences at Hagley Park
- 1.4 Friday 8 May** – Year 9/10 Basketball starts
- 1.5 Tuesday 12 May** – Open Days from 9:00-10:15am and 1.30pm-2.45pm
- 1.6 Wednesday 13 May** – Y9/10 Winter Sport commences
- 1.7 Thursday 14 May** – Open Days from 9:00-10:15am and 1.30pm-2.45pm
- 1.8 Wednesday 20 May** – Y5-8 South Zone Cross Country 10.00am-12noon Halswell Quarry
- 1.9 Friday 22 May** – Year 5/6 Orana Park trip
- 1.10 Tuesday 26 May** – Y7/8 Indoor Tournament for Basketball and Volleyball

- 1.11 **Tuesday 26 May** – Y9/10 Canterbury Secondary Schools Cross Country
- 1.12 **Thursday 28 May** – Speech Contest and Talent Quest evening at South City C3
- 1.13 **Friday 29 May** – Year 9 Bike Trip to Bottle Lake
- 1.14 **Friday 29 May** – Year 10 Leadership Day

Noticeboard



2.1 **Rolleston Christian School Official Opening** – Approximately sixteen Year 6 pupils will be performing in the Kapahaka presentation at the official opening of Rolleston Christian School (parents/pupils have been informed). The school will be officially opened by the Hon. Hekia Parata. Pupils will need to meet at 7.50am at Hillview **TOMORROW** ready to catch the bus. Students should wear winter uniform and be well presented. They will return to Hillview not long after lunch.

2.2 **Lost Property** – In the office we have many smaller valuable items unclaimed ie: watches, glasses, jewellery etc. If you or your child may have mislaid something please come and check. Anything unclaimed will be disposed of at the end of May. Thanks.



2.2 **Term 1 Lost Property** – We have unclaimed lost property from the Senior and Junior Campus. There are many unnamed or illegibly named uniforms, mufti clothes, and swimwear. These will be available for inspection in the AV room (off the Library) on the Junior Campus from Wednesday 29 April until Wednesday 6 May - 3.30pm. Following this they will be unfortunately disposed.

2.3 **Mufti Day** – 'Blast from the Past' Mufti Day, tomorrow, Friday 1 May, Term 2, Week 2. We raising money to go towards the building of accommodation for families who need to come to Christchurch for cancer treatment. Dress up like old actors, musicians or fashion from the past or even try characters from old school comic books or TV shows. Gold coin donation. Teachers and staff to dress up too!



2.4 **Open Days** – We have our annual Open Days coming up soon, these will be held on Tuesday 12 May and Thursday 14 May. See our website for more information on times and booking places www.hillview.school.nz. If you have friends and family interested in Hillview please let them know.

2.5 **Middleton Grange Open Days** – Parents of our current Year 10s; Middleton will be holding their Open Days on Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 May. For more info please visit their website www.middleton.school.nz

2.6 **Winter Uniform** – Full winter uniform needs to be worn this term. Please do not mix summer & winter uniforms. If you are unsure what your child needs please refer to the School Handbook, your class teacher, or Emma at the uniform shop.

2.7 **Year 5-8 Winter Sport and Gym** – This starts on Thursday 7 May. The buses leave Hillview at 1.00pm and students return by 3.00pm. Rugby players need a mouth guard (jerseys are provided), Football players need shin pads and Hockey players need a mouth guard and shin pads. All children wear PE gear on Thursdays. Teams and Draws (or link to them) will be on the Sports Blog when available. Hockey, Rugby and Football need school sports socks which can be bought for \$10 from the office.

2.8 **Year 9-10 Wednesday Sport** – This starts on Wednesday 13 May. Students' games are usually from 3.15-4.00pm and are either at Hillview or other schools etc. We travel by school van or teachers/parents cars.

2.9 **Year 8 Parent Information Evening** – This evening (which informed parents about the pathway through to Year 9/10) was held on Tuesday night. If any Year 8 parent would like to view the power point or find out more details, please contact Dean Stanton at d.stanton@hillview.school.nz

2.10 **Year 0-2 Hockey with Southern United** – Fridays 4.00-5.00pm at the Sydenham Turf. If you are interested in these skills sessions starting on Friday 7 May, please email Mr Norton on p.norton@hillview.school.nz

2.11 **Snowfall/Cancellations** – A reminder that all parents can assume that school will be open unless there is a cancellation made by 7.40am. If there is a cancellation, this will be communicated through our text service, website, on Newstalk ZB, and our phone answering service.

HSA and BOT News

3.1 **HSA AGM** – Home and School Association will be having their AGM on Wednesday 6 May, 7.30pm in the Junior Campus Staffroom. If you are interested in joining the HSA or would like to know who we are and what we do then feel free to email Rachel Trengrove racheltrengrove@gmail.com or Aroha Skinner stephenaroha_skinner@hotmail.com



3.2 **Calling all Funky Pumpkin customers** – If you shop at Funky Pumpkin on Colombo Street please keep your receipts and give them to the HSA. Funky Pumpkin will give the school a % of the amount purchased (excluding Westmeat). Please bring them to the office and place them in the HSA.

3.3 **Entertainment Books** – Please place your order with the school office using your named ordering envelope you should have received last week. This would make a great Mother's Day gift.



Community Notices

4.1 **Parenting Courses in Canterbury** – Toolbox are offering Parenting Courses in your area. For more information contact either Kirsten Wyllie on 355 2680 or Lynley Garratt on 355 2680.

Verses to Learn Term 2

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

1 Timothy 4:12

Prayer Requests



Give thanks for:-

- God's rich blessings on us as a school
- passionate teachers and supportive parents

Please pray for:-

- the protection and strengthening of our marriages
- the smooth completion of our school gym

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

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