



"God is Truth"



Warmest Christmas greetings to you all,

What a wonderful time of the year it is in North Canterbury and at our precious school. It's all go around here: Year 10 camp in full swing, Middle Primary students yachting at Pegasus, surfing at Waikuku, Gifted and talented group at Science Alive, younger ones at Jellie Park, and the Road Patrollers Fun Day. And lots of parents in support – so appreciated!

In my seven plus years at New Life I think this has been the most settled and focused year I have experienced. The kids have been awesome, the teachers so dedicated, and the Lord so good, so faithful, and so merciful. I reach a bit of a milestone at the end of this year - thirty years of teaching and principalship in New Zealand schools and I couldn't think of a better place to be to celebrate this feat. I am just so humbled by the fact that this place stands as a testament to God's purposes and plans for families in our community as we seek, serve and soar in educating young people.

Last newsletter I focused on the increasingly outstanding accomplishments of our senior college students in their NCEA, Scholarship, and Cambridge courses and examinations. This week, as I sign off on primary and junior secondary reports and analyse the data from assessments over the year, I am so impressed by the learning outcomes of our students. This reflects the careful instruction and follow-through from our teachers, student focus and engagement, and the support of home.

The Board and Management have received notification that the Education Review Office will be carrying out a review of our school sometime in the early to mid-part of Term 1 of 2011. Their focus is to ascertain and report on how effectively our school's curriculum promotes student learning in terms of engagement, progress, and achievement. We look forward to working with the review team, showing them the wonderful educational and spiritual outcomes we are providing for all our students and the value of our processes of self-review that are contributing to these outcomes.

With just over a week to go until the finish of school here are some important reminders:

- ◆ Year 1-10 prize giving at 7.00pm on Wednesday 8th December at the Rangiora Baptist church centre. Students will be in full summer uniform. This event is compulsory for all.
- ◆ The last day of Term is Friday 10th December.
- ◆ The school will be open for instruction until 12.30pm.
- ◆ Ensure that any outstanding school accounts are paid promptly with the office.
- ◆ Have your child check the lost property for missing uniform.
- ◆ Return any outstanding school library books.
- ◆ Contribute to our Christmas food bank boxes at the office.



Blessings Gregg Weaver

Notices

Junior School Prizegiving

Our Junior School Prizegiving (Year 1-10) is being held on the evening of Wednesday 8th December. The celebration commences at 7pm at the Rangiora Baptist Church Centre, 111 East Belt, Rangiora.

All students need to be in full and correct summer uniform and report to the church's youth lounge at 6.45pm.

This prize giving is regarded by the school as being a requirement of all students and parents.

Other family members and friends are also warmly invited to join us for this wonderful evening of celebrating achievements by a wide variety of our students.

A reminder that school resumes on Monday the 31st January at 8.45.



Jesus told him (Thomas), "I am the way, the truth, the life. No one can come to the father except through me." John 14.6

And I came to bring truth to the world. All who love the truth recognise that what I say is true.



Birthdays

January 2011:

Katie Barrett 16

Elin Blythe 14

Desmond Ching 15

Emma Chinnery 12

Garrick Edge 17

Courtney Fairbrother 14

Brooke Finlay 13

Kara Gunn 12

Caitlin Jarry 10

Sarah Lorenz 16

Leroy McIntyre 11

Hannah Newman 9

Patrick Rose 15

Kelsey Rowe 18

Jennifer Sale 14

Keagan Smith 13

Aimee Tissiman 13

Yannik Turner 8

Deborah Van der Weij 11

Rebecca Van der Weij 15

Sophie Vos 9



"Exodus" on DVD!

Exodus DVD's for sale and available now. Relive the awesome story and wonderful performances of our Secondary School production for 2010.

Price is only \$10 to cover the cost of production please purchase at the school office Ph: 313 6332

Blessings, Mrs Hibbert

Does anyone have any light coloured acrylic paint (ie: white cream) that you could donate to the school? Wanted by the caretaker for marking



A Reminder that all lost property will be displayed in the foyer next Friday 10th Dec. Please take the time to look as all remaining articles will be washed and sold.

Send out your light and your truth; let them guide me. Psalm 43:3



Don't Forget Jesus

Christmas is a special time
To reflect on Jesus Christ
The wonders of His lowly birth
Brings meaning to our lives

There really is no other reason
We celebrate this day
The birth of God's precious Son
And the life He willingly gave

But so much seems to distract us
In the the busy-ness of our lives
We lose our focus in all the happenings
Not knowing, we leave out Christ

We need to stop and reflect awhile
Remembering our precious Lord
His birth, His life and sacrifice
And all that He stands for

For though the world may celebrate
It seems though for other reasons
Let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ
IS THE TRUE MEANING OF THE SEASON!!

Reading Expo hat was to be held on Thursday 2nd December has now been postponed until Term one of 2011.



We are receiving feedback from parents that they would like to attend, but at this stage of the year, diaries are fairly full so people are having to pace themselves to arrive intact for Christmas celebrations.

We will get back to you next year with an alternative day and time.

From the Year 0-8 Team



One of the best presents at Christmas is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other!!

<p>Friday 3rd December: Year 9 Beach day</p>	<p>Monday 6th December: Year 5-6 & Year 10 Tramp to Mount Thomas</p> 
<p>Wednesday 8th December: Junior Prize Giving 7pm Students to arrive by 6.45</p>	<p>Friday 10th December: Final day of school finishing ; 12.30pm</p> 

Primary News-Ross Nicholson

Tragedy:

Like all New Zealanders, our children have been moved by the heart-breaking news on the West Coast. Pupils have been praying in classrooms and writing letters of support to families on the coast. New Zealand is a small place, and a tragedy of this magnitude affects us all. For myself, the tragedy was close to heart, with one of my former pupils perishing in the mine. This brings many memories and also grief for a life cut short with dreams unfulfilled. We remember parents, siblings and children struggling in the depths of their loss.

Reporting:

Teachers have been spending weekends and evenings, writing reports for your child. This year the workload has tripled with another set of benchmarks, the National Standards, coming alongside the national curriculum. Thankfully we were able to use staffing generated from my sick leave in Term 2 to release teachers to compile indicators for the Overall Teacher Judgements. However, the completed 'products' still needed to be actioned for each pupil, and this contributed to the significant increase in teacher workload outside school hours. Traditionally any new educational endeavour has been based on sound research from our universities, carefully designed, trialled in pilot schools, refined before being released to schools throughout New Zealand. Good ideas take thought and time to be successful, and it is disappointing that a national endeavour was not given the professional treatment it deserved before being implemented. I appreciate the families of staff who have gone without mum or dad for the past two months while teachers have worked through this process.

If you do not receive your child's report by Monday 6 December, please let me know.

Class organisation for 2011:

Next year, we have decided to become more creative in how we utilise staffing. We intend to have a focus on the National Standards with two teachers utilised to work with numeracy and literacy supporting pupils in their learning.

The organisation is as follows:

Year 1/2	Mrs. Rogers	Room 1 or 2 depending on size	
Year 3/4	M. Coulthard	Room 4	
Year 4/5	Mr. de Roo	Room 5	
Year 6/7	Mr. Tindall	Room 6	
Year 7/8	Mrs. Richardson	Room 7	
Year 7/8	Mr. Webb	Room 8	
Year 5/6 and 7/8	Remedial and extension maths		Mrs. Craven
Year 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8	Remedial and extension English		To be appointed
Year 1 to 2	Home School Partnership literacy		To be appointed

The two positions "To be appointed," are actually one position, and will probably be around half time per week. We invite teachers who would like to apply for the position to write a brief letter to Mr. Weaver, Area School Principal, by Friday 10 December, stating strengths.

Primary News-Cont.

We ask you to continue to pray for our new entrant and Year 1/2 intake, as we want to see this grow so we can develop two classes at this level. This is important for the long term growth of our school.

Education Outside the Classroom:

Thank you to parents for your support over the year, and also to parents who supported the surfing and sailing days this week for the Year 5/6 pupils and also for the water day at Jellie Park for the Years 1 to 4. Thank you also to the teachers in this area for organising the events, and to senior high school pupils, Daniel Evans and Pania Watson, who worked with our pupils before moving onto future tertiary studies in 2011. We pray for success for their futures. (Photos will be spread throughout this newsletter.)

Appreciation:

Thank you once again for your continued prayer throughout the year. Prayer does make a difference, and I have appreciated your prayer for my two operations and for my third operation just prior to Christmas. Please continue to pray for our school over the Christmas New Year period, that families would be drawn to our school and that the Spirit of God would continue to abide in all families and lead us on together.

Lake Pegasus Sailing day



Secondary News- Computing changes to Digital Technology

The subject previously known as Computing at level 1 NCEA will from 2011 on be known as Digital Technology. With the name change comes a complete revision of the syllabus, including a change from Unit Standards to Achievement Standards and some external assessment besides the usual internal assessment.

The traditional areas of office skills, computer systems and multimedia will still be covered, but in a shorter time, and added to this are the areas of electronics, computer science and programming. Most of the course is based around a major project and, as evidence for assessment, students will be taking photos and videos of their work as they go along.

The new syllabus was put together by a team from schools, universities and business people and seeks to fulfil the needs for people trained in digital technology in many areas of New Zealand business, as we are currently sourcing most employees with these skills from overseas. There is a bright future ahead for any student who has sound skills in the area of Digital Technology.

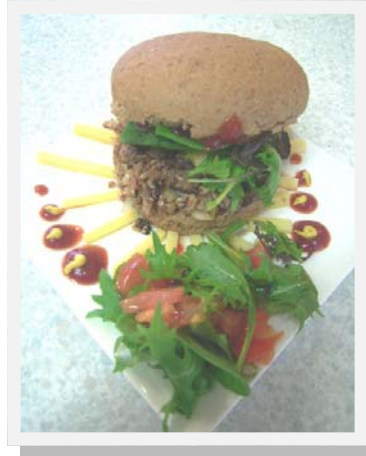
H Berends

HOD Computing



Year 9 Home Economics
At the end of term 2 and term 4 my groups take part in a hamburger competition. These are some of the creative gourmet burgers prepared earlier in term 2. The term 4 group will be participating this week.

Karen Collins



WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR?

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF

Have you ever wondered how you could be effective in helping those less fortunate than yourself?

Would you like to see where your money goes when sponsoring, see a life changed?

Well, here's an opportunity for you!!

Next year our school has agreed to participate in a scholarship programme in association with World Vision.

We have committed to having a Year 11 boy from Mongolia at our school who for approximately five years has been living in a World Vision 'Lighthouse' in Mongolia. There are many reasons why children live in these homes; many have no parents, for one reason or another are unable to live at home, or there is no family home.

The home that our student has been resident of provides support for up to 17 boys in which they are taught life skills for the future with a World Vision social worker. They are learning English, dancing/choir, woodwork and also learn to look after younger children who are also homeless. The top achievers in these young people are being offered a hugely unimaginable opportunity – to study for 1 year overseas.

At this point we have a family who are willing to take this boy into their home with no financial support from the school or world vision and it is our intention to offer the opportunity for you in our school community to contribute to a fund to help with the extras that are incurred in daily life and helping to show this boy our wonderful hospitality and country.

If you would like to contribute by a one off donation or on a regular basis we will hold the money in a fund to go towards his general needs or if you have a specific area you would like to give towards eg. Entry to the Hanmer Pools, Gondola ride, etc.

What would you like your kids to have if they were in this situation? For more information go to web site as listed below.

http://www.streetchildren.de/en_streetki.html

Karyn Ward has been awarded one of two National NZEI Support Staff/Early Childhood Scholarships for 2011-2012 worth \$5,000.

The scholarship will be used towards fees and/or research expenses for her Masters degree in History.

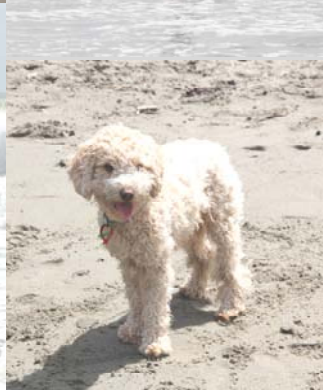


Room 5 & 6 and the year 5's in Room 4 had two awesome days of surfing and sailing at Waikuku Beach and Lake Pegasus. All the students got their chance to hang 10 on the waves. A BIG thank you goes to local surfer and dad Greg Bradshaw for giving up his time to teach, plus Daniel Evans and Pania Watson for their unbelievable talent to interact with students.

Thank you to all the parents for their transport and help without you these days would not be possible. Nick deRoo



PRINCIPAL BEACH ATTIRE!!



Live@edu

Rangiora New Life School is one of eight schools in Canterbury trialling a connection for staff and students at live@edu (live.com). Canterbury University is already on this system, and with all schools soon having fast Internet access with the new national fiber optic cable, it makes sense to store our email and much of our data "in the cloud". This means it will be available 24/7 from anywhere in the world.

In practice, for students, it means having the same data which is currently accessible at school, also accessible from home. This includes their Home directory (H drive or Z drive) . All students will have 5Gbytes (yes Gbytes, not Mbytes) of email online, as well as another 25Gbytes of hard drive space on Skydrive, an online service, all free of charge. Students will no longer have the fear of losing their pen drives, and thus all their work.

Together with this, students can use Microsoft Outlook from the web, as well as slightly cut down versions of Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint. Furthermore, students can share their documents and folders with other class members and teachers, and teachers can share their folders to classes as a way of allowing students to download files needed for specific subjects.

There will be some teething problems, of course. Staff will be making the change just before the holidays, and students when they come back in the new year, and later parents will also be encouraged to join.

For further information, please contact Mr H Berends. Staff email addresses will be unchanged, so the contact is still hberends@rnls.school.nz. See you "in the cloud".



Pike River Mine Disaster

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families devastated by the Pike River Mine disaster.

Well done to the thoughtful teacher and students from Room 6 who this week sent letters and art to the Grey Main School expressing our support and sympathy.

We have chosen this picture drawn by Regan Wilson to show some of what was sent.

Well done Regan for the great picture!

Order your Stationery the easy way!!

This year we are using Myschool Website to order school stationery, making purchasing easy care. We encourage you to jump at this as the school receives 10% of sales and you don't have to even leave your house!! No more standing in the crowded shops ticking off items on the long lists and please note that you can delete any items you already have. Prices are very competitive with the shops, even to free delivery over \$57.50!

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See page 10 for conditions

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CANTERBURY PRIMARY ATHLETICS

Were held at QE11 on Tues 2nd Dec from 9am—3pm.

A very successful day was had by all our students and they were a credit to our school. The competition was tough but our students had a positive attitude and took up the challenge!

TEAM: 3rd placings

*Ben Wicksteed, Daniel McGoldrick, Gabriel Donnelly, Andrei Jongens 4x 100m Relay

*Esra McGoldrick—High Jump *Andrei Jongens—Shot put

*Sam Willis, Ollie Willis—Long Jump

* Daniel McGoldrick—1200m distance * Ben Wicksteed—60m sprints

10-13 year olds - Make a Live TV Show in ONE Day!! Only \$100

Beyond The Camera Beginners is an introductory 1 day course on Saturday 11th December for 10-13year olds who love to act, sing, dance, play an instrument.

It is aimed at young people who want to learn how to operate a real television studio. The students will both perform in front of the camera and drive the studio. BTC is held at St Andrews College in Christchurch.

For further information, please email btcfranc@yahoo.com, or contact Franc Bol on 021 666921 or 940 2065

www.beyondthecamera.org.nz

Kaiapoi Carnival & Market Day 2010

Saturday 4th December all day from 9am. Come along to the best Christmas Carnival in Canterbury for a fun family day.

Stalls galore, clowns, kids rides, wood-chopping, fire displays, music and the Santa Parade at 1:30pm.

Don't forget the exciting new Carnival event "The Great Kaiapoi Bed Race" at 2:30pm. You won't want to miss the wonderful Carnival atmosphere. For the full programme visit www.kaiapoi.org.nz or call Angie on 021 124 7653.

Surf Kids Childrens Surf Programme

Learn the skills of Surfing and Bodyboarding in a fun, safe environment.

2 hour classes. All equipment provided. Professional instruction from Aaron Lock.

Sundays 10-12pm until 19 Dec

Also various times during holidays

Please contact Aaron for dates

Cost : Pre booked \$28 per day or \$125 for five classes \$30 casual **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Venue : Scarborough Beach, Sumner, cnr Stoke St and Esplanade For a registration sheet go to

www.surfcoach.co.nz or ph Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873)



ALPINE ICE

2011 SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY

LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM

WEEK 1: January 17-21st

WEEK 2: January 24-28th

TIME: 9.00-9.45am

COST PER WEEK:

\$100.00 hire skates/\$90.00own skates

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2½ to 5 years.
Do come and visit!

57 Hodgsons Road
Loburn (next to Loburn school)
Ph (03) 312 8122
Email: littleonepre school@xtra.co.nz

Rangiora Toyota Santa Parade

This is a great day for all the family.

The parade will begin at **2pm on Sunday 12th December along Rangiora High St.**



Party in the Park

Party in the park will be held in Victoria Park following on after the Santa parade on Sunday 12th December. This will be the usual summer celebration of music, food and family entertainment.

Christmas Celebration Night

will be held on December 21st from 5pm, on High St. with market stalls entertainment, rides for the kids and late night shopping and the kids balloon drop full of great prizes .

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