



What defines us?

Hi Folks,

Last Friday I had the privilege of listening to Karen Sewell, Secretary for Education (the top position in the Ministry of education) at the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Principals' meeting. One thing she said really resonated with me more than any other. In reference to the recent events in Christchurch and the region she said that while the events will undoubtedly shape the lives of our young people and that they will carry significant memories and experiences as a result, their lives need not and indeed should not be defined by the events. As I was wandering Woodend beach over the weekend I started to ponder on this idea of what should define our lives; not just shape them but define them. And by way of extension what should define the lives of our children, our Christian congregations, and this faith community of learning here at New Life.

I can only speak for myself and as a leader in this fine school. Many people, events and things have and do shape me. I am a son, a husband, father, brother, friend, educational leader, colleague, university student, member of an Elim congregation, resident of Woodend, musician and so on. I grew up in the sunny Hawkes Bay, attended Massey, got engaged and married, had two girls, and lost my father. I've got made money, given money, spent money, paid taxes. I've taught infants through to senior college kids, written school musicals, coached sport, and been on countless camps. During my lifetime I have seen the arrival of PC's, mobiles, men on the moon, the fall of the Soviet Republic, the Berlin wall and the twin towers, the Jesus people movement and the charismatic renewal.

There is no doubt that I have been shaped by all these but I do not want to be defined by these. That which I long with all my being to define my life is being a child of God and devoted disciple and faithful servant of Christ who seeks at all times to love God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength and love others as myself. And what's more, I want this for all those who work and attend this wonderful school.

Gregg Weaver

My warmest congratulations and thanks to my staff and students of 2010 for the outstanding NCEA results! See P.3

What's On

Check the calendar on the school's website for amendments.

TERM 1 / Week 11

Mon 11	HOUS DAY (in PE Uniform)
Tues 12	Primary Interviews (2-6pm)
Wed 13	Primary Interviews (2-6pm)
Wed 13	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wed 13—Fri 15	CASAFEST @ Amuri
Fri 15	Last Day of School for Term

TERM 2 / Week 1 [MAY]

Mon 2	School starts for Term 2
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TERM 2 / Week 2

Wed 11	Careers Expo field trip
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Special Notices re Term 2

Thur 2 June	Open day and evening
Fri 3 June	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Mon 6 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

1 Corinthians 1:8-9

*He will keep you strong to the end,
that you will be blameless in the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God who has called you into fel-
lowship with his Son Jesus*

Term Dates 2011

TERM 2	Starts Monday	2 May
	Ends Friday	15 July
TERM 3	Starts Monday	1 August
	Ends Friday	7 October
TERM 4	Starts Tuesday	25 October
	Ends Friday	9 December

Notices



Earthquake fundrasing

Guess the number of lollies in the jar!

The winning guess for:-

Years 9 and 10

Years 11, 12 and 13

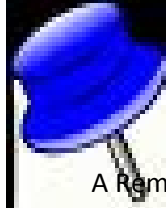
will win a prize!

50 cents per guess.

On sale 4 April

Prizes drawn at Year 0 to 13 School Assembly
Period 6 15 March

Be in to win!



A Reminder that all lost property will be displayed in the primary foyer next this Thursday 7th and Friday 8th April. Please take the time to look as all remaining articles will be washed and sold.

EFTPOS is now available at the school office for payments relating to school items such as , stationery, second hand uniform etc.

Thanks!
Ruth Russell



Yr11-13 students requiring **blazers** have been fitted for size. They will be **required** to wear them in Term 2. A letter is being sent home explaining details on ordering and payment.

Primary Football

Our school's three primary football teams won 2 out of 3 games on Monday afternoon/evening. Shyann de Roo scored her first goal, now that she's begun to stop tackling players on her own side!!!! At 5.30pm for the last game we only had 5 players for a 9 side Yr 6-8 game, Waikuku were inviting us to default. However just as the game kicked off the rest of the team came , (even for a sub) and we ended up winning 2-1



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For more info

Contact:

Ruth Russell

Ph: 313 5482

Wk: 313 6332



MONSTER GARAGE SALE

All proceeds being donated to the Red Cross

WHEN: 9th of April 2011

WHERE: The Ark Pre School - 67 Fuller St
Kaiapoi

TIME: 10am to 2pm

Please help us raise money for the Red Cross Earthquake Appeal whether it be by donating goods

(drop off between 8am and 9am, morning of sale) OR

By coming down and grabbing a bargain!!

There will also be a sausage sizzle, free face painting and heavily discounted espresso coffee!!

All enquiries to Kelly Brown ph 327 4505

Board *Governance with heart*

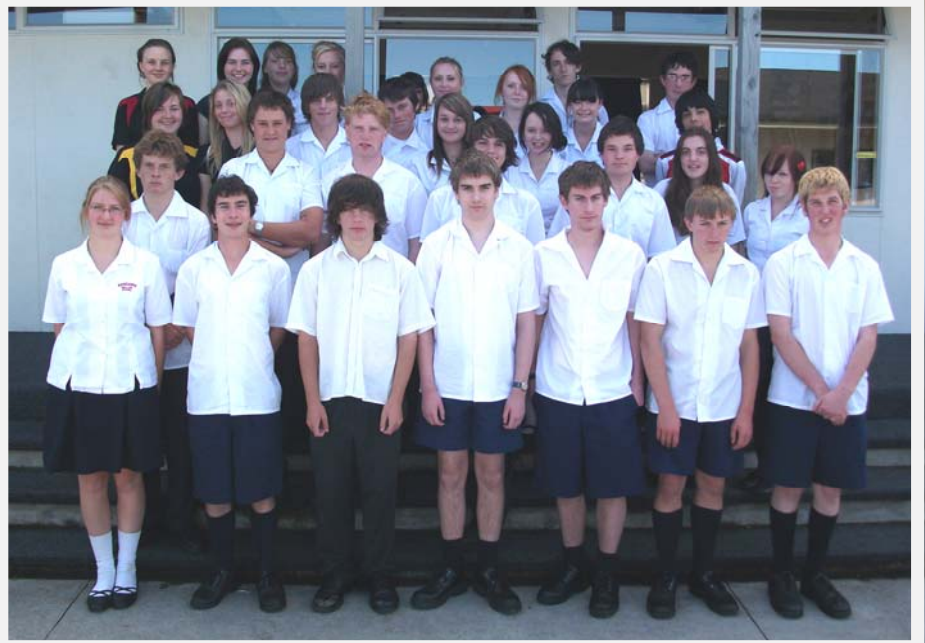
The next board meeting will be held in the School Staffroom 7pm on Wednesday 13th April.

Secondary

Outstanding NCEA Results—Congratulations to all our staff and students for the outstanding results obtained by our Year 11-13 students last year in NCEA. The highlight was all our year 11 students attaining their Level 1 NCEA award—we were the only school in Canterbury to achieve a perfect pass rate. The photo below shows our successful Year 11 students from 2010. As well as our year 11 results, just over 76% of our Year 12 students achieved their Level 2 NCEA and just over 86% of our Year 13 students obtained their Level 3 NCEA. These excellent results are also a credit to the parents of the students who obviously encouraged and motivated their children to revise their notes and spend time studying prior to the exams. All of our results compared very favourably with the national averages of 66% for Year 11, 68% for Year 12 and 55% for Year 13.

As well as these pleasing overall pass rates, we also had 84% of our Year 13 students achieving their University Entrance (National average = 65%), 15.8% of our Year 11 students and 14.3% of our Year 13 students achieving their awards endorsed with Merit.

RNLS also achieved it's first scholarship under the new NCEA system. Our school dux last year, Garrick Edge, was awarded a Scholarship in Mathematics with Statistics. Congratulations Garrick on an outstanding result.



Year 10 Archaeological Unit: This term Year 10's have discovered not only that Social Studies can be more than sitting behind a desk but that societies before the time of Christ were intelligent people and their inventions still have an impact today. Students started the term as archaeologists. The volleyball pit became an archaeological dig site and students used trowels to unearth "artefacts." Later in the term, 10FR experiences life as an Aztec (without the human sacrifice, of course). They tasted chocolate (chocolatl) the Aztec way with chilli, honey and vanilla. After learning about the Aztec ballgame – ullamaliztli – they took up the challenge of playing a game with different rules than they were used to (namely passing a ball without the use of hands or feet). It has been wonderful seeing the students engaging in this unit and developing their understanding both in the classroom and outside it.



Community Notices

Earthquake Fundraiser 'Dance to Raise'

Featuring dance acts such as

- * Tap
- * Hula
- * Belly dancing
- * Highland
- * Hip

There will also be a sausage sizzle, balloons etc

1pm Sunday 10th April

Rosburn Reception, Sparks Lane, Rangiora

\$5 p.p. over 5 years Gold coin for under 5's \$15 per family

Come and support this fun family day out and raise funds for the Christchurch Earthquake!

Garage Sale at Clarkville Playcentre

Saturday 16th April, 9am - 2pm.
Baby gear, kids clothes and toys + books for everyone.
Grab a bargain from \$1.
Proceeds to Clarkville Playcentre.
22 Heywards Rd
(opposite Clarkville school).

FITNESS CLASSES IN KAIAPOI



Every Thursday evening starting Thursday May 12th
Location: The Anglican Church Hall, 23 Cass Street, KAIAPOI

5:45pm-6:30pm: BOOTCAMP BOOSTER
Boost your spirits, confidence, fitness and strength in this fun 'bootcamp' style class. Cardiovascular fitness and muscle conditioning based exercises are interspersed with games in this challenging yet fun workout

6:45pm-7:45pm: SUPPLE STRENGTH
A yoga based workout to help you chill out, stretch out and relax. Enhance your flexibility, and tone and strengthen your muscles whilst choosing your own level of challenge

FIRST CLASS FREE!!!

Contact: Elly McGuinness
elly@naturalbalance.org.nz
www.naturalbalance.org.nz
021 0235 0169



Rangiora Hockey Club

Registration is still open for Rangiora Hockey

Club. All ages are welcome.

Please contact Grant on 021 1666 292 or

Sharon on (03)

LITTLE ONES PRESCHOOL

Little One Preschool has a new purpose built premises, with Christian staff

57 Hodgsons Road
Loburn
(next to Loburn school)
Ph (03) 312 8122
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Access to School Dental Services over the April school holiday period

Please note: due to the recent earthquake we have changed our place of treatment to our new **Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street.**

The Community Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary school children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times.

Monday, 18th April – 29th April 2011 (excluding weekends, Good Friday and Easter Monday)

Routine treatment will **not** be offered/available over the holidays and any accident related issues will be referred to Community Dentists as per usual practise.

Dental Clinic telephones will have a message regarding how to access emergency care.



Anna McCormick

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