



Newsletter

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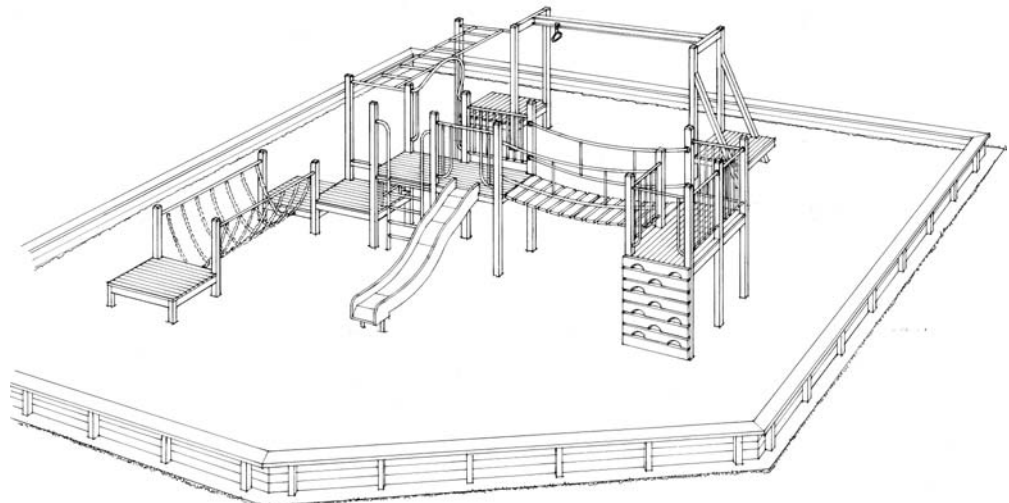
Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Welcome back to our final term for the 2009 school year. In store for us is a busy term with class and school trips, Year 7/8 Cambridge exams beginning Week 6 and of course preparations for our end of year junior and senior thanksgiving services.

Watch out for some exciting new developments regarding the building of an on-site adventure playground. We have an initial draft design: a huge thank you to a parent from the school Bryan Williams, for this. We will have a list of ways you can support this project posted on our notice board in the main building in the next few weeks. Feel free to ask questions, offer suggestions and get involved.

Proposed Adventure Playground

FOR
MANUKAU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
(3 STAGE DEVELOPMENT)



Dates to Remember

- Thursday 22 October:** Years 3 to 6: Kiwi Kapers
- Monday 26 October:** Labour Day. School closed
- Monday 16th November:** Start of seniors' exams
- Friday 4 December:** Junior Thanksgiving Concert
1.30pm
- Wednesday 9 December:** Senior Thanksgiving Concert
5.00pm
School closes at 2.00pm
- Friday 11 December:** Last day of term
School closes at 12.30pm
- Tuesday 3 February:** Start of Term 1, 2010



Enrolments

If you know of anyone wanting to enrol their children, please remind them to get their enrolment form in early. We are underway with planning for 2010.



Term Dates

2009

Term 3: 20 Jul - 25 Sep

Term 4: 12 Oct - 11 Dec

Fundraising Calendars

You would have received a form for Kids Art Works - Fundraising Calendars and Greeting Cards early this week. These calendars have a new look that includes a seasonal design with bonus voucher page offering special discounts and offers. Your child's artwork is available to view in the school office.

Term Dates 2010

Term 1: 3 February - 1 April

Term 2: 19 April - 2 July

Term 3: 19 July - 24 September

Term 4: 11 Oct - 10 December

Miscellaneous Items

Lego for Room 2 Thank you for your contributions in this regard.

Photolife Please could all photo money be returned by the end of this week (23rd October). Please return unwanted photographs.



Mini Trampoline

Mrs Ackermann in Year 1 needs a small round bouncer / trampoline for her class. If anyone can help, please see Mrs Ackermann.



Help Needed Please

We need a few parents to help make crafts and do some minor sewing for our junior thanksgiving concert. We would like to have all tasks completed by the end of Week 4. Please see Miss Luck if you can help. Thank you.

Blogspot for Friends of the School

FrieMCS

Did you know that the school has a blog for friends and families of Manukau Christian School (shortened to FrieMCS)? Access it through our website www.manukauchristian.school.nz or log onto **www.FrieMCS.blogspot.com**.

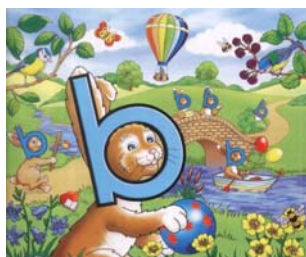
Post your comments, add your favourite recipes or see what's current in the area of Christian education.



Experts call for new approach to literacy teaching

URGENT CHANGE IS NEEDED to address declining adult literacy levels, Massey University College of Education pro-vice-chancellor, James Chapman, has warned. Speaking at a literacy research symposium in Christchurch, Chapman said the 2006 adult literacy survey results showed minimal improvements in adult literacy from data gathered 10 years earlier. “In fact, for young adults aged 16—24, the results are actually worse. Considering the huge resources that have gone into literacy instruction in schools over the past 20 years, the results should have been better,” he said. Chapman said the disappointing figures were not a surprise. “New Zealand’s approach to literacy instruction hasn’t provided enough children in our schools with the foundation skills needed to develop competence in reading, and for them to remain competent learners. **A key skill in learning to read is learning the links between sounds in spoken language and the letters of the alphabet that represent those sounds.*** Children who can’t figure out words when they’re reading get bogged down and many eventually give up....New Zealand’s experiment with the ‘whole language’ approach to literacy instruction and early intervention has now flowed through into adulthood and has failed to achieve its goals.” Chapman and his colleagues said a major change in the approach to literacy instruction in schools, based on overwhelming scientific evidence, was long overdue.

*** You probably know that since inception of Manukau Christian School in 1987 we have always used a systematic phonics approach to teaching reading.**



Visit by Randy Mayfield - Missionary

Mr Randy Mayfield and his son visited the school to talk to pupils about their mission work. Mr Mayfield lives in St. Louis, USA, where he has been the Missions and



Outreach Pastor for the past 30 years. He is an accomplished singer/songwriter who has travelled to more than 50 countries on missions. He leads a number of short-term mission trips around the world each year as well as being on the board of a number of Projects and Seminaries. Pupils had a very enjoyable and entertaining morning.



On Wednesday Mr Mayfield came to our school. He is a pastor and he also sings. He also brought his son Justin. I enjoyed it when he showed us pictures of his missions trips but I liked it the best when he sang a song about not wanting to be a missionary in Africa.

John Sonneveld

On Wednesday a pastor from St. Louis visited our school. His name was Mr Mayfield. What I enjoyed from his visit was when he showed us how to sing "Our God is Good" in seven different languages: Spanish, English, Hindi, Russian, French and Japanese. This was a fun way to learn different languages.

Celia Allerby



Christmas is Coming...

Operation Christmas Child. Thank you parents for supporting this very worthy cause. Through Samaritan's Purse, the emphasis is on sending boxes to Fiji this year.

Left: Ashmita Sharma, Sophia Scales and Zara Greenfield (back) with a number of boxes ready to be shipped off to Fiji.

A Special Gift

We took part in Operation Christmas Child. There are very poor children in Fiji. Mae already brought a box for Operation Christmas Child. The poor children in Fiji never had any presents for Christmas or for their birthday. Some children's mum and dad have died. I brought some hair ties and a hair band and lots of stickers. That's what we put in full boxes. We fill a box full of goodies. These are some of the other toys. Some of the children had to bring underwear, yoyos, soap, a number puzzle, a pencil bag, crayons, school books and pencils.

By Emily-Jane Schuurkamp

A Special Gift

We took part in Operation Christmas Child. Children in the world are poor so we take part in sending presents. We take toys, school stationery items, and a teddy bear to love. They can go by plane or boat and when the presents get there they can go on elephants, camels and on people's heads. The people that live in Fiji live in huts. We are very sorry for them that they have a bad life. We like them most because God loves them.

By Shaun Varma



Trip to the Museum Years 7 and 8

Pupils in Mrs Smith's class went to the Auckland War Memorial Museum on Friday last week as part of their topic study on World War II.



World War II

New Facts We Learnt at the Museum:

- NZ children had to wear little bags around their necks with their name, some cotton wool and a cork in it.
- NZ Kids had to stick a cork sewn in a bag in their mouth when they were in an air raid shelter.
- These bags were also identification tools if the children were lost or killed.
- The NZ schools built bunkers in case of bombings.
- Some dance dresses were made out of parachute silk.
- The lemon squeezer was a hat.
- Hitler had a dog called Blondie.
- Hitler had a special plane which he had made for himself.
- The Boyes anti-tank rifle was used to shoot down paratroopers in Crete.
- The Japanese always carried a grenade with them to kill themselves if they were caught.
- The Japanese suicide bombers were named Kamikaze.
- Soldiers souvenired planes and guns, even though they shouldn't have.
- The Japanese committed suicide rather than surrender.
- Hitler killed himself.
- Lots of people got killed.
- Auschwitz concentration camp killed many people.
- Kamikaze pilots flew the planes into American ships to blow them up.
- Ladies participated in the war.
- Many American soldiers married NZ women who went to America on bride ships.

Our Opinions of War:

- I do not like the suicide attacks because they cause more death.
- War is terrible because people die and lose land but those who go to war only go to serve their country.
- I think World War II was bad. Why can't everyone get along?
- I think war is bad because World War III could happen and every one will get bombed with nukes.
- Nothing is good about war except its ending.
- I hope there won't be a World War III because there will be more deaths.
- War is only good if you win because you get to plunder the conquered countries.
- War should not happen. People should just have peace with each other.
- I think that World War III should not happen.
- I think war brings out the worst in some people and the best in other people.



- I think war is a terrible thing because a lot of people die.
- The war was terrible because people risked their lives for their country.
- War is fighting for justice, but still they don't see the pain people cause.
- It is not good that lots of people lose their family members.
- Hitler shouldn't have been elected. He should have gone to a psychiatric hospital instead.



- Wars are stupid. Leaders of the countries should talk to each other and find a solution.
- War shouldn't happen because it is a bad influence on both kids and adults.
- God created us to look after His world not harm or destroy it.
- It is terrible seeing people dying. I hope there will not be another war.

Year 3 and 4 Procedural Writing


By Ally Kim

My
Jummy dreamy scrummy, Superduper
Creamy milkshake

My fruit milkshake

Ingredients
600m of milk
3 bananas
5 strawberries
or 5 blue berries

Equipment
Blender
knife
spoon
sundae glass



Method

1. Cut the banana, strawberries or blueberries and put in the blender.
2. Make sure you put the lid on.
3. Turn on the blender.
4. Wait for the blender to stop.
5. Pour into the sundae glass.
6. Decorate the sundae glass.
7. Eat and Enjoy.

By Ally Kim


By David Lowe

My
Jummy dreamy scrummy, Superduper
Creamy milkshake

My super duper cherry
top chocolate milkshake

Ingredients
strawberries
blueberries
bananas
milk
cream
cherries
yoghurt
soft-cream
chocolate

Equipment
a glass
a blender
a spoon
a knife



Method

1. Peel a banana
2. Put in the blueberries and strawberries in the blender.
3. Pour in the milk.
4. Put the lid on the blender.
5. Pour the milkshake in the glass.
6. Squirt the cream in the glass.
7. Eat and enjoy.

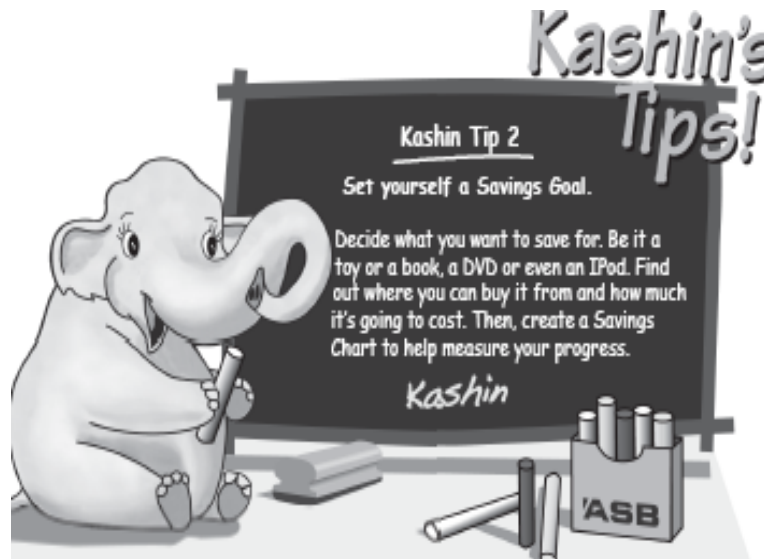
School Banking for Pupils

**Kashin's
Tips!**

Kashin Tip 2
Set yourself a Savings Goal.

Decide what you want to save for. Be it a toy or a book, a DVD or even an iPod. Find out where you can buy it from and how much it's going to cost. Then, create a Savings Chart to help measure your progress.

Kashin



The day for school banking is **Tuesdays**. The deposit box is situated in reception. If you would like your child to join, you can obtain an enrolment pack from the office.

Would you like to advertise your company or service in our school newsletter?

We are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to our school families and see it as a way to help strengthen the community ties of the wider school family.

Please see Mrs Oosterbeek for more details.



Harcourts

*Now is the time to buy or sell
House prices are slowly
on the increase*

Now is the time to sell your home or buy another. The market is slowly turning and prices are on the rise.

Buyer confidence has once again returned, Bank's are starting to lend more again and I need more properties to sell. I have buyers looking for homes in all areas of Manurewa and may very well have a buyer to suit your home.

FOR EVERY HOME SOLD OR PURCHASED AS A RESULT OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THROUGH TO SETTLEMENT, I WILL DONATE \$150 TO MANUKAU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO GO TOWARDS THE NEW PLAYGROUND, OR FURTHERING EDUCATION.

If you would like a friendly, non-obligatory appraisal on your home or would like some assistance in finding another, please give me a call ...

Rachel Neighbour – *Your friendly real estate consultant*

Ph: 267 7745 anytime or Mob: 027 267 7745

Harcourts BCRE Ltd – Manurewa

Community Notices

Manurewa Tennis Club

Russell Road, Manurewa

Club Night on Thursdays. All abilities welcome

Ph: Turu Daniels 268-9171 after hours for further information.

We have six resurfaced hard courts and a range of facilities available. Visit http://www.myclub.co.nz/manurewa_tennis/








**SCRIPTURE
FOR THE
WEEK**

**“Thanks be to
God who gives
us victory
through our
Lord Jesus
Christ.”**

1 Cor 15:57



Our Prayer List

-  Pray for teachers, staff and children during this busy term 4.
-  Pray for new pupils, Rhea, Stephanie and Sosaia and their families. May the Lord bless their association with our school.
-  Pray also that more families would enrol their children in our school.
-  Give thanks to our God for faithful and committed staff and trustboard members.
-  Give thanks for God’s continued gracious provision for our

In Christ

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