

Thursday, February 11, 2010

Mission Statement

To facilitate GROWTH, we are committed to provide a rich learning environment where students become devoted to Christ, to the wellbeing of others and the development of personal excellence; being planted in the framework of the Adventist belief system and nurtured in a caring Christian environment.



Calendar Term 1 2010

Swimming February 8 –12
BOT Meeting February 22
School Family Picnic February 26
Kid's Can Ride March 1 –5
Live Art for All March 8
School Athletics Day March 10
Parent Teacher Interviews.....
..... March 23 / 24
BOT Meeting March 29
Easter Service March 31
Outreach Teams April 1
Term End April 1

Term Dates

Term One Commences Feb 2
Term Two Commences April 19
Term Two Ends July 2
Term Three Commences .. July 19
Term Three Ends .. September 24
Term Four Commences
..... October 11
End of School Year December 15



Term Theme:

"Making Changes with God"

Dear Parents

Welcome back to our 2010 school year! To our new families joining us for the first time, I extend an extra special welcome and trust your child's transition to this school is progressing smoothly. I also trust you all have had a great holiday and that you are energised to face the year ahead. I would like to welcome our new staff member, Mrs Sarah Watts, who has joined us as our Room One teacher. Sarah comes to us from Te Puke Primary and we look forward to her contribution to our school, and in particular, to her leadership of our precious younger ones. We are also privileged to have Pastor Emma Weslake join Pastor Pat as the associate chaplain of our school. Pastor Emma was born in Tauranga and is a daughter of Mr Ken and Julie Weslake. (Ken is currently Education Director of our school system in the South Pacific, and is a former principal of our school) Pastor Emma, will be involved in our school worship programme along with Pastor Pat and will be conducting our Spiritual Emphasis Week early next term.

Our school roll has seen pressure being placed on our senior school this term with a number of potential students being turned away owing to insufficient places being available. Likewise throughout the rest of school, classes are quite full. (after allowing for the pre enrolled students who are due to commence before the end of June.)

CURRICULUM

You will be aware that schools are expected to deliver the national revised curriculum as from this year. This is a very exciting time for us here as it enables us to "tailor" our curriculum to reflect our school vision / mission in relation to our local situation. Last year, your Board of Trustees adopted the Proprietor's GROWTH acronym which is at the heart of our whole school's mission. (Godliness, Rich Relationships, Ownership of Learning, Wisdom and Decision making, Transformational Learning and Harvest Focus) As a school, our whole school programme will reflect the School's vision. As part of the revised curriculum, there are a number of changes we will be implementing. These include all classes trialling a new Adventist Bible curriculum called "Encounter" and the development of Godly focussed term themes based on the Interact Christian curriculum where subjects are integrated with Biblical values. I will share more of the detail of the changes through the year.

TERM ONE THEME

Our theme this term is *"Making Changes with God"*. Key broad concepts that will be developed through the class and whole school programme include: God is the source of our salvation; Jesus through the Holy Spirit wants to change us to be like Him; we can make positive changes in our lives and to the lives of others; Jesus is our constant friend and His

love never changes.

Our first Bible theme across all classes has a salvation focus. Room One and Two learning is based around a "Kids Club" theme (Hence the tree houses and huts in these two classrooms), Room Three's theme is "Celebration" (Celebrating what God has done for us) and Room Four has an archaeological theme digging for evidence that God loves us unconditionally. In Science classes will be focussing on chemical changes in the kitchen. In Health, we are covering kia kaha ("Be strong") which is an anti – bullying programme. (Making positive changes)

GROWTH AWARDS

Commencing this term, we be introducing a school wide system of recognising individual student achievement within the dimensions of the GROWTH vision statement of our school. Each week at assembly, children from each room will receive an award for a pre-determined aspect of GROWTH.

SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC

On Friday, February 26, (weather permitting), we are planning to have a fun-filled picnic day away from the school. We see this time as strengthening the special family nature of our school and not just a "fill in" day. It is for this reason too the staff would like to invite you, our parents and extended families, to join us as we want it to be a real social occasion for all. Currently we are finalising the actual venue but I will let you know

as soon as this has been confirmed. Plan now to share this time with us if you are able.

MUSIC / DRAMA TUITION

Again the School is providing student access to private tuition during school time in guitar, Keyboard / piano, drums and speech and drama. Direct contact should be made with the tutors concerned. (Please see the current directory of tutors and contact information or the School website.)

ROUTINES / REMINDERS

At the start of the school year, there are several routines and policies I wish to remind you of or draw your attention to.

Homework – Please help supervise and encourage your child complete homework tasks each evening as expected by the class teacher. Please check handbook for specific policy and time allocations expected by class level.

Naming—Ensure all uniform items are clearly named including hats.

Safety – Children are not permitted to cross the driveway unless accompanied by an adult. Children must walk around the pathway before entering

vehicles after school.

Vehicles—Please observe the “Drop Off” zone in the turning bay. Please do not leave your vehicle

unattended in this area as it is essential to keep traffic flowing easily.

Nutrition – Ensure your child has a good breakfast before coming to school as this aids concentration and learning in class. Also, please avoid giving your child “junk” food for morning tea. We encourage “unprocessed food” (fruit etc.) and discourage sugary foods and chips etc.

Absences—Please remember to phone through to the office any absences by 9:00 am each day so all students can be accounted for.

Bus Changes—Any change to bus arrangements for any particular day we must have notification by parent / caregiver prior to 2:30 pm. We adopt the “no notification no change rule.”

SHADE SAILS

After more than six months of hassling engineers to complete their design and approval for attaching shade sails to our building; after changing engineers only to having to go back to the

original engineer who had completed the original specifications for the new school, we have only just received some

documentation that is now being submitted to Council for a building consent! This very frustrating situation has now meant we might have the sails installed by Winter! Watch this space!!

SPORTS

We had a great sports afternoon last Friday with all students mixed in cross aged teams participating in tabloid events. It was encouraging to see the manner in which the various ages worked together. Please be reminded that all students should now be wearing their new sports uniforms. (Obtained through Logotech) Please see the School website or handbook for further details. During this term, students may wear their sports uniforms to school each Friday that we have sports. (This week however is swimming)

STUDENT COUNCIL

In order to give our senior students more of an “ownership” of their school, this year we are developing a student council amongst some of our senior students. Already they have met as a

general group and have begun contributing some ideas as to how this might operate.

LEGACY

Thanks to a winning team last year who took out the National finals in the “Design the Front page of the Newspaper competition”, we have now acquired a really good second hand “Pearl” drum kit for the School. This is also thanks to Lynden Cook, our drum tutor, who sourced this from Auckland through Trade Me. (Lynden also personally contributed financially towards the cost.) Also purchased were a couple of microphones.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Please note that Mr Baronian is currently away on sick leave for a few days as he has scheduled knee surgery. (The teaching perils of trying to keep up with students playing ripper rugby last year!) Mrs Thomson will be relieving in Room 3 during Mr Baronian’s absence.

I trust this year will be a great year for all and I know God has His guiding hand over all of us and we can praise His name accordingly.

Kind Regards and Blessings to all, Ross Bishop, Principal

PRIVATE TUTOR DIRECTORY

Keyboard / Piano Ula Kraenzlin 021 2275722
Drums Lynden Cook 027 3352093
Guitar Wayne Mortenson 0272717685
Speech / Drama Barbara Gray 575 0266

“AT SCHOOL” GUITAR LESSONS 2010

Placements are still available in the beginners’ class starting in 2010.

- Year 4 and Above
- Learn chords, rhythm and basic music theory with songs
- \$16 per lesson on a term by term basis
- School of Guitar curriculum

To register your interest:

www.schoolofguitar.in-host.net
or email wayne@schoolofguitar.co.nz
or phone 027 271 7685

ARGOS GymSport Tauranga, 32 Koromiko St - Currently taking enrolments for Term One 2010 for Gymnastics, Tumbling, TeamGym, Trampoline. Classes for all ages and abilities, male and female, in our fabulous set up facility. For more information www.argosgym.co.nz, or contact us at ARGOS, 577 0603 or email office@argosgym.co.nz.

Drum Lessons with Ignite Music

- group and private drum tuition from the mobile teaching caravan starting from only \$14 per lesson. If interested you can enroll at www.ignitemusic.co.nz or phone Lynden Cook on 0800 86 37 86 for further information. Our unique mobile classroom has three electronic drums kits connected through a headphone system, which enables us to teach students in groups of up to three. Students often enjoy this “learning together” environment which uses a prepared progression of songs and activities to build rhythmical awareness and drumming technique. Our drum courses have also been designed to focus on rhythm and drumming as part of music as a whole - as opposed to just having a bash on the drums or playing some beats! Learning gained from the course adds to and sets a foundation for other musical study such as piano, singing, guitar, and band work.

SPEECH AND DRAMA WITH BARBARA GRAY ATCL LTCL ATCL TEACHING, LTCL PERFORMING, TRINITY COLLEGE GUILDHALL LONDON

- Improve your child’s natural flow of speech and communication skills
 - Develop self confidence and creativity
- Develop the capacity to listen and concentrate. Classes are **stimulating, interactive and FUN for children 7yrs plus**. Trinity Guildhall offers a syllabus to develop skilful listening and confident speaking. Classes each Wednesday from 1.15pm at Tauranga Adventist School. Maximum of three children per half hour class. Fee \$80 for eight weeks. **Classes begin Wed 10th Feb**. Contact barbaraandkatie@xtra.co.nz Ph 575 0266