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NEWSLETTER NO. 27—7th September 2017

THIS WEEK:

- Friday 8th Sept - MUFTI for Vision West and can drive—cans to the library, 2pm
- Saturday 9th Sept - Working Bee

NEXT WEEK:

- Monday 11th Sept—**CSAA Special General Meeting 7:30 pm in Library.** There is an opportunity for questions at 7pm, ahead of the SGM.
- Tuesday 12th Sept—Y7 & 8 Specialist Subjects at Hebron (Final one for T3)



MEMORY & MEDITATION VERSE:

Psalm 65:9

“You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.”

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

‘God bestows His blessings without discrimination. The followers of Jesus are children of God, and they should manifest the family likeness by doing good to all, even to those who deserve the opposite.’

J.F. Bruce

Dear Immanuel families,

We all know that there are very important events at hand. No, I am not referring only to the Immanuel Christian School musical, Daniel (which is going to be brilliant of course). Neither am I referring to The CSAA Special General Meeting being held on Monday night, although that is of huge importance for Immanuel / Jireh. I am referring to the election.

‘Never talk about politics, otherwise you cause offense and division.’ Against that mind-set is the quest to see everything in life from a biblical perspective. Even politics? Especially politics!

If Jesus is Lord of our whole lives, is he not also Lord of our vote? Did Jesus die on the cross just to save us from hell? Was it not also to make us a redemptive influence within society, by the power of his Spirit?

Aotearoa is blessed to have an organisation by the name of **Family First** that has made a serious study of assessing political party policies and the voting record of individual politicians over significant issues. In a society which seems to be unduly enamoured by superficiality and vibrant personalities, I wonder how many kiwis are willing to do the necessary research to investigate the underlying values and worldviews beneath the catchy statements? Now is the time to pray, scratch our heads and grapple with the likely outcomes of various possible coalition governments, then prepare to vote. Some helpful questions might include:

- Which parties will endorse and support the right of a parent to choose a Christian education for their children?
- Which parties will resist imposing undue centralised control that stifles innovation and creativity?
- Which parties hold closest to traditional Christian values and biblical morality, even if they do not necessarily acknowledge the Christian faith?
- Which parties show genuine compassion for the poor and the marginalised?
- Which parties seek to reward old-fashioned, honest hard work?

I am sure we are all grateful to live in a nation with a democratically elected government. Over the years we have all probably agonised over who we want in power. MMP has not made this any more straightforward. Perhaps each of us might hold family discussions around the voting records and policy statements of the various political leaders? This is a great opportunity to demonstrate to our children that we make an effort to see these issues from a biblical perspective. See valueyourvote.org.nz and download the file.

Grace and peace,

Pete Slaney

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NOTEWORTHY NOTICES

Daniel – A Hard Act to Swallow **Performed at Liberty Christian Church** **27th September - Wednesday is dress rehearsal and evening performance** **28th September - Thursday is Matinee and evening performance.**

Only two weeks to go until musical week. Next week we are putting the whole musical together. The rehearsals are on Tuesday at 11-12:30 and Thursday at 1.30-3:00. **It is really important that all students attend these rehearsals. We cannot afford to have students away.** Thank you again to all the parents who have been helping us. The form that came out in last week's newsletter need to be returned to the office please. More forms are available from the office.

All Room 2, 3 and 5 students need to be **dropped at Liberty** on Tuesday morning. Please **do not** drop them there before 8.30 am. There will be no teachers supervising until 8:30am.

The following children need their choir clothes at school by next Friday please. Bring them to Room 2 in a named plastic bag. Jeans and house shirts are required for Olivia, Brooklyn, Wayne, Nathan, Isaiah, Elijah P, Micah, Harrison, Zevaniah, Corey, Stanley. Shoes do not need to be brought to school.

Next week we will check that all students except stage-hands know all the words of ALL the songs.

I now need help in the following areas:

Setting up the stage and the dressing areas on the morning of **Wednesday 27th September** at Liberty church. This may take place at 9 am. or earlier—watch this space. Email Jo on jduxfield@immanuel.school.nz

- Do you know where we can get a small truck to help us transport all the large props to Liberty in Week 10. (A time to be arranged)
- We are wanting to use a smoke machine. Can you help us?
- We would love a skeleton to use as a prop. Do you know where we can get one?

Tickets are on sale at the office. Be quick!!!

Costume requirements: THE FOLLOWING COSTUMES NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL ON OR BEFORE THE 14TH SEPTEMBER.

Choir children – blue jeans, house T-shirt, sandals

Musicians (Drummers) – blue jeans, house T-shirt, sandals
Stage Hands – black jeans/trousers, black T-shirt, black sandals/shoes

Please send the jeans and house T-shirt in a named plastic bag. It is not necessary to send the shoes to school. These will remain at school until our musical. All other children will be notified as to their costume requirements soon.

All jeans must be clean and tidy with no rips or holes in them, please.

Thanks Jo

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YUMMY STICKERS: Please keep collecting the stickers and bring them into the office by Friday 22nd September.

Term 3 dates to note:

Friday 8th September	-	MUFTI—Loud Shirt Mufti day
Friday 8th September	-	Vision West Foodbank can drive
Saturday 9th Sept.	-	Working Bee
Monday 11th Sept	-	CSAA SGM
Tuesday 12th September	-	Final Specialist Subjects Y7 & 8
Saturday 23rd September	-	General Election
Tuesday 26th September	-	ACS Cross Country
Wednesday 27th September-	-	Musical dress rehearsal
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Thursday 28th September	-	Musical matinee performance
“	-	Musical evening performance
Friday 29th September	-	Teacher Only Day

OUR WORKING BEE IS THIS SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER FROM 8:30am—12 noon:

- Can anybody please bring a large trailer to the working bee? We need a trip to the tip.
- Can anybody please bring a mulcher? We have a lot of green waste to deal with.
- Does anybody have a wall washer or water blaster? We need to clean some gutters and walls.

Let us know today or tomorrow if you can help in any of these ways.

Please also bring (if you have them) line trimmers, mowers, window cleaning gear, hedge trimmers etc. Do NOT arrive empty handed.

Jobs for this working bee include:

- turning bark in playgrounds
- mulching branches
- mowing and line trimming, trimming trees
- window cleaning
- clearing rubbish around the property
- repairing the gutter on the library roof.

Rostered on are: Allerby, Alofipo, Angove, Ashcroft, Chambers, Cowan, Disson, Gabor, Kim, Lataimaumi, Lee, McAnulty, McGlynn, Min, Moon, Pan, Park, Parrel, Paulus, Paz, Rakich, Robertson, Savage, Spemann, Stephen, Tane V & D, Taylor G & B, Walton, Wang F & M.

Morning Tea: Ploeg, M-Burns.

If the weather is rotten the working bee will be postponed by one week.

RUN FOR BIBLES money needs to come to the office a.s.a.p. please!!!! Students — do it this weekend!

CLEANING—we have no cleaners for the last 2 weeks of this term. We must keep the classrooms hygienic for our children. Please help us to achieve this by letting Raewyn know if you can do an extra clean.

Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp, Thames - School Holiday Programme

1st October – 5th October 2017: Sunday 10.00 am to Thursday 12.00 noon

8-12 year olds (including all Year 8 Students)

Camp cost - \$160 (no hidden extras)

Our Holiday Programmes are OSCAR approved, so you may be eligible for full or partial payment through OSCAR for our camp.

If your child is interested in attending our camp, please don't hesitate to contact us, either phone us on 07 868 8348 or email us at: kvcc@maxnet.co.nz

For more registration form, OSCAR form or more details, please see our website: http://www.kvcc.org.nz/page/Holiday_Camps/

Let's help the **VisionWest** **Foodbank** stock their shelves!

Monday 4th to Friday 8th September

Bring in one the following items for us to donate to the VisionWest Foodbank to help struggling families in our community.



**tinned fruit
or tinned meat**



**packet of
biscuits**



**toothbrush or
toothpaste**



**Shampoo or
conditioner**



**deodorant or
soap**

 **VisionWest**
COMMUNITY TRUST
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IN SEPTEMBER

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Let's help
VisionWest
help others!

Mufti
Day!



Friday 8th September

Come to school in mufti and bring a gold coin donation for us to give to VisionWest Community Trust to help struggling families in our community.



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