

THIS WEEK:

Tomorrow, Friday, 29th September—Teacher Only Day

What an awesome and flawless show last night. Thank you students and parents for your awesome efforts. Thank you Rachel Heeringa for choreographing the Room 2 Lions dance. Jo Duxfield.

Term 4 begins
Monday 16th October

MEMORY & MEDITATION VERSE:

Colossians 1:17

“Jesus is before all things,
and in him all things
hold together.”

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

‘God often takes a course for accomplishing His purposes directly contrary to what our narrow views would prescribe. He brings a death upon our feelings, wishes, and prospects when He is about to give us the desire of our hearts.’

John Newton

Dear Immanuel families,

It is finally here and happening! The Daniel story is taking form on stage and it is everything we hoped it would be. The anxiety-induced amnesia (I had to go and ask Judi Henderson what the word for memory loss was because I couldn’t remember it....) of Monday’s rehearsal is now a dull memory. Actors, singers, props coordinators, parent helpers, stage directors, car park attendants and musicians are all working as one to put on a really good show. Some may wonder at the educational cost of putting on a production such as this? To be sure, it does take students out of class for a significant number of hours. On the other hand, the learning that takes place when we all combine our various talents to put together a performance like Daniel is also a very educative experience. I have always been very proud of the way Immanuel productions involve the whole school community. I think it is something pretty special. There are so many people to thank that if we start naming people we will never be able to stop. But I must mention one name. Jo Duxfield has spearheaded musicals at Immanuel Christian School for the last 16 years. With Jo in charge, things get done and done well. She is creative, organised, energetic, enthusiastic, and flamboyant. (It must be said she can be a bit bossy at times as well). Without Jo this musical would not have happened. It has taken hours and hours of her unpaid time—her life—to make this happen. From us all, ‘Thanks Jo!!!’

Parents, I want to assure you that Term 4 is going to be a term of focused learning. Yes, it will be the final school term for our school. Yes, there will be some significant events such as our 3rd November celebration and a graduation dinner for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. And, yes, the final 2 weeks will be a bit difficult with major packing and moving occurring around us. But you can be assured that for Weeks 1-8 of Term 4 there will be high quality, focused education. It is very important that Immanuel Christian School maintains its commitment to educational excellence right throughout its existence. I am putting this stake in the ground now and I welcome you to hold me to it. Teachers will teach well and students will work and learn to the best of their ability. That is what we are here for.

I wish you a safe and happy two week school holiday interlude with your children.

Principal Pete



Joel & Casey modelling the ICS T-shirts we are selling

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES—We have some boxes at the office. This program brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. Please fill the boxes with small items for needy boys and girls. Please don't put used items in the shoeboxes. The boxes must be returned to school by **Friday 27th October.**

Cleaning & working bee rosters are attached.
Please make a note of when you are on.

New ICS uniforms and used ICS uniforms free to whoever wants them. Those that are not collected will be donated to disadvantaged schools in the Pacific.



St Thomas Anglican Church 90th Birthday Celebration Open Day. Sat. October 28th 9am-12noon:

History of Church on display, free kids activities—face painting, stickers, balloons, creative art of origami, free tea and coffee with home baking plus sausage sizzle for \$2 donation. Enquiries Ph 0223690716 or helping@hotmail.co.nz

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Term 4 dates to note:

Week 1:

Monday 16th October	-	Term 4 first day
“	-	Middle School swimming 12:30pm
Thursday 19th October	-	Musical Theatre 12:30 pm
Friday 20th October	-	Football Kids Taster morning

Week 2:

Monday 23rd October	-	Labour Day
Wed. 25th—Fri 27th Oct	-	Year 7 & 8 Camp
Thursday 26th October	-	Musical Theatre 12:30pm
“	-	Year 9 & 10 visit Selwyn Village

Week 3:

Monday 30th October	-	Middle School swimming 12:30pm
“	-	Board of Trustees meeting
Wednesday 1st November	-	Musical Theatre exam performance 6:45pm Lopdell Hse
Thursday 2nd November	-	Musical Theatre 12:30pm
Friday 3rd November	-	Mufti
“	-	BBQ, Fireworks and farewells

Week 4:

Monday 6th November	-	Middle School Swimming 12:30pm
Thursday 9th November	-	Musical Theatre 12:30pm

Week 5:

Mon. 13th—Fri 17th Nov.	-	Middle School Exams
Monday 13th November	-	Middle School Swimming 12:30pm
“	-	Board of Trustees meeting
Wednesday 15th Nov.	-	Year 7 Police challenge
Thursday 16th November	-	Musical Theatre 12:30pm
Friday 17th November	-	Jireh ICS Community BBQ event

Week 6:

Monday 20th November	-	Board of Trustees meeting
Thursday 23rd November	-	Musical Theatre 12:30pm
Friday 24th November	-	Graduation Dinner for families of Year 8, 9 & 10 and staff

Week 7:

Thursday 30th November	-	Musical Theatre 12:30pm
Friday 1st December	-	Mufti

Week 8:

Mon. 4th—Fri. 8th Dec.	-	North Island Field Trip Y9 & 10
Monday 4th December	-	Musical Theatre performance TBC
Thursday 7th December	-	Primary to Old folks—carols
“	-	Musical Theatre 12:30pm

Week 9:

Monday 11th December	-	Board of Trustees meeting
Tuesday 12th December	-	Reports sent home
Thursday 14th December	-	Musical Theatre 12:30pm
Thursday 14th December	-	Awards evening and celebration
Friday 15th December	-	ICS Final day