



# NEWSLETTER

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Week 3

Term 4

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## Family Night Monday 5 November 6:00 – 8:00 pm

This Monday we have a family barbeque evening. Come dressed as your favourite book character for an informal night around the barbeque and meet other families. The Board of Trustees is providing the barbeque, families please bring along a plate of finger food to share for dessert. At 7:00 pm we will have a brief discussion with the Board about the Strategic Plan and the health program for 2019. Both of these have been emailed out to families to consider. If you haven't received an email from us, we haven't got your correct email address. Please see the office to update it for future emails and newsletters. We will be finished in plenty of time for you to get home for some fireworks without it being a late night for students. We look forward to seeing you there!

## NCEA

Yesterday we had an audit visit from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority to check out our administering of their qualifications. Some of our senior students gain NCEA credits through Gateway or other courses which they use towards their ACE certificates. The auditors were very pleased with our systems noting that our procedures and practices were robust and reliable. Well done Mrs Smorti and team!

## Speech competitions

Well done to our team of Oliver Newbold, Karley Charlton and Jaedyn Charlton who competed last Friday at the Christian schools speech and chess competition. Although they didn't place, the students were complimented for good performances. Well done students!

## ABC Intake 2019

Do you have or know of a child ready to start school at the beginning of 2019? If they are not already pre-enrolled, please do so soon, so that we can start the orientation process this term.

## Christmas Shoebox—Operation Christmas Child

If you have shoeboxes to return, please get them into the office by the end of this week.

## Truck visit to school

Room 3 have been learning about simple machines. It was great to have a special visit this morning from Te Kahu, which is the truck's name, to see how a lot of simple machines put together, make up a complex machine. Rooms 3 & 8 enjoyed the opportunity to have a turn sitting in the driver's seat.

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Charlton for bringing your truck in.



# Now, from the Senior Learning Centre ...

Pull up a chair, make a cup of tea or coffee and take time to read excerpts from Jessica Arnold's 7000-word research essay. All Level 3 English students are required to write a similar presentation of their own choice.

## **Palm Oil is Killing the World with its Natural Charm**

**Palm oil**

By Jessica A. Arnold

### **Introduction:**

Palm oil is the cheapest oil in the world, but there is a greater price that is being paid for us to enjoy the use of palm oil. Palm oil is largely grown in developing countries therefore not a lot of thought is put into the welfare of the plantation workers and their communities or the sustainability of the processes that are used. **Palm oil is an essential part of the world's economy, but there are problems we must address for it to develop into an ethical and sustainable industry.**

### **Excerpts from essay:**

Palm oil is extremely versatile and the range of products that it is being used in is growing. There is an increasing demand for using palm oil to produce oleochemicals which are used in the production of a variety of soaps and cleaning products. Palm oil is also being used as a feedstock to produce biodiesel, as well as being used instead of mineral oils in some power stations. Crude palm oil is increasingly being used for its nutritional value, but refined palm oil is being used in the general food industry. (Analysts, 2018) In fact, 50% of all items in a supermarket contain palm oil or a product derived from palm oil. Palm oil can be found in almost anything, from ice cream to shampoo and cookies to degreaser. The food industry is the biggest user of palm oil and uses more than three times as much as any other industry. 72% of palm oil is used in the food industry alone, while only 18% of palm oil is used in cleaning products and personal care and 10% is used in biofuels and feedstock. (Investigations, Palm Oil Investigations, 2013) Crude palm oil is used as a dietary supplement because of its nutritional value, and is used in sunblock because of its high level of carotenes. (Investigations, Palm Oil Investigations, 2013) ...

Palm oil itself is not what causes the issues, it is the processes around the production of palm oil and the lack of government control that is the problem. The issues around palm oil can be separated into the three areas: lack of government control, ethics, and sustainability. ...

The ethical issues refer to the personal welfare of the people and their communities. A lot of the workers on the plantations work overly long hours on tasks that pose serious health risks only to get paid below the minimum wage. It is common to see underage children helping their parents because either the workload is too much for the one paid worker, or the family needs the money from bonuses to survive. Most workers do not have permanent jobs, even though they have been doing the same job for several years, and therefore do not get any job benefits. The communities surrounding the palm plantations are also affected by land grabbing and loss of indigenous land.

Sustainability issues include use of resources and the effect on the environment. Deforestation is one of the biggest problems that the production of palm oil has because it not only affects the plants, soil structure, and atmosphere, but it also threatens the very existence of some endangered animals and the forests' biodiversity. A common method of clearing the land is called 'slash and burn' which then creates more issues like respiratory illnesses, carbon emissions, and the degradation of soil structure. The use of herbicides and pesticides also causes soil and water pollution. Waste management is another issue that affects the surrounding environment. ....

Making the palm oil trade ethical and sustainable requires world participation. Not only do the offending growers need to be held accountable to their government, but those governments and brands that use unsustainable and unethical products need to be held accountable to the rest of the world. Norway has provided incentives for deforestation in Indonesia by promising them one million dollars in 2010 to stop the clearing of their forests. Singapore has addressed the problem of air pollution by imposing fines of up to two million dollars on companies, both local and foreign, that somehow contribute to the haze produced from fires. (Kodas, 2014) Most brands hide the fact that they use palm oil or palm oil derived products behind one of over 200 different names for palm oil. (Investigations, Palm Oil Investigations, 2013) 150 large companies worldwide like McDonalds and Nestle have pledged to help ....

Many of the issues surrounding palm oil have come about because of mankind's greed and pride. God created a perfect world for us to live in. He did not create a world that needed fixing, but instead created a place that was so perfectly balanced and coordinated that we need only enjoy and maintain it. In Genesis 2:15 KJV it says, "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." One of our duties on earth was to look after what God has given us, but in this instance, we have not done that. Instead we have done the complete opposite and used it to satisfy ourselves and our own needs. We have exploited our neighbours, depleted our natural supplies, and sent the local biodiversity into a downward spiral. Romans 14:12 says, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." One day we will have to tell God what we have done with what He gave us, and no one is going to want to describe the current state of the world. The palm oil conflict is one of many problems that exists on the earth today, but along with the other problems, there is a solution.



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## Year 7 & 8 students

### completing the Police entry fitness test



The Senior Learning Centre had a team building exercise as part of their devotions recently. It proved to be quite difficult as they had to move through different obstacles without dropping a balloon.



# This week's prayer points:

- ♥ For fun and fellowship at the family evening
- ♥ Thanks that students are settling well to their work
- ♥ For the Christian Schools' Kahui ako as they prepare for 2019 and train teachers for various roles
- ♥ Pray that the school will continue in its mission to help families grow outstanding young people who love the Lord Jesus.

## Term 4 Calendar

| Week     | Monday  | Tuesday                          | Wednesday                       | Thursday                        | Friday  |
|----------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>3</b> | 29 October  | 30 October<br>Prayer Meeting 7pm | 31 October                      | 1 November                      | 2 November  |
| <b>4</b> | 5 November<br>Music Year 9 & 10<br>Reuben the Road<br>Safety Bear Rooms 1&3<br>Family Night 6pm | 6 November<br>Music Year 9 & 10  | 7 November<br>Music Year 9 & 10 | 8 November<br>Music Year 9 & 10 | 9 November<br>Music Year 9 & 10<br>'Just Cos' Mufti day |
| <b>5</b> | 12 November   | 13 November                      | 14 November                     | 15 November                     | 16 November   |



JD 01 November (14)  
 Joshua C 05 November (7)  
 Kuiwai 06 November (18)  
 Joshua S 08 November (8)  
 Izaiah 10 November (16)  
 Paul 11 November (7)  
 Josiah 11 November (6)  
 Jack 16 November (18)  
 Hunter 16 November (7)

