

**Welcome to the Blenheim Elim Church.  
What a great day to join together in worship of the One, True and Living God - Jesus Christ!!**

Last month was so wonderful as we honoured Mother's in our Sunday Service. I was fairly 'popping out of my skin' as so many of our children served the Lord and the church family by ministering in so many ways. Did you realise that six of the eight teenagers in the Youth Worship Team are all ex-Richmond View School Pupils?

Over the last couple of months there have been some pointless and needless tragedies for families with young people around our nation and even right here in our own 'backyard'. In all of them there have been reckless disregard for the law involving speed and alcohol. In almost every situation I hear the cry "The Government has to do something!" I don't know if this will upset some but I am convinced that the Government can legislate all they like and it won't make an ounce of difference if the law is not taught, followed and upheld in the home. Oh what a great responsibility we have been given and we take upon ourselves the moment we choose to have children!

I have been recently reading a biography on One of God's Generals – the late Rev. Andrew Murray Jnr. (1828 -1917). He had a consuming passion for education and the training of young people for the Lord. Here are a couple of excerpts:

**“Consecrate your children to God's service and in this way - be willing to let the Lord call them to the home and foreign field, in Christian Service as well as other occupations. The Lord has a right to our children, the Lord needs our children. Is there no place in the special service of our God for our children? The consecration of our children to God can never be in vain or an idle matter. The Lord will show that He can use them to perform great and important services for His Church; if only the parents would present them to the Lord. The Lord will know how to prepare a sphere of work for them. Parents, who train their children with this in view, in faith and prayer, will assuredly experience that their labour is not in vain in the Lord!  
There are teachers and schools who just teach to earn a living and don't really care for the spiritual lives of our Children -  
WE CANNOT LEAVE THE SPIRITUAL LIVELIHOOD OF SUCH PRECIOUS GOD-GIVEN GIFTS TO WISHFUL THINKING!”**

How can we not devote ourselves to being single-minded in ensuring our children are taught by Holy Spirit motivated Christian Teachers who have a firm conviction of Jesus Christ in their lives ... such as we have right here in Richmond View School? We have teachers who have devoted themselves to Christ and have committed themselves to 'feeding the lambs' by the 'impulse of the Love of Jesus'. There simply could not be a better atmosphere for our children to be taught, shaped and launched into their future!

We need to consecrate our children to the Lord AND partner with our amazing Richmond View Staff in support; perhaps sponsoring a child, most definitely in prayer – plus for those with children of the right age ... please seriously consider enrolling them here at Richmond View. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles ... our young people are potential packed and powerful carriers of God-given gifts. Pray for them, guide them, teach them, correct them, hold them accountable ... consecrate them to the Lord ... they need God's help and protection and so do we.

You are all special and precious people.

Love ya lots!!!

**Tom & Suzanne**

