

**Fwd: PLEASE READ - Misleading "Official Information Act request:
Religious Instruction" email**

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To: Anne Marie Biggs <annemarieb@glendowie.school.nz>

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 8:52 AM

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From: **CEC Office** <office@cec.org.nz>

Date: 5 August 2016 at 20:10

Subject: PLEASE READ - Misleading "Official Information Act request: Religious Instruction" email

To:

Dear Principal and Board of Trustees,

As the organisation behind the CRE/Bible in Schools programme in your school, we wanted to get in touch and advise you of some misinformation that may have recently been sent to you.

We are aware of a survey that has recently been emailed to schools throughout New Zealand with the subject line: *Official Information Act request: Religious Instruction*

Please be aware that the email is not an Official Information Act request, as the writer has claimed it to be. The email has been sent by Mark Honeychurch from the New Zealand Humanists, in relation to a survey and gathering of information for their own purposes.

Please be assured that you do not have to respond to his email if you don't want to. All Official Information Act requests must follow the correct process. If you are concerned about having received the email, please refer it back to the Ministry of Education for further advice.

I hope this email provides clarification. If I can be of any further assistance please don't hesitate to contact me on 09 526 0052 or at stephanie@cec.org.nz

Regards,

Stephanie

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Fwd: Follow-up from CEC email dated Friday 5 August

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Tue, Aug 9, 2016 at 8:49 AM

To: Anne Marie Biggs <annemarieb@glendowie.school.nz>

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From: **CEC Office** <office@cec.org.nz>

Date: 8 August 2016 at 21:10

Subject: Follow-up from CEC email dated Friday 5 August

To:

Dear Principal and Board of Trustees,

We refer to our email to you, dated Friday 5 August, regarding the email sent by Mark Honeychurch.

We have received legal advice which confirms the email from Mark Honeychurch complies with the necessary requirements to make a request for information in accordance with the Official Information Act 1992.

Therefore the email from Mark Honeychurch should be treated as a request under the OIA, and schools should comply with their obligations as to the same.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Sewell

National Director

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Fwd: The CRE programme in your school

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From: **Tracy Kirkley** <tracy@cec.org.nz>
Date: 1 March 2017 at 22:02
Subject: The CRE programme in your school
To: Glendowie School <office@glendowie.school.nz>



1 March 2017

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Re: The CRE programme in your school

Dear Principal and Board of Trustees,

Thank you so much for welcoming us into your school this year to provide a values-based Christian Religious Education (CRE) programme. The team have loved coming in and being a part of your special school community and look forward to doing so again this year.

Our curriculum – Life Choices & Street Stories

The two curriculum options we as an organisation endorse are 'Life Choices' and 'Street Stories'. The Team Leader overseeing the programme at your school will supply you with an Overview of the curriculum that will be taught in your school this year. If you wish they can also provide you with a full copy of the teaching materials for you to display in your reception area.

Policy guidelines & Info Pack

From time to time there can be confusion about when and how Religious Instruction classes are to run, so here at CEC we have prepared some guidelines which may assist you in implementing the programme in your school. ***We will be posting these and a full pack of information to your school within the next week – please keep an eye out for this.***

If you have any queries about these guidelines, or wish to discuss anything else regarding the programme, please feel free to phone me on the numbers below. Also, your Regional Advisor will be more than happy to visit and meet with yourself or the Trustees of the Board if this is something you would like to happen.

CRE is taught in over 600 schools throughout New Zealand and we really appreciate that your Board has given us the opportunity to offer this to your school. Thank you for the privilege of working with you and your wonderful students, we look forward to our ongoing partnership with

you and your school community.

We hope you have a fantastic year ahead.

Kind regards,



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Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 2:12 PM

BOT correspondence please

Thanks

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Fwd: CEC - Bible in Schools

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Dear Principal and Board of Trustees

It has come to our attention that you would have recently received an email from David Hines, on behalf of the Secular Education Network, gathering information about Religious Instruction and Observances within your school.

Please see the Ombudsman guide found here that sets out the key 'need to know' information about the obligations of Boards of Trustees (BOTs) under the Official Information Act (OIA). It also explains the Ombudsman's role in relation to complaints about OIA requests.

Please note the approved curriculum for CEC Bible in Schools is 'Life Choices'.

If you have any questions or need any help, feel free to contact your Regional Advisor or Tracy Kirkley (School Engagement Manager - (09) 526 0052) at the National Office.

Thank you for the amazing work you do with the children of our nation!

The Team at CEC

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