



"Study to shew thyself approved unto God." 2Tim 2:15

28 September 2018

End-of-Term Notices

1. **Murphys Road Upgrade:** We received a letter from Auckland Transport on 27 September to announce that the Stage 2 Culvert Construction of the Murphys Road Upgrade will commence in late November 2018. During the upgrade, Murphys Road will temporarily be closed between Flatbush School Road and Ormiston Road. Parents will have access to school via an approved detour. Auckland Transport will announce details closer to the start of construction.
2. **Mums-in-Prayer** is meeting every Thursday, at 2.30 pm, during the term. At the first assembly of the year, I recounted Jesus' parable of the sower to the students – also known as the parable of the soils. To cultivate "good ground that brings forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold" (Matthew 13:8), we need to pray since "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous [person] availeth much" (James 5:16b). We want to encourage mothers to come and pray for the school for a few minutes before they pick up their children on a Thursday.
3. Please read, sign and return the **Term 3 Reports** to the office as soon as possible. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the office to arrange a convenient time.
4. You would have received the invoice for Term 4's fees with your child(ren)'s report. **School Fees** should be paid direct to the school's bank account: **ASB Bank, Manukau City Branch, Account 12 3083 0175239 00**. Alternatively, they may be paid in

person at the school office by cash or by cheque made out to Tyndale Park Christian School. If you are paying in instalments, please ensure that tuition payments are kept current with the tuition provided. If your financial situation changes and you are unable to keep up your agreed payment of instalments, please come and see Mr. Blom immediately so that we can work out a payment plan for you.

5. **Special Character Donation:** This is \$195 per annum per Year 1 to 8 student and \$245 per annum per Year 9 to 13 student. These donations not only help us to maintain the special character of our school, but **also enable us to offer parents competitive school fees**. The specified amounts are eligible for a 33% tax refund and may be paid as a lump sum in advance or incorporated in your usual method of payment. Receipts are issued at the time of receiving the donation.
6. **Music in Schools:** Would you like your child to learn percussion, bass or guitar, possibly to play in the band at church? Mr Ken Hutchinson, who provides keyboard lessons over the lunch period here at school on Thursdays, runs a business called Music Base. Music Base offers 30 minute lessons weekly after school, or on Saturday mornings, at 385 Chapel Road. If you are interested please phone him on 273 3411 for further information or email musicbase.office@gmail.com.
7. **Pickup of students after school:** We want to remind parents that students can only be supervised until 3:15 pm in the afternoon. After that, TPCS is unable to provide adult supervision, which means we are unable to guarantee unsupervised students' safety from 3:15 pm onwards. If students remain on campus unsupervised, it creates a health and safety risk for the school under the Health and Safety At Work Act (2015). If you are unable to pick your children up by 3:15 pm due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we are aware of your children's presence after school.
8. **Absences:** If your child is absent from school at any time, please remember to either email or phone the office in the morning. We

need to hear of absences directly from parents - rather than through a third party.

9. **Sunhats for Term 4:** New Zealand has one of the highest incidences of skin cancer in the world. As a precautionary measure, we strongly recommend that students have a sunhat for outdoor play and activities during Term 4.
10. **Medications at school:** If your child needs to take any medication while at school, please send the medication in a container labelled with the child's name, the name of the medication and the dosage to be taken. This will be kept in the school office area or fridge if required. Students are not permitted to keep any medication at school on their person, or desk. There is also a medications' form to complete so that we have clear instructions.
11. **Punctuality:** A reminder that students are expected at school in time to start the scheduled programme as per the timetable. Late-comers cause distraction and disruption to others in addition to missing out themselves. We recognise that there are occasions when we all run late, for reasons beyond our control. Unfortunately, for some students it is simply a lack of personal discipline. Please do everything in your power to encourage your child(ren) to be punctual and do speak to us about your situation where this may be problematic. We are happy to try and work out solutions together to establish patterns of punctuality in attendance which will benefit us all.
12. **Enrolments for next year:** Please continue to make our school known to family, friends and neighbours. If you have a pre-schooler nearing 5, please complete an application form now so we can reserve a place for them.

Main Calendar Events for the remainder of 2018

- **Niuean Language Week:** 14 to 20 October
- **Class Camps:** 7 to 9 November - Year 5 to 10 (Moira Point Christian Centre); Year 11-13 (Karakariki Christian Camp)
- **End of Year Exams:** Year 8 up, 19 to 22 November
- **Parakai Springs School Trip:** Friday 23 November
- **Thanksgiving Assembly:** Friday, 7 December, 7.00 pm
- **Junior Sports Day:** Years 1 to 6: Monday, 10 December
- **Senior Sports Day:** Years 7 to 13: Tuesday, 11 December
- **School Year Ends:** Friday, 14 December, 1.00 pm

Term Dates for the remainder of 2018:

- Term 4: Monday, 15 October to Friday, 14 December 2018, 1.00 pm.
- Labour Weekend is from 20 to 22 October 2018

We ask you to please make a note of these dates when planning holidays so that pupils are not absent from school during term time. These dates are also posted on our website.

Term Dates 2019

- Term 1: Monday 4 February – Friday 12 April 2019
- Term 2: Monday 29 April – Wednesday 3 July 2019
- Term 3: Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September 2019
- Term 4: Monday 14 October – Friday 13 December 2019