



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

3 May 2019

Dear Parents

Our profile for a Tyndale Park Christian School student can be found in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". I have started unpacking the first part of the verse with the students, i.e. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God", and I want to share these thoughts with you so that we can work together to help the next generation become all God has planned for them.

The word "study" is translated from the Greek word "spoudazō" which means to make haste and to give diligence. We want our students to diligently and eagerly strive to make every effort to live in a way that glorifies God. This "way" is clearly described in the Bible and is one of the reasons we start every school day with 35 minutes of Bible instruction.

How does one "shew thyself approved unto God"? It starts with accepting God's free offer of salvation through Jesus Christ, i.e. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:16-17).

The apostle Paul, who wrote the letters to Timothy, also gives him specific advice on how to live a life that will glorify God. I will give brief explanations in *italics*. He says, "Let no man despise thy youth (*I can never say I am too young to believe in or live for God*); but be thou an example of the believers, in word (*what you say*), in conversation (*how you say it*), in charity (*choosing to love others because they are made in God's image*), in spirit (*submitting myself to God's will*), in faith (*not a blind faith, but a faith based on evidence that clearly shows that there is a God*), in purity (*living according to Jesus' teachings*)" - 1 Timothy 4:12.

So, we have rewritten 2 Timothy 2:15 for our students as follows: “Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a worker who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling, intentionally living out and skillfully teaching the Word of truth.” It is our hope and prayer that every student who attends Tyndale Park Christian School will eventually live out our vision for them and make a lasting difference in God’s Kingdom, their families, their neighborhoods, their cities, New Zealand and wherever else God may use them in the world.

Blessings,
Barend Blom
Principal

Notices

1. **We extend a special welcome** to Rhys Blackett, Zach Botha, Zane Fraser, Abhiram Khullar, Rylan Rajan, Shayden Sharma and Vershon Sharma who have just started school with us.
2. **Tuition invoices for Term 2** has been included with the Term 1 Reports at the end of last term. It is expected that families *either pay tuition fees at the start of the term or go into a written agreement with the school that outlines whether they will pay tuition fees weekly, fortnightly or monthly, current with the tuition provided.* We are unable to pay our teachers and settle our bills if tuition fees are outstanding. We offer a **loyalty discount of 1% per year for every year a family has partnered with us.** We prefer payments direct to the school’s bank account: ASB Bank, Manukau City Branch, Account 12 3083 0175239 00. Alternatively, payment may be made at the school office by cash. If you are paying in instalments, please ensure that tuition payments are kept current.
3. **Special Character Donation:** This is \$65 per term for Year 1 to 8 students and \$80 per term for Year 9 to 13 students. The specified amounts are eligible for a 33% tax refund. Donations will be acknowledged on receipt with the donation receipt sent home with your child. Your support of the Special Character Donation enables us to keep tuition fee increases at a minimum.

4. **Reports from Term 1 need to be returned on Monday 6 May at the latest** so they are available for discussion at the Parent/Teacher Interviews on Monday.
5. **Parent/Teacher Interviews:** These will be held next **Monday, 6 May from 2.00 pm onwards**. We have allowed 15 minutes per interview and we ask you to be punctual and considerate in arriving on time and in keeping to your allotted time slots. The interviews will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date, their Term 1 Report and any other matters that concern you. If you have not booked an appointment yet, please follow the directions in the email / school app to register electronically as soon as possible. **Please remember classes will finish at 1.50 pm next Monday, 6 May.** There will be supervision for students needing to stay at school until the regular 3.00 pm pickup.
6. **Photolife Class and Individual Photos** will be taken on Friday 10 May. You will have received a notice from Photolife that describes the process you need to follow to order photos. Sibling photos need to be pre-ordered, using the form that came home with the oldest child – please ensure you return this form to school before Friday 10 May. The photographers will not take photos of siblings unless they have a signed form.
7. This year we will celebrate **Mother's Day** a little differently. There will not be a special morning tea like last year but Room 5 is planning a surprise that will bless every mother who is part of our school community. Our students are looking forward to honour their mothers.
8. **Science Projects:** This term students from Years 6 to 13 will be encouraged to complete their investigations for our annual science fair that is **scheduled for Saturday 3 August**, at 10 am (the second weekend of Term 3). Please ensure you read the handout which has been provided to the students and encourage them as they work through their project. The due date for the science fair may seem a long way off but time flies when you are having fun! Preparation is the key to success. Setup day will be Thursday, 1 August.
9. **The Auckland Christian Schools (ACS) Soccer Tournament** for Years 5 to 13 will be held on Wednesday, 22 May, and the **ACS Netball Tournament** for Years 5 to 13 will be held on Wednesday, 26 June. **We need coaches** for both soccer (one more person) and netball (two to three people) and

we will need extra adult support and transport for both tournaments. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you can assist us. We will aim to work around your schedule.

10. Main Calendar Events for Term 2

Parent / Teacher Interviews: Monday, 6 May 2019

Class & Individual Photos: Friday, 10 May 2019

Indigitous Ed High School Hackathon: Thursday, 16 May 2019

ACS Football Tournament: Wednesday, 22 May 2019

High School Careers Expo: Thursday, 23 May 2019

Chesspower Secondary Cluster Tournament: Friday, 24 May 2019

Our school's **38th Anniversary** is Saturday, 25 May 2019

Chelsea Factory School Tour (Year 8-10): Friday, 7 June 2019

New Zealand Spelling Bee: 10 – 14 June 2019

Mid-Year Exams for Year 9 up begin on Friday, 14 June 2019

ACS Netball Tournament: Wednesday, 26 June 2019

11. Term Dates for the rest of 2019:

- **Term 2:** Monday, 29 April to Wednesday, 3 July 2019, 2.00 pm finish (school will close earlier to enable most of the staff to attend a teachers' conference)
- **Term 3:** Monday, 22 July to Friday, 27 September 2019
- **Term 4:** Monday, 14 October to Friday, 13 December 2019

12. **Mathletics:** In order to enable families to sign up for Mathletics for \$29 per child per year instead of \$99 per child per year, the school needs to have a commitment from 35 students that they want to use this excellent electronic resource. If you are interested in using Mathletics as a tool to reinforce maths learning at home, please contact the office as soon as possible.

13. Please download our **school app** from the Google Play or iTunes App Store for your smartphone. It is called **Skool Loop**. Alternatively, visit our website at www.tyndalepark.school.nz for term and activity dates, school events and news.