



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

12 May 2021

Dear Parents

For the past 40 years, Tyndale Park Christian School has assisted parents by providing a Christ-centred education to the glory of God. The school's founding fathers, and successive generations of trustees, have all been passionate about the importance of independent, Christian education. So, what is Christian education? Let me try to give an answer.

In Christian education, there is an understanding that humans are made in God's image and therefore have intrinsic worth. Other approaches to education tend to pursue a "survival of the fittest mentality" with the unfortunate societal outcome of governments passing new legislation around the world that only respects the "healthy" or those who are "loud enough" to make their voice heard.

In Christian education students learn that God loves us, and therefore takes care of us and provides everything we need, Jesus Christ is our Saviour and King, and the Holy Spirit teaches us all truth and comforts us. Students learn that hard work done to an excellent standard do not make them acceptable to God, but it does glorify God, the latter bringing more fulfilment than the physical rewards of hard work. Other approaches to education tend to encourage economic systems that seem to create an ever-increasing rich-poor divide, i.e. gaining physical reward at the expense of others and self.

In Christian education we understand that God designed and created the world in a specific way and that the problems in the world are caused by us not following His Manual, the Bible. Other approaches to education teach that we are evolving into more complex versions of ourselves and that technology will make / enable us to become "better" despite strong evidence suggesting the contrary ...

In Christian education we know that Jesus is coming again, our relationship with Jesus trumps any other desire or ideal and our lives have eternal meaning and purpose as we live according to the principles recorded in the Scriptures. Other approaches to education primarily prepare students for careers and relationships that will hopefully give meaning to life and enable them to contribute to the advancement of mankind.

In summary: in Christian education we understand that our students are in school because they are being equipped to better understand God's Word and, in doing so, they are being prepared to be led by the Holy Spirit to a holy adoration and worship of God the Father through the work of His Son, Jesus Christ, with the wonderful secondary outcome that they will be prepared to take their place in society and make a positive difference by building God's Kingdom as they solve the complex problems of our time with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for partnering with us for your child(ren)'s education. We believe, with you, that the Lord has great plans for their future.

As you are aware, on the 25th of May the school will celebrate its 40th birthday. We are incredibly grateful to God for the way in which He has faithfully led and sustained the school the past four decades. If you are subscribed to our Facebook or Instagram accounts, you may have seen that we plan on **celebrating the school's birthday Saturday 29 May** with a *Family Fun Day*, 10 am to 2:30 pm, and a *40th Anniversary Dinner* (limited tickets and adults only), 6 pm. Present families are warmly invited to attend these events and invite friends and extended family along. Please diarise this event! If you have any questions, please email us at admin@tyndalepark.school.nz.

We need your help on the day!

- Are you willing to volunteer for a limited period at one of the Family Fun Day activities? We need more volunteers to ensure everyone gets an opportunity to participate in the festivities.
- We are urgently looking for a volunteer photographer and/or videographer to record our Family Fun Day, from around 9:30 am until about 3:00 pm.
- We need another person (or the same person if you are willing) as a volunteer photographer and videographer for the 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner from 5:30 pm until the end of the event – if you volunteer for this responsibility, you will be offered one complimentary ticket.

We are also advertising the events on the Newstalk ZB Community Noticeboard and on the 'What's On' Noticeboard of LifeFM and Radio Rhema. **Please let us know if you have heard the ads!** Thank you in advance for your help.

Barend Blom – Principal

Notices

1. If you want to **enrol a sibling in Year 1 for 2022**, please contact us as soon as possible. The class is filling up fast. We try to give preference to families who already have an older sibling, but we cannot guarantee a space if we are not aware of your intent to enrol with us.
2. If you know of friends or family who are considering enrolling their child(ren) in Tyndale Park Christian School in 2022, please encourage them to contact us as soon possible. There are **limited spaces available for students across the school in 2022** and we do not want interested families to miss out on enrolment.
3. We are celebrating the school's birthday Saturday 29 May with a Family Fun Day, 10 am to 2:30 pm. We are planning several activities such as bouncy castles, bungee run, climbing tower, obstacle course, jousting, foosball etc., as well as the regular fair stalls with face painting and balloon animals. The rental cost of these activities ranges in price from \$250 for a small bouncy castle, \$460 for a bungee run, \$633 for bumper balls arena, \$750 for a mini golf course, \$978 for the climbing tower up to \$1595 for a very large inflatable obstacle course. We would appreciate it greatly if **your company**, or someone you think would be willing to sponsor us, **would be able to sponsor one of these activities**. We would place signage (either yours or produced by us) at the activity, and there will be a large sign at the event with all the businesses that have supported the Family Fun Day. We appreciate your continued support.
4. **Term 1 Report Cards need to be returned as soon as possible, please.** If you have any concerns about your child(ren)'s achievement and you have not been able to attend our Parent-Teacher Interviews this past Monday 10 May, please contact the office to make an appointment with your child(ren)'s teacher.

5. Parents have received the invoice for the **Term 2 Tuition Fees** with your child(ren)'s Term 1 Report Card (or via email if you are new to the school). Tuition fees are to be paid in advance (recommended), if possible, or in instalments current with tuition being provided. 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**. If you are paying in instalments, please ensure that tuition payments are kept current.
6. **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. If you are missing any Donation Receipts for the 2020-2021 tax year, please contact our bursar, Mrs van der Linde, at accounts@tyndalepark.school.nz.
7. **Year 7-10 Science Projects:** Students in Years 7 to 10 is working towards producing a Science Project for our annual Science Fair. Please make time to get involved and help them meet the various deadlines. Our School Science Fair will be held early in Term 3 on Saturday morning, 7 August 2021, at 10.00 am. They (and you) can find detailed instructions by going to this URL: <http://bit.ly/tpcs-science-fair> (it needs to be copied exactly to work)
8. To create a stronger Tyndale Park Christian School identity, we are offering families the opportunity to purchase an Apex Soft Shell Jacket with an embroidered TPCS Logo for \$52.90.



All weather jacket

Orders must be made online at this link: <http://bit.ly/TPCSJackets> (needs to be typed exactly to work) – if you are not able to order online, please come and see Mrs Yang at the office. Jacket sizes are available at the URL above. **IMPORTANT:** Orders will only be completed once payment has been received.

9. Tyndale Park Christian School would like to offer you the opportunity to subscribe to the school version of **Reading Eggs and Mathletics** for your child – please note that the subscription to these services is optional and not included in tuition fees. Please pay \$27 for Reading Eggs and/or \$35 for Mathletics into the school bank account (12-3083-0175239-00) and email accounts@tyndalepark.school.nz to say that you have paid for the subscription, thanks.
10. We are presently doing a feasibility study for **a bus service from Takanini and/or Papatoetoe**. Please complete this electronic form if you are keen to use a TPCS-only bus service to transport your child(ren) from a neighbourhood close to you: <http://bit.ly/tpcs-bus-2021>

11. We would love to offer our students **more non-academic learning opportunities** during or after school such as sports (e.g. soccer, netball or a form of rugby) and clubs (e.g. chess, robotics or knitting), but we **need parent volunteers** to help us run these activities. If you are able to volunteer some of your time to help us run a sport or a club, please contact Mr Blom at principal@tyndalepark.school.nz.
12. **Have your contact details changed?** If you have had a change of address or phone number, please advise the office so the details we hold are up to date.
13. Please **keep your speed to 10 km/h** on our driveway for our community's safety. Pedestrians are strongly encouraged to use the pedestrian crossings and pathways for their safety.
14. **Lost Items:** Please check out the lost items box. The secretary can show you where it is.
15. 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. We only use the app, our student management system and paper notices (as necessary) to communicate important messages to parents.
16. Due to COVID-19, we have stopped using the drink fountains at school since their shared use can easily spread germs. It will be helpful to **replace the drink fountains with bottle fillers** because not only are they more hygienic, but studies have shown that there is about 60% less wastage of water compared to water fountains. It is a substantial investment though, so we are looking for members of our community who are willing to sponsor or cosponsor the installation. Please contact Mr Blom, principal@tyndalepark.school.nz, if you are interested.
17. Main **Calendar Events** for 2021

School's 40th Birthday: Tuesday, 25 May

School's 40th Anniversary Family Fun Day and Dinner: Saturday 29 May

ACS Soccer Tournament: Wednesday, 9 June. Rain check 11 June

Mid-Year Exams Years 9&10 + Bible for Seniors: 21 to 14 June

ACS Netball Tournament: Tuesday, 29 June. Rain check 1 July

School Science Fair: Saturday, 7 August, 10:00 am

Open Day: Monday, 23 August, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Fathers' Day Breakfast: Saturday, 4 September, 8:00 am

ACS Cross Country Tournament: Wednesday, 22 Sept. Rain check 24 Sept.

ACS Cricket Tournament: Tuesday 16 Nov. Rain check Thursday 18 Nov

End of Year Exams for Years 8 to 13: 29 November to 2 December

Thanksgiving Assembly: Friday, 10 December, 7.00 pm.

Sports Day: Monday, 13 December

Primary Wheels Day: Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday, 15 December

School Year Ends: Friday, 17 December, 1.00 pm

18. **Term Dates for 2021:**

Term 2: Monday, 3 May, to Friday, 9 July, 2pm finish. (Queen's Birthday: Monday 7 June)

Term 3: Monday, 26 July, to Friday, 1 October, 2pm finish. (Mid-term holiday: 27-30 August)

Term 4: Monday, 18 October, to Friday, 17 December, 1pm finish. (Labour Day: Monday 28 October). 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 should you need to refer to them again.