



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

30 July 2018

## Notices

1. **Moms-in-Prayer** needs to start up again! We will have our first meeting this coming Thursday, 2 August, at 2.30 pm. 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).
2. Room 3's entry in the **Auckland Botanical Garden Eye on Nature Creative Art Competition** won the third prize in the primary schools category! We are very proud of our students. We hope to use the prize money towards the conservation of our native forest at the entrance of the property.
3. Please read, sign and return the **Term 2 Reports** to the office as soon as possible. If you have returned it already, thank you very much! 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 3'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. 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 help us maintain the special character of our school. 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. **Science Projects:** Science Projects for students in Years 6 to 13 are now in the final stages of completion. Students will be encouraged to start working on their displays, but they will be guided through assembling a high quality display in Week 1 and 2 of Term 3. **Our School Science Fair is scheduled for Saturday morning, 11 August, at 10.00 am** in the school hall. Please note the change in date and time compared to previous years. We want to make it a true community event and celebration of the children's learning. **All students will be asked to attend from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.** It is just two weeks away, so please book the time in your calendar.
7. **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](mailto:musicbase.office@gmail.com).
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. **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, property or desk. There is also a medications form to complete so that we have clear instructions.
10. **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 it is simply a lack of personal discipline. Students who are regularly late may lose their lunchtime privileges. 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.
11. **Enrolments for next term or 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.

## 12. Main Calendar Events for 2018

### Term 3

**Cook Islands Language Week:** July 29 to 4 August

**The Great Kiwi Spelling Bee:** Some of our students will participate in this the next few weeks

Room 8's Kelly Tarlton Field Trip: More information will be shared with parents soon!

**School Science Fair:** Saturday 11 August, 10.00 am – 11.30 am (please note the change!)

**Vector Technology Challenge:** A Year 7-8 and Year 5-6 Team will participate in Week 9 and 10

**A.C.E. Information Evening:** Monday, 20 August, 7.00 pm

**NIWA Science Fair** at Mission Heights Junior College: 24 August

**Marimba Festival:** Saturday morning, 1 September - all students in Rooms 2 and 5 are involved

**TPCS Father's Day Barbecue:** Saturday afternoon, 1 September, from 4.30 pm onwards (please note the change!) – all our students' fathers and grandfathers are welcome

**Tongan Language Week:** 2 to 8 September

**Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra Kiwi Capers** at the Vodafone Events Centre - 10 September, 11:30 am (a Room 8, 7, 3 and 2 field trip)

**Māori Language Week:** 10 to 16 September

**ACS Cross Country Day:** Tuesday, 18 September

### Term 4

**Niuean Language Week:** 14 to 20 October

**Class Camps:** Year 5 to 10 (Moirs 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

## 13. Term Dates for the remainder of 2018:

Term 3: Monday, 23 July to Friday, 28 September 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.