



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

12 April 2019

Dear Parents

This past Monday, Uncle Maurice Sweetsur spoke to our students about the real meaning of Easter. He reminded the students, using a variety of excellent illustrations, that Easter is not about holidays, chocolate, eggs or bunnies. Easter is about God's "rescue plan" for mankind 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).

So as we approach Easter next weekend, the staff and I are praying for you. We are "giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: the Father hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son, *Jesus Christ*. In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: *the Son* is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by *Jesus* were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by *Jesus*, and for *Jesus***. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: *Jesus* is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the pre-eminence. For it pleased *the Father* that in *Jesus* should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven" (Colossians 1:12-20).

Easter is a marvellous, liberating intervention by God, confirmed through eyewitness testimony, that shows He is a God of mercy and grace: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles" (1 Corinthians 15:3-7). We hope you have a blessed Easter!

This term, the staff focused on one aspect of the mission statement, i.e. "Tyndale Park Christian School exists to assist parents". "Assisting parents" means that we recognise that parents have the primary responsibility for their children's spiritual formation and education, i.e. "*And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up*" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7) and "*And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord*" (Ephesians 6:4). It also means that Tyndale Park Christian School is in partnership with you as we assist you with the education of your children.

"Partnership" implies clear, transparent communication to ensure that (1) we really hear the concerns you may have about your children's education and (2) that you clearly understand our assessment of your children's progress. We have aimed to communicate with you on a regular basis, but we recognise that we are not perfect and that there is always room for improvement. However, we strive for excellence in everything that we do at Tyndale Park Christian School because we believe God has called us to be excellent and to instil this excellence in our students.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone of you who has assisted us this term through coaching, driving students to and from events, supervision during field trips, and volunteering your time in classes or with administrative tasks. It will be impossible to offer our students the learning opportunities they have had this term without your help. To recap, here are some of the different activities you have helped us with this term: Year 4&5 swimming, ACS Touch Rugby (**our Year 5&6 team placed third!**), Athletics Day, Year 6&7 Port of Auckland Discovery Cruise, Year 4&5 Eye on Nature Field Trip, Chesspower Primary Cluster Tournament at TPCS (**the TPCS primary chess team won!**) and the Year 1-3 Murphy's Bush Discovery Trip. We also want to thank those of you who come and serve behind the scenes on a weekly basis. We are truly grateful for your investment in our community. It will also be remiss not to acknowledge the many families who are actively promoting our school to their family members, friends and pastors. Thank you for that. It is an honour and privilege to partner with you in raising the next generation of leaders who, we hope and trust, will change the world for God's glory.

We hope the following two weeks will be filled with many opportunities to spend time together as a family. The staff and I hope to do the same, as well as prepare for Term 2!



Barend Blom - Principal

## Notices

1. **Reports for Term 1** will have gone home today, Friday 12 April. Please read, sign and return them in the first week of Term 2 – we need to have them returned in time for the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Important note: at the back of the report is a section called “Standards”; we are in the midst of a comprehensive review of these standards to ensure TPCS has a relevant, quality education; as the year continues, there will be some changes to this section of the report; if you have any questions about the standards for your child’s year level, please contact your child’s teacher.
2. **Tuition invoices for Term 2** will be included with the Reports. 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. Are you able and willing to make an extra donation towards improving our facilities and equipment as we strive to encourage academic excellence? Tyndale Park Christian School is a non-for-profit Charitable Trust and any donations that are made to the school are eligible for a 33% refund from IRD. Please come and see me if you are interested in how a donation can help our school. This year we are encouraging our community to help us **raise at least \$10,000 by the end of Term 2**, 3 July 2019, to keep tuition fee increases to a minimum. We want to thank the members of our community who have already given towards this goal. We have raised \$3,520 so far!

5. **Parent Teacher Interviews for all families** will be held next term, on **Monday, 6 May from 2.00 pm onwards**. This year we will make use of an electronic booking system. Details will be sent home in the first week of Term 2. The interviews will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date and their Term 1 Report.
6. **Term 2 begins on Monday, 29 April 2019.**
7. **Term Dates for the rest of 2019:**
  - Term 2: Monday, 29 April to **Wednesday**, 3 July 2019 (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
8. **Science Projects:** Students in Years 6 to 13 have received a handout with information on preparing a Science Project. They will have the holidays to get a head start on planning and setting up experiments. Please take 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, 3 August 2019 at 10.00 am.
9. **Coming Events:**
  - **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 **38<sup>th</sup> 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
10. **Lost Clothing:** Please remember to check out the lost clothing box.
11. 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](http://www.tyndalepark.school.nz) for term and activity dates, school events and news.