



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

8 February 2019

Dear Parents

Tyndale Park Christian School assists parents by providing a Christ-centred education that encourages academic excellence and Christian service to the glory of God. Our teaching and learning programme develops a Christian worldview in our students that keeps the God of the Bible at the centre of everything we do, "And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). We do not encourage religion but a relationship with the living God through His Son, Jesus Christ. Our vision for our students is that they will study and do their best to present themselves to God approved, workers who have no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling, intentionally living out and skilfully teaching the Word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

### **Raising academic achievement**

In our efforts to encourage academic achievement, we will specifically focus on the improvement of our **literacy programme** in 2019. We have managed to acquire the services of a literacy consultant with five decades of teaching experience and she has already inspired the staff with her infectious enthusiasm for teaching and learning, and her passion for **developing thinking** in the next generation. We believe our students are going to benefit greatly from this investment in their learning.

We continue to tweak our secondary programme to improve its quality. Tyndale Park Christian School is now registered as a **Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award Unit**. The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award is a leadership development programme for students 14 years and older. Students have to volunteer to participate in the programme. It consists of four sections, i.e. service, skill, physical recreation, adventurous journeys and residential projects, and it supports our school's vision and mission very well. Please contact Mrs Ida de Boer, the Unit Leader, or the office if you need more information.

### **Improvement of our facilities**

By this time, you are aware that during the holiday our **driveway has been upgraded**. This is part of Auckland Transport's upgrade of the section of Murphys Road between Ormiston Road and Flat Bush School Road. We are thankful for the improvement it is making to the access of our property and the safety of our students.

Our **sports fields** are also in the last stages of its development. A professional sports field developer (the company is responsible for some of the maintenance at Eden Park) is busy contouring the field to ensure proper drainage and will be sowing grass late summer / early autumn. We can't wait for the students to start using the field!

## **The importance of community**

I believe one of our school's strengths is its community and we need everyone's help to raise our children to be ambassadors for Christ. Are you able to assist us with one of the following opportunities, or do you know someone who may be able to help?

- Mothers, **Moms-in-Prayer** made a successful start last year and the mothers' prayers had made a real difference. Moms-in-Prayer met on a Thursday at 2:30 pm last year. Are you keen to join us again or to join for the first time? Please meet in the staff room this coming Thursday, 14 February, at 2:30 pm to kick off this important ministry.
- Do you love sport? Do you like working with teenagers? The **high school Physical Education class** needs another adult volunteer who is passionate about physical education and who can commit to assisting us every Friday between 2 pm and 3 pm.
- The **Auckland Christian Schools (ACS) Touch Rugby** Tournament is Wednesday 13 March. We need coaches for our teams. Are you able to help, please? You may need to volunteer about one hour a week of your time until the tournament date.
- We appreciate all of the parents who regularly volunteer to assist us with school trips, and we will need your help again in 2019.
- Do you have skills in maintenance, e.g. carpentry, plumbing, electricity and gardening, and are you willing to donate some of your time towards the maintenance of the school? Please let me know how you can help.
- 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 almost \$2,000 so far!
- Is there any other way you can help the school achieve its mission and vision? Please let me know what you have in mind.

## **Welcome to all of our new families!**

We praise God for every new family who has decided to partner with us from 2019 onwards. We are excited to start the journey with you and your children to discover how God has made them, as well as prepare them for the plans and purposes He has for them. We keep on needing to reorganise our classes to make space for our new students and to ensure that we do not compromise on the quality of the teaching and learning at Tyndale Park Christian School. Please keep spreading the word about TPCS! As always, we value your feedback and please do not hesitate to contact us with suggestions for, or any concerns about, your children's learning.

Barend Blom  
Principal

## **Notices**

1. **We extend a special welcome** to the following students who are new to the school this year. Year 1: Malachi, Rufus, Nathan, Isabelle, Jasmine; Year 2: Joseph; Year 3: Mateo; Year 4: Alina; Year 5: Percy; Year 7: Savannah, Trelise, Grace; Year 8: Aniketh; Year 9: Ella, Mirage; Year 10: Brent.

2. Parents of returning students should have received the invoice for Term 1 Tuition Fees with the Term 4 Reports. New students should have brought it home this week. 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**. 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. **Returning students, reports from Term 4** last year should be returned now.
5. **Main Calendar Events for 2019**

**Parent Orientation:** Thursday, 21 February, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

**Athletics Day:** Friday, 8 March at Omana Park.

**ACS Touch Rugby Tournament:** Wednesday, 13 March. Rain check 15 March

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** Monday, 6 May, afternoon and evening

**Photolife Class & Individual Photos:** Friday, 10 May

**Mothers' Day Devonshire Tea:** Saturday, 11 May

**ACS Soccer Tournament:** Wednesday, 22 May. Rain check 29 May

**School's 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Saturday, 25 May

**Mid-Year Exams Years 9&10 + Bible for Seniors:** 18 to 20 June

**ACS Netball Tournament:** Wednesday, 26 June. Rain check 28 June

**ACS Basketball Tournament:** Tuesday, 30 July

**School Science Fair:** Saturday, 3 August, 10:00 am

**A.C.E. Information Evening:** Monday, 19 August, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Fathers' Day Breakfast:** Saturday, 31 August, 8:00 am

**Marimba Festival:** Saturday, 31 August, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**ACS Cross Country Tournament:** Wednesday, 18 Sept. Rain check 20 Sept.

**End of Year Exams for Years 8 to 13:** 18 to 21 November

**Thanksgiving Assembly:** Friday, 6 December, 7.00 pm.

**Primary Wheels Day:** Years 1 to 6 on Monday, 9 December

**Senior Sports Day:** Years 7 to 13 on Tuesday, 11 December

**School Year Ends:** Friday, 13 December, 1.00 pm

6. **Secondary Student ID Cards:** Forms to order these will be handed out next week. ID photos will be taken afterwards.
7. **Internet Usage Agreement:** Students in years 6 to 13 will receive an Internet Usage Agreement next week that parents and students need to sign in order to keep on using the computer lab. Students need to return these forms by Friday 15 February.

8. **Mobile Phone Permissions:** Forms for the current year will be distributed to secondary students and should be returned by 15 February. Students up to Year 8 should not have any mobile phones with them at all. Year 9-13 students are required to hand in their mobile phones to their teachers in the morning.
9. **Term Dates for 2019:**

**Term 1:** Monday, 4 February to Friday, 12 April 2019, 2pm finish.  
Easter Weekend and Anzac Day fall during the school holidays.

**Term 2:** Monday, 29 April to **Wednesday**, 3 July 2019, 2pm finish.  
Queen's Birthday is Monday 3 June.

**Term 3:** Monday, 22 July to Friday, 27 September 2019, 2pm finish

**Term 4:** Monday, 14 October to Friday, 13 December 2019, 1pm finish. Labour Day is Monday 28 October. Term 4 is nine weeks only. 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.
10. **Parent Orientation will be held on Thursday evening, 21 February 2019**, from 5.30 pm. The evening is for all parents of new and returning students, as well as anyone interested in future enrolment here. We also want to encourage all parents to attend, especially if your child has progressed to a new class with a new teacher. You will be able to bring your children with you and you are encouraged to bring your family some dinner. We will first spend time together as a community around food before parents will meet with their child(ren)'s teacher(s).
11. **Contact Phone Numbers etc:** If you have had a change of address or phone number please advise the office so the details we hold are up to date.
12. If you are making purchases at **Stationery Warehouse** please remember to mention that you are supporting our school – it enables us to gain reward points!
13. **Punctuality:** All students are encouraged to arrive at school in good time for our 8.50 am start each morning. Students can expect to start losing free time privileges (morning tea and lunch break) if they are consistently late to school.
14. **Parking: In the mornings**, please use the new turning circle and drop off point whenever possible. Thank you for the gracious way in which you have adapted to our changed driveway. **In the afternoons**, junior students should be escorted by their parents to the cars unless they have older siblings to accompany them. In an effort to manage the increase in traffic as the school roll grows, we want to encourage parents with children in Years 1-3 to aim to pick their children up between 3:00 pm and 3:10 pm, if possible, and for other parents to come from 3:10 pm onwards.
15. **Dress code:** Please make a point of reading through the dress code which is included in the Weekly Record Books. Underlying the dress code is a commitment to dress that is neat and orderly, suitable for school, and modest to celebrate the worth of being made in God's image.