



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

10 November 2020

Dear Parents and Students

‘He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust’ (Psalm 91:1-2). Room 10 reminded us a few weeks ago, when they hosted the week’s assembly, that God’s people must not be fearful. After all: our Protector is the One who has created everything! It was a great encouragement in light of the challenging year we have had.

Term 4 is speeding along. We are already at the start of Week 5 and rushing towards the middle of November! Here are a few short snippets of news and very important notices.

Results of Intermediate Team's Participation in Chesspower Tournament

Five of our Year 7 and 8 students participated in Chesspower's National Chess Competition at Alfriston College on Saturday 20 October. All of our students who participated received a certificate of merit. Joel and Clinton won 4 of the 9 games they played on the day, and Daniel, Christiaan and Cardin won 3 of the 9 games they played on the day. This was the first time we were able to enter a team in the Chesspower *national* competition. We are grateful to God for the opportunity and very proud of our team.

Results of Year 7-8 Teams' Participation in Vector EPro 8 Engineering Challenge for South Auckland

We entered two teams in the Vector EPro 8 Engineering Challenge for the South Auckland region. Twenty-four teams from South Auckland schools entered the competition. God enabled our teams to achieve the *first* and *third* place in the regional competition! We are incredibly grateful to the Lord for the result and very proud of our two teams. They have been invited to participate in the Auckland regional competition. Top teams from this competition will go through to the national competition.

School Fees 2021

The Tyndale Park Christian School Trust Board wish to inform our community that there will be **no** tuition fee increases for 2021. Our tuition fee schedule is available here: <http://www.tyndalepark.school.nz/tuition-fees>

Enrolment Intent 2021

Please complete the following short form **online** to state your family's enrolment intent for 2021, <http://bit.ly/tpcs-2021> (please ensure you copy the link exactly). Alternatively, email or call us to confirm your child(ren)’s enrolment for 2021.

Changes in school calendar

This year has been a challenging year and the teachers need to have time to reflect and plan for 2021 to ensure we can properly address students' learning needs in 2021 with all of the disruptions of 2020. So, it has been decided to make some changes to Events Calendar for 2020. Please read carefully:

- **APO Brass and Puppets:** Monday, 23 November
- **Culture Fair:** Thursday, 26 November, from 1 pm to 3 pm
- **ACS Cross Country Tournament:** Tuesday, 24 November. Rain check 25 November.
- **End of Year Exams for Years 8 to 13:** 23 to 26 November
- **Teacher Only Day (no students at school):** Friday, 27 November - this would have been the day the school goes to Parakai Springs; we still encourage families to go to Parakai Springs on that day, but the teachers will **not** be involved in the organisation of the event; every family will take responsibility of their own children and it is your choice whether you go to Pakarai Springs or not; if you do go, please bring us your Parakai Springs entry fee receipts for reimbursement.
- **Auckland Cricket Quickhit Festival (Years 3-6 Girls):** Thursday, 3 December (Lloyd Elsmore)
- **Cultural Day:** Tuesday, 8 December
- **Thanksgiving Assembly:** Friday, 11 December, 7.00 pm – compulsory for all students!
- **Athletics Day:** Monday, 14 December at Omana Park (Papatoetoe Athletics Club)
- **Primary Wheels Day:** Years 1 to 6 on Tuesday, 15 December
- **School Year Ends:** Wednesday, 16 December, 1.00 pm - staff will need the rest of that week to plan for 2021 since we will have an extra class in 2021! Praise God for our school's growth! God willing we will have a Year 1 (almost full), Year 2 (full), Year 3-4 (full), Year 5-6 (spaces available), Year 7 (spaces available), Year 8 (spaces available), Year 9-10 (full) and Year 11-13 class (almost full). If your child is already enrolled at Tyndale Park Christian School in 2020, a place is automatically reserved for the next year.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support!



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Principal

Notices

1. **Sunhats for Term 4:** New Zealand has one of the highest incidences of skin cancer in the world. As a precautionary measure, we strongly recommend that students have a sunhat for outdoor play and activities during Term 4. It may also be wise to apply sunscreen before coming to school.
2. **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
3. **Enrolments for next year:** Please continue to make our school known to family, friends and neighbours. Some of our classes for 2021 are already full (as mentioned above). If your child is

already enrolled at Tyndale Park Christian School in 2020, a place is automatically reserved for the next year. If you know of someone who may be interested in sending their child(ren) to our school, encourage them to contact us as soon as possible.

4. **Have you read, signed and returned the Term 3 Reports** to the office? If not, please do so as soon as possible.
5. Thank you for attending the **Three-Way Conference**, i.e. student, parent and teacher, on Monday 19 October, i.e. the start of Week 2 of Term 4, to discuss the progress of your child(ren). If you have missed it, please contact your child(ren)'s classroom teacher to arrange a time to meet. We value our partnership with you.
6. You will have received the invoice for the Term 4 Tuition Fees with the oldest/only child's report card, or via email at the start of the term if you are new to our school. Tuition fees are to be paid in advance (recommended), if possible, or in instalments current with tuition being provided. **If you are unable to pay tuition fees due to loss of employment or other changes in your financial situation, PLEASE contact us as soon as possible at accounts@tyndalepark.school.nz to share the challenges you are facing so that we can strategize with you to find a possible solution.** We prefer payments directly 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. As always, we offer a loyalty discount of 1% per year for every year a family has partnered with us.
7. **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 of any kind will be acknowledged with a donation receipt sent home with your child. Your support of the Special Character Donation, as well as any other donations, enables us to keep tuition fee increases at a minimum and keep on developing the school's teaching and learning programme.
8. You are invited to **Parents-in-Prayer**, 2.30 pm, on Thursdays, just before you pick up your children from school. Your prayer support is crucial. We are able to do what we do because of God's help and our community's continued desire to do things for God's glory.
9. **Term Dates for 2021:**
Term 1: Tuesday 2 February 2021 to Friday 16 April 2021 (Waitangi Day - Saturday 6 February 2021, but observed Monday 8 February 2021; Good Friday - Friday 2 April 2021; Easter Monday - Monday 5 April 2021; ANZAC Day - fall in Term 1 Holiday)
Term 2: Monday 3 May 2021 to Friday 9 July 2021 (Queen's Birthday - Monday 7 June 2021)
Term 3: Monday 26 July 2021 to Friday 1 October 2021 (Mid-Term School Holiday - Friday 27 August 2021 to Monday 30 August 2021)
Term 4: Monday 18 October 2021 to Friday 17 December 2021 (Labour Day - Monday 25 October 2021)
10. **Student drop-off:** All students are encouraged to be at school by 8.50 am in the morning. It is tremendously disruptive for the late student, other students and their teacher when a student is not on time.
11. **Student pick-up:** Parents are asked to continue to pick students up in waves, i.e. families with children in room 8 (Mrs Fowlie) and room 7 (Mr Burgess) are asked to pick all their child(ren) up between 2.50 pm and 3.00 pm, room 4 (Mrs Grootboom) and room 3 (Mrs Barnes) between 3.00 pm and 3.10 pm, and all other students from 3.10 pm onwards. Students are **not** allowed to be at school unsupervised after 3.15 pm unless they are actively supervised *by* their parents *and/or* meeting with a teacher. Teachers are available for meetings with parents until 3.30 pm. Please do

not leave students after school unsupervised for a "playdate" with friends - this creates a Health and Safety risk for the school.

12. **Important note:** Please keep your vehicle's speed to 10 km/h while you are on the school property. Unfortunately, a number of community members are consistently breaking this speed limit, especially as you go down the driveway to leave the school property. Our students often use the driveway for exercise, and it creates unnecessary risk when vehicles speed on the driveway.
13. Throughout the term we are in need of parent volunteers for a number of different reasons. Please read through the following list and consider whether you are able to support the learning of our students.
 - **Transport and supervision** during school field trips or Auckland Christian Schools Sport Events. Please contact the office if you are able to assist consistently, or make sure you show your willingness to help on permission slips when they come home.
 - We are in the process of digitising our school library. Once completed, it will simplify the issue and return of books and you will have online access to our catalogue. **Our librarian needs help with the digitising process.** If you are able to help with data entry or adding labels to books, please email librarian@tyndalepark.school.nz.
 - **Do you love growing vegetables or have an interest in horticulture?** We would love to have a vegetable garden and fruit orchard that we can incorporate into our students' teaching and learning throughout the year, but we need parent volunteers who can assist us on a consistent basis. One parent is already assisting us in this area (thank you Philip!), but we need more help.
 - Do you have some **expertise in sport and have a schedule that allows you to be available** during the school day during the week to coach sport? Or perhaps you are able to consistently volunteer time after school? Please contact us to let us know your availability.
 - We would love to start a **Chess Club** at school. Chess is an excellent game for all students that not only teaches them how to focus but also develops their strategic thinking skills. Please contact Mr Blom, principal@tyndalepark.school.nz or call him at 09 274 9771 during office hours, to let him know of your availability. We are able to have you trained as a Chess Coach if you are interested.
 - There are many other types of activities that will benefit our students, e.g. a **Code Club, Robotics Club, ICONZ Club**. Does any of these appeal to you or do you have **an idea for a club** that has not been mentioned? Please contact Mr Blom, principal@tyndalepark.school.nz or call him at 09 274 9771 during office hours, to let him know of your availability and how you are able to contribute.
14. **Dress code:** Please review the school dress code with your child(ren) and ensure that they dress accordingly. 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.
15. **Optional school jackets:** Do you want to purchase your child(ren) an optional school jacket? Please complete this online form, <http://bit.ly/tpcs-jacket-2020> (please ensure you copy the link exactly), or contact the school office to make an order. We aim to send a final order for 2020 on Friday 20 November. Jackets can be purchased for \$46.
16. **School uniform discussion:** We want to invite you to let us know whether you are supportive of Tyndale Park Christian School possibly adopting a school uniform sometime in the future. We are able to source a uniform that will cost between \$50 and \$75 for a single set (shirt/pants or shirt/skirt) per child. Please complete the following, short, online form to let us know what you think: <http://bit.ly/tpcs-uniform-2020> (please ensure you copy the link exactly)

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