



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

31 July 2020

Dear Parents and Students

I don't know about you, but I am incredibly humbled by God's grace and mercy for our nation as we make a relatively 'normal' start to the term. I know that many of you have family members who are living in countries that are still in some form of lockdown. I think the best response to our situation is gratitude. We have also been encouraged by God's answers to our prayers to provide for the livelihoods of families' who have been affected by COVID-19. His loving provision is no surprise because *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever"* (Hebrews 13:8).

Prayer is always the best place to start. God also calls us to action. James says, *"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone"* (James 2:17). Room 4 has been leading Tyndale Park Christian School in a practical response to people's needs. Their first project was a 'clothing drive' that took place during the last half of Term 2. They gave some feedback to the school during assembly in Week 2 of Term 3. Here is a short summary of their presentation in their own words.

Bentley said the following: *"When we returned from Lockdown to school in May this term, our teacher asked us to do some reflective writing on a command from the Bible - Love thy neighbour as you love yourself. We were challenged to come up with ideas that were ways we could help our neighbours. My buddy Ayaan and I came up with the idea to help the poor as Jesus had commanded us to do. Our teacher then asked us to create an action plan, which we did, and speak to Mr Blom about our idea. Mr Blom approved our idea and so the Winter Community Drive began with clothing donations for people in need. On Monday, 29th June 2020, a team from the non-profit organisation, Sower's Trust, came out to TPCS to receive our donations. And Sophia is going to tell you a little about that".*

Sophia continued: *"Both our class and the team were greatly blessed by the donations you contributed. We were humbled to learn that the team at Sowers Trust needs these donations to help people that live on the streets, as well as troubled youth and families going through difficult times. We also enjoyed a Samoan game with our guests, Mili Mili, which was really fun. In Acts 20:35 Jesus gave us this command, 'I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Thank you Tyndale Park Christian School for your generosity and clothing donations!"*

The class has been so encouraged by the outcome of the project in Term 2 that they have launched a new project that will run in school next week, starting Monday 3 August. Ayaan explained the plan during assembly: *"In Week 3, we will open up the Hot Chocolate Warehouse. We will be selling Hot Chocolate at lunch break for \$1 and \$2. Please bring along your money, come enjoy a cup of hot*

chocolate and support a good cause. All proceeds will be donated to the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). MAF is a Christian organization that provides aviation, communications, and learning technology services to more than 1,000 Christian and humanitarian agencies, as well as thousands of isolated missionaries and indigenous villagers in the world's most remote areas. Thank you in advance for supporting us!" You are encouraged to bring your gold coins to make a practical difference in God's Kingdom around the world. Staff and students will also be warmed up by delicious hot chocolate!

We are proud of Room 4's efforts and committed to supporting them because our mission is to "assist parents by providing a Christ-centred education that encourages academic excellence and Christian service to the glory of God". Faith in God is both intellectual and practical. Christian service helps students to understand God's charity, or love, for the people He has made and transforms their thinking in the process. We hope to expand service learning opportunities at Tyndale Park Christian School over time.

We are grateful for your partnership with us and we look forward to working with you this term. Please let us know how we can pray for you. Now may "the Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).



Barend Blom  
Principal

## Notices

1. **Parents-in-Prayer** needs to start up again! You are welcome to join our intercessory group at 2.30 pm, on Thursdays, just before you pick up your children from school.
2. 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.
3. Please plan on attending a **Three Way Conference**, i.e. student, parent and teacher, on the Monday afternoon and evening of Week 8, 7 September, from 1 pm onwards. This will be done by appointment. More details will follow in a few weeks.
4. **Science Fair:** Experimentation, for the Science Projects our students in Years 7 to 13 are working on, needs to be completed this weekend. Students will be guided through assembling a high-quality display in Week 3 and 4 of Term 3. Our School Science Fair is scheduled for Saturday morning, 15 August, at 10.00 am in the school hall. A speaker from Creation Ministries International (CMI) will be giving a talk on how science supports the Biblical narrative and materials from CMI will be for sale to parents and students (Eftpos and cash payment options). 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 about 11.30 am. Room 8, Room 7, Room 4 and Room 3 will also have displays at the science fair and students will take turns to explain their class's project. We encourage Year 7-13 students to make the most of the remaining time. Please encourage and help your child to complete their project.

5. Parents will have received the invoice for the Term 3 Tuition Fees with the oldest/only child's report card at the end of last term, 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 income, PLEASE contact us at [accounts@tyndalepark.school.nz](mailto:accounts@tyndalepark.school.nz) to share your financial situation to enable us to strategize with you to find a possible solution for your challenge.** We offer a loyalty discount of 1% per year for every year a family has partnered with us. 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.
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 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.
7. **Main Calendar Events for 2020**  
  
**ACS Netball Tournament:** date to be announced, Auckland Netball Centre  
**PhotoLife Class and Individual Photos:** Friday, 7 August  
**School Science Fair:** Saturday, 15 August, 10:00 am  
**Tyndale Park Christian School Open Day:** Monday, 24 August, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
**Fathers' Day Breakfast:** Saturday, 5 September, 8:00 am  
**ACS Cross Country Tournament:** Wednesday, 16 Sept. Rain check 18 Sept.  
**ACS Cricket Tournament:** Monday 9 Nov. Rain check Wednesday 11 Nov  
**End of Year Exams for Years 8 to 13:** 23 to 26 November  
**Thanksgiving Assembly:** Friday, 11 December, 7.00 pm.  
**Christmas Wonder Park:** Saturday 12 December (may change)  
**Athletics Day:** Monday, 14 December at Omana Park (Papatoetoe Athletics Club)  
**Primary Wheels Day:** Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday, 16 December  
**School Year Ends:** Friday, 18 December, 1.00 pm
8. **Term Dates for 2020:**  
**Term 3:** Monday, 20 July to Friday, 25 September 2020, 2pm finish  
**Term 4:** Monday, 12 October to Friday, 18 December 2020, 1pm finish. Labour Day is Monday 28 October.
9. **Student drop-off and pick-up:** (1) 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. (2) **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 their child(ren) up between 3.00 pm and 3.05 pm, room 4 (Mrs Grootboom) and room 3 (Mrs Barnes) between 3.05 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.
10. **Important note:** Please keep your vehicle's speed to 10 km/h while you are on the school property. Unfortunately, a number of parents 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.

11. **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.
12. 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](mailto: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 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 Mr Blom, [principal@tyndalepark.school.nz](mailto:principal@tyndalepark.school.nz) or call him at 09 274 9771 during office hours, to let him know of your availability and the sport you are able to coach.
  - 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
13. Has **God gifted you with skills in development, fundraising and marketing** and you have time you are willing to volunteer? Please contact Mr Blom, [principal@tyndalepark.school.nz](mailto:principal@tyndalepark.school.nz) or call him at 09 274 9771 during office hours, so that he can make an appointment with you and discuss how we can work together to be the best possible stewards of the resources God has given us to grow His Kingdom..
14. The installation of the **permanent fence** on the boundary between the school property and Murphys Road is part of the agreement between Auckland Transport and the Tyndale Park Christian School Trust to ensure the safety of our students and our property with the upgrade of Murphys Road.
15. **Enrolments for next term or next year:** Please continue to make our school known to family, friends and neighbours. Our new entrant class for 2020 is almost full. Some of our classes for 2021 are also close to being full. 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.