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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. In partnership with you, our vision is to develop and nurture students who will become people who will understand how to live their lives within the life-giving boundaries God has put in place through His sovereign wisdom, communicated to us through His Word, so that they will be able to confidently take their place in God's Kingdom and society, standing up for what is true and right - or as it is stated in our official profile of a Tyndale Park Christian School student, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

God has placed Tyndale Park Christian School strategically in the Flat Bush and Ormiston area. It is one of the fastest growing neighbourhoods in Auckland and I believe God wants us to be part of the Kingdom-building efforts that are happening in the area already. As such, we have an unwavering commitment to Christ-centred education, using resources that are designed to present the different subject areas from a Christian worldview perspective. We aim to use teaching approaches that are based on Scriptural and research-informed strategies from both internal and external sources.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve the learning outcomes for our students, but we are doing it carefully to ensure we are not delivering an education driven by fads but rather informed by Scripture and well-supported research. However, it is important that the resources and content are relevant - ensuring our students are prepared for *the future* God has for them and not for *our past*. Here are a few examples of ways we are trying to ensure we provide a relevant education built on the foundation of God's Word:

- New textbooks and teaching materials for English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies
- Remodelling the library to make it a more bookworm-friendly place
- Completion of our sports field
- Conservation of our native forest by purposely replanting native trees and shrubs, removing non-native plant species and creating walkways and outdoor classroom seating areas

- A class set of tablets to facilitate the development of a digital media creation and computational thinking curriculum

We want to improve the quality and make the most of these teaching resources because it will ensure we provide the education that will prepare our children for the promising future God has planned for them.

With the aforementioned factors in mind, as well as a rising cost of living in Auckland that puts a strain on our limited resources, the Trust Board wants to invite our community to partner with us financially in 2019. It is our hope that this partnership will go beyond the necessary, inflation-related increase in tuition fees. What does this financial partnership look like? To ensure we limit necessary increases in tuition fees for 2019, we need to raise at least \$10,000 in donations in the first half of next year.

Now I realise that all of us are feeling the pinch of living in Auckland. However, what I want to ask you, is whether you are able to find a place in your budget to set aside some money to help us reach the \$10,000 goal by Wednesday 3 July 2019 (*a quick update: we are 16.5% on the way to this goal because our community has already started responding after the Thanksgiving address! Thank you community*). Even a gold coin a week will make a difference! All donations will be eligible for a donation receipt of course. If you have any questions about this, I encourage you to visit the “Support Us” section of our website or to make an appointment with me to discuss the matter further. We believe in the kind of giving that Paul describes in 2 Corinthians 9:7, “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a **cheerful** giver”.

A valid question that you may have is, “What has TPCS done to accomplish its mission this year?” I encourage you to visit our website and watch our most recent school video – it is on the Home page. You will also be able to get a good idea of what happened this year by visiting our Facebook page or subscribing to our YouTube channel (links to our social media presence are on the Home page of our website).

Last, but not least, the past two weeks the staff and I have encouraged our students to stand up for the real reason behind **Christmas**: the birth of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. If you go into shopping malls or watch advertisements on the Internet or TV, it becomes evident that the world has turned Christmas into a godless, materialistic festival that involves an overindulgence in food and things. I have encouraged our students to take a stand and to remind everyone in their world that “... unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). It is our prayer that the school holiday will be a blessed time for you and your family, remembering the birth of our Saviour and spending quality family time. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 4 February 2019!

Barend Blom  
Principal

## Notices

1. **Thank you to everyone** who attended our Thanksgiving Assembly on Friday evening – we trust you found the programme a blessing. Thanks too to everyone who came to our Primary Prizegiving assembly this afternoon. It is always an encouragement to staff and students to see you here at the end of term. We want to wish Ms Karen Browne, who has been our cleaner for the past 4 years, all of the best with her new position as a permanent Year 3-4 teacher.
2. **Term 4 Reports and invoices for Term 1 2018** have been issued today. Please read the reports carefully, sign them and return them at the start of the first term next year. We prefer payments to be made direct to the school's bank account: **ASB Bank, Manukau City Branch, Account 12 3083 0175239 00**. Fees may also 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 you have informed the office and that tuition payments are kept current.
3. From 2019, a **loyalty discount** applies. This discount is prorated according to the number of years a family has been partnering with the school, starting with the date the oldest child has been enrolled at TPCS, and will continue until the youngest child leaves school. An example of how the loyalty discount works is in the table below.

After 1 Year	After 3 Years	After 6 Years	After 10 Years	After 15 Years
1 % discount on published fees	3 % discount on published fees	6 % discount on published fees	10 % discount on published fees	15 % discount on published fees

4. **Special Character Donation:** Enrolment at Tyndale Park Christian School includes a Special Character donation. This enables the Trust Board to continue developing and providing an affordable education consistent with the Christian character of the school. Amounts are \$65 per term for a Year 1 to 8 student and \$80 per term for a Year 9 to 13 student. The specified amounts are eligible for a 33% tax refund and may be paid as a lump sum or incorporated in your usual method of payment. A donation receipt will be issued at the time of receiving the donation.
5. **New Enrolments:** Please continue to make our school known to friends and neighbours – we have places available in most classes for next year. We welcome visits and email or phone enquiries.
6. **Class Orientation Evening 2019:** Our annual class orientation evening for all parents of students at Tyndale Park Christian School will be at 5:30 pm on Thursday 21 February. Please mark this date in your calendar. It is an important community event and essential for all parents to attend.

7. **Term Dates for 2019:** Please diary these dates in now and make a note when planning holidays so that pupils are not absent from school during term time. Don't forget to download the school app (details on the Event Calendar page), for school events, term dates, updates and photos: [www.tyndalepark.school.nz](http://www.tyndalepark.school.nz).
- **Term 1:** Monday, 4 February to Friday, 12 April 2018, 2.00 pm finish
  - **Term 2:** Monday, 29 April to Wednesday, 3 July 2018, 2:00pm finish
  - **Term 3:** Monday, 22 July to Friday, 27 September 2018, 2:00pm finish
  - **Term 4:** Monday, 14 October to Friday, 13 December 2018, 1:00pm finish
8. **Music Lessons:** **Ken Hutchinson** is continuing to offer weekly keyboard lessons over the lunch period at school. If you are interested please phone him on 273 3411 for further information. **The Kedgley Music Centre** at Kedgley Intermediate School on Portage Road, Papatoetoe also offers after-school music learning opportunities. Lessons are for primary and intermediate school children aged 7 years or older on the 1st February of the year of enrolment. There is a family registration fee of \$30 per family and \$50 per child for the whole year. Instruction is offered in a range of instruments including ukulele, guitar, recorder, drums, keyboard, violin, trumpet, clarinet, flute etc. Instruments are available for hire. Email [kedgleymusic@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kedgleymusic@xtra.co.nz).
9. If you are shopping at the **Warehouse Stationery** over the holidays, please remember to nominate our school at the checkout for their promotion which offers 5% of the value of the purchase you make back to the school.
10. **Holiday Programmes:** Redeemer Kids, who run the after-school programme at 30 Hilltop Road, Flat Bush, are offering a holiday programme towards the end of the holidays, from 21 to 25 January 2019. There will be Bible stories, sports and games, and crafts. For more information phone Tony on 021 217 3837. There are other holiday programmes available in the area also such as **SKIDS** (Safe Kids in Daily Supervision) - check out [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz)
11. **Holiday Reading:** We want to encourage you to maintain a daily reading goal over the holidays with your children, particularly in Years 1 to 6. One idea is to read one of the classics like Black Beauty or some other age appropriate book with your child. This will enable your children to keep developing their reading fluency.
12. **Staffing needs:** We have the following urgent staffing needs for 2019. Please contact Barend Blom at [principal@tyndalepark.school.nz](mailto:principal@tyndalepark.school.nz) if you are interested.
- **Custodian / Cleaner:** We are urgently looking for someone who will be able to become our custodian / cleaner. The ideal candidate is someone who is able to engage in vigorous, physical activity and who has a keen attention to detail. A careful fulfilment of duties facilitates a healthy and safe environment for our staff and students. It is a paid position (4 hours a week) that involves duties such as cleaning of staff and student toilets, staff kitchen and glass panes at the entrance and front office as necessary. Ideally, these duties are done during the weekend.

In the past, the position has almost always been filled by a present family to help offset tuition fees.