



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

3 July 2020

Dear Parents and Students

The past twelve weeks have been quite eventful! We started Term 2 via remote learning on Tuesday, the 14th of April. On Monday, the 18th of May, we switched to face-to-face learning under strict hygiene guidelines and on Tuesday, the 9th of June, life went back to 'normal'. We praise God for blessing us with the strength and wisdom we needed to negotiate so much change. I am also humbled by, and grateful for, the incredible team of staff members God has blessed us with. They have graciously adapted to every change and chosen to make the most of every situation. I also want to thank you for the support you have offered your children, especially during lockdown. Our efforts have been a true partnership and I am sure our children will look back on this time with positive memories.

One thing is certain: the past few weeks have taught us that it is not wise to depend on our present circumstances to give us security. All of us have had to deal with the uncertainty of how we are going to cope with the forecasted economic recession and an invisible 'enemy'. Some of you have had to work through the painful experience of having your livelihood wiped out in a few short weeks. We now have a new 'normal', i.e. unpredictable change and the insecurity it can bring. It is obvious when one watches the news that the whole world is 'on edge'. How do we respond?

May I take a few minutes to encourage you from the Bible? Just before Jesus died on the cross, He warned his disciples that they will experience hardship and persecution. But He went on to say, "*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world*" (John 16:33; emphasis mine). Earlier in His earthly ministry He taught that we should not be so obsessed with taking care of their earthly needs "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you*" (Matthew 6:33), i.e. followers of Jesus need to have a heavenly perspective and understand that "... *your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him*" (Matthew 6:8). God will take care of us.

So who is this God and Father of the Bible?

- He is El Shaddai, the Lord God Almighty (Genesis 17:1). Nothing is too hard for Him.
- He is El Elyon, the Most High God (Genesis 14:18). He created each one of us in His image.
- He is Adonai, our Lord and Master (Genesis 15:2). He is always in control.
- He is Yahweh, Lord and Jehovah (Genesis 2:4). His holiness sets Him apart from anyone and anything else in creation.
- He is Jehovah Nissi, the Lord Our Banner (Exodus 17:15). We can follow Him with confidence.
- He is Jehovah-Raah, the Lord My Shepherd (Psalm 23). He lovingly takes care of us in the good times and the bad times, leading us *through* both.

- He is Jehovah Rapha, the Lord Who Heals (Exodus 15:26) spiritual, emotional and physical hurt in ways that will glorify His Name and prepare us for an eternity in His presence when we accept His offer of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ.
- He is Jehovah Shammah, the Lord Is There (Ezekiel 48:35). When He is our God, He will never leave us or forsake us. We are never alone.
- He is Jehovah Tsidkenu, the Lord Our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6). He will vindicate us.
- He is Jehovah Mekoddishkem, the Lord Who Sanctifies You (Exodus 31:13). 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 (John 3:16). I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1-2).
- He is El Olam, the Everlasting God (Genesis 21:33). He is worthy of my worship because He is the “*Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty*” (Revelation 1:8).
- He is Elohim, God (Genesis 1:1). He is sovereignly in control of world history and my place in it.
- He is Qanna, Jealous of our worship (Exodus 20:5). No-one and nothing else deserves worship except Him, something that will be evident by now if you consider all His Names above.
- He is Jehovah Jireh, the Lord Will Provide (Genesis 22:14). When things look impossible, like they may for some of us post-COVID-19, be assured: God is faithful – remember Jesus’ promises in Matthew 6:8 and 33 above.
- He is Jehovah Shalom, the Lord Is Peace (Judges 6:24). He is the only source of peace in this troubled world.
- Last, but not least, He is Jehovah Sabaoth, the Lord of Hosts (1 Samuel 1:3). This name denotes His universal sovereignty over every army, both spiritual and earthly. The Lord of Hosts is the king of all heaven and earth. (Psalm 24:9-10; Psalm 84:3; Isaiah 6:5).

The Tyndale Park Christian School staff and Trust Board are expectantly looking to God, as He is described above, to take care of all of our community’s spiritual, emotional and physical needs both now and forevermore. We know He is faithful and we want to encourage you to patiently and confidently wait on Him.

Conclusion

We hope families will be able to utilise the upcoming school holiday as an opportunity to spend some quality time together. The staff and I hope to take a good break as well since we haven’t really had any time off since the start of the year: we are exhausted! However, we are looking forward to the teaching and learning opportunities Term 3 will bring. Please take some time to read through the notices and main calendar events in the following pages. We may need your help!

Thank you for continuing to partner with us. Tyndale Park Christian School assists parents by providing a Christ-centred education that encourages academic excellence and Christian service to the glory of God.



Barend Blom
Principal

Notices

1. Tyndale Park Christian School is governed by the Tyndale Park Christian School Trust, a non-for-profit entity registered with the Charities Commission. Trustees are appointed at invitation by present trustees. Mr Jacob Loef, our present chairman, has submitted his resignation to the Trust Board after many years of faithful service. The Trustees have appointed Mr Berend de Boer as acting chairman to steer the Trust Board through a review process to identify ways the Trust Board can improve what it does and to assist with the process of appointing new trustees. Mr de Boer's children have completed their primary and secondary education at Tyndale Park Christian School and Mrs de Boer has been the high school art teacher for many years. It is our prayer that the Lord will bless Mr de Boer and the rest of the Trust Board with the wisdom and vision they need to guide the school into the future God has planned for it.
2. **Science Projects:** Science Projects for students in Years 7 to 13 should be well on the way. All experiments must be completed by Monday 20 July. Students will be guided through assembling a high-quality display in Week 1 to 4 of Term 3. Our School Science Fair is scheduled for Saturday morning, 15 August, at 10.00 am in the school hall. 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 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, particularly over the holidays. Please encourage and help your child to complete their project. Preparation is the key to success!
3. Parents will have received the invoice for the Term 3 Tuition Fees with the oldest/only child's report card. 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 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 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.
4. **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.
5. **Main Calendar Events for 2020**

ACS Netball Tournament: Tuesday, 4 August, at 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

6. **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.

7. **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 "play date" with friends - this creates a Health and Safety risk for the school. **Important note:** Please keep your vehicle's speed to 10 km/h while you are on the school property.

8. **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.

9. 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.

10. **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.



A promotional poster for a cricket program. At the top right, a box says 'JULY 6 - 16'. The central image shows two cricket players in silhouette, one batting and one bowling, with a cricket ball and a bat in the foreground. Below this is the Papatoetoe Cricket Club logo, which includes a shield with a red and white design and the text 'Papatoetoe Cricket Club Inc.'. The main text reads 'CRICKET BREAKAWAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM'. At the bottom, it says 'AT PAPATOETOE CRICKET CLUB For anyone aged between 11 to 17 years old Monday to Thursday 1PM to 4PM FREE - Register on our website! www.papatoetoeccricket.co.nz papatoetoeccricket@kolmar.org.nz'.



We are pleased to announce the return of the Kedgley Music Centre! KMC offers affordable after-school music lessons for primary- and intermediate-aged children in our community.

2020 Programme

KMC classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights during Term 3 and Term 4. For 2020 we are offering Flute, Keyboard, Recorder, Trumpet, Cornet, Ukulele and Violin.

For more information on classes, please visit the KMC website at www.bit.ly/kmcabout.

How to enrol

If you wish to enrol your child at KMC, please complete the enrolment application form at www.bit.ly/kmcenrol by **Friday, 3 July 2020**.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the KMC supervisor Kristen Thrush at kmc@kedgley.school.nz or 0204 KMUSIC (0204 568742).