



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

16 October 2018

## Notices

1. **Welcome!** We extend a special welcome to Michaela Jay in Year 6, who has joined Room 3 this term.
2. **Term 3 Reports** should all be returned to the school office this week.
3. **A reminder** that Monday 22 October is Labour Day in New Zealand and there will be no school. Classes resume as usual on Tuesday.
4. **Working Bee:** We want to invite the whole community to come out for our annual Working Bee on Saturday morning, 3 November, anytime from 8.00 am onwards. Even an hour or two of your help will be greatly appreciated. We want to promote the value of service to our students and we want to develop the friendship bonds in our school community. What better way than to work together on projects on our school property that will offer us a visible reward for our efforts at the end of the day. Some of the projects that we hope to work on include various clean-up jobs in the garden, washing classroom walls and windows on the west and south sides and relocating mulch and bark to help with the growth of our fruit orchard. Please mark this date in your calendar. We plan to have a sausage sizzle for morning tea, and there will be some drinks available to keep us hydrated and energised.
5. **The Prompt Payment Discount**, on tuition fees paid in full for Term 4, will be available up to this Friday, 19 October 2018. If you wish to claim this, please pay only the discounted tuition amount highlighted on the invoice. Fees may be paid in person at the school office by cash or by cheque made out to Tyndale Park Christian School. Alternatively, fees may be paid direct to the school's bank account: **ASB Bank, Manukau City Branch, Account 12 3083 0175239 00**. We encourage online payments as this is the most helpful and efficient way to make payment. If you are paying in instalments, please ensure that tuition payments are kept current.
6. **Special Character Donation:** This is \$195 per annum per Year 1 to 8 student and \$245 per annum per Year 9 to 13 student. The specified amounts are eligible for a 33% tax refund. We want to thank families who have already made this contribution. However, if we have not already received yours, please consider making the donation now or making a part payment. These donations not only help us to maintain the special character of our school, but also enable us to offer parents competitive school fees.

7. **Murphys Road Upgrade:** We received a letter from Auckland Transport on 27 September to announce that the Stage 2 Culvert Construction of the Murphys Road Upgrade will commence in late November 2018. During the upgrade, Murphys Road will temporarily be closed between Flatbush School Road and Ormiston Road. Parents will have access to school via an approved detour. Auckland Transport will announce details closer to the start of construction.
8. **Mums-in-Prayer** is meeting every Thursday, at 2.30 pm, during the term. At the first assembly of the year, I recounted Jesus' parable of the sower to the students – also known as the parable of the soils. To cultivate “good ground that brings forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold” (Matthew 13:8), we need to pray since “the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous [person] availeth much” (James 5:16b). We want to encourage mothers to come and pray for the school for a few minutes before they pick up their children on a Thursday.
9. **Pickup of students after school:** We want to remind parents that students can only be supervised until 3:15 pm in the afternoon. After that, TPCS is unable to provide adult supervision, which means we are unable to guarantee unsupervised students' safety from 3:15 pm onwards. If students remain on campus unsupervised, it creates a health and safety risk for the school under the Health and Safety At Work Act (2015). If you are unable to pick your children up by 3:15 pm due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we are aware of your children's presence after school.
10. **Absences:** If your child is absent from school at any time please remember to either email or phone the office in the morning. We need to hear of absences direct from parents - rather than through a third party.
11. **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 his/her person, property or desk.
12. **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.
13. **Punctuality:** A reminder that students are expected at school in time to start the scheduled programme from 8:50 am onwards. Late-comers not only cause distraction and disruption to others but they are missing out themselves. We recognise that there are occasions when we all run late for reasons beyond our control. Students need to do everything in their power to be punctual. Please speak to us about your situation if it is impossible to make it to school on time. We are happy to try and work out solutions together to establish patterns of punctuality which will benefit us all.

14. **Dress Code:** The school depends on parents and students to keep within the guidelines set by the school's dress code, while appreciating the flexibility it offers. It is also an opportunity for students and parents to appreciate, and work together on, respecting organisational boundaries. We appreciate the efforts of the majority to dress appropriately and would simply remind others of their obligations in this regard. With the warmer weather and girls growing taller, skirts still need to be knee length or longer. The key point of the dress code is to encourage modesty and a standard of dress that is God-honouring and which does not draw unnecessary attention to one's self. Please take a couple of minutes to review our dress code standards - there is a copy in the Weekly Record book for all students.

### **Main Calendar Events for the remainder of 2018**

- Niuean Language Week: 14 to 20 October
- Labour Weekend: 20 to 22 October 2018
- Working Bee: Saturday 3 November, 8.00 am onwards
- Class Camps: 7 to 9 November - Year 5 to 10 (Moirs Point Christian Centre); Year 11-13 (Karakariki Christian Camp)
- End of Year Exams: Year 8 up, 19 to 22 November
- Parakai Springs School Trip: Friday 23 November
- ACS Cricket for Year 5-8 students: Monday 3 December
- Thanksgiving Assembly: Friday, 7 December, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
- Junior and Senior Sports Days: Monday, 10 December, and Tuesday, 11 December
- School Year Ends: Friday, 14 December, 1.00 pm

### **Term Dates 2019**

- Term 1: Monday 4 February – Friday 12 April 2019
- Term 2: Monday 29 April – **Wednesday** 3 July 2019
- Term 3: Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September 2019
- Term 4: Monday 14 October – Friday 13 December 2019

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.