



*Study to show thyself approved unto God. Titus 2:15*

28 June 2019

## Notices – End of Term 2, 2019

1. **Highlights of Term 2.** The students have had an amazing array of learning opportunities in- and outside the classroom this term.
  - a. It was great to catch up with most parents at the **Parent-Teacher Interviews** at the start of the term. We have been humbled and encouraged by your positive and constructive feedback. Thank you for making the effort to come and see us.
  - b. Our Room 2, 3 and 7 (Year 2-7) students were inspired by what they saw and did at the annual **Science Roadshow**. This fieldtrip complimented our intentional focus on science inquiry this term. We truly appreciate the support of the parents who have been able to help us with transport and supervision. Our school's progress and success are always a result of the time and effort our community are willing and able to contribute. Thank you for your hearts of service!
  - c. A group of our high school students attended the first ever **Indigitous Ed High School Hackathon** and two of our students were in the group who created the winning project. The aim of the day was for every participating group to create a digital animation of a passage in Mark narrated in Māori. A project like this has never been attempted in New Zealand and it has been a privilege to be part of making history with an eternal outcome.
  - d. The **Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra's Mousike Ensemble** visited our school and blessed our students with excellent performances of classical and contemporary compositions. The musicians taught our students that you could achieve excellence with the talents God had blessed you with if you practiced them diligently.
  - e. Our high school class has been able to visit the annual **Careers' Expo** at the ASB Showgrounds and quite a few of them have left the event inspired and more informed of possible career options.
  - f. Tyndale Park Christian School was asked by the organiser of the **Interface Xpo**, an annual educational technology show, whether our students could create a video that showcased the event from a student's perspective. A group of four Year 7 students and Mrs Bagrie attended the event and spoke to most of the major exhibitors and some of the other adults who attended the event. Interviewees commented on the quality of our students' questions and their confidence. We were very proud of our students' efforts.
  - g. Room 5 (Year 8-10) participated in the **Chelsea Factory School Tour**. Our students, teachers and parents were inspired by the great experience they had at an iconic New Zealand factory and the possible career opportunities that exist for students in the New Zealand economy.

- h. Most of the students in Room 10 (Year 11-13) attended the first night of the **Confident Christianity Conference** put on by Thinking Matters, a New Zealand apologetics ministry. Stuart McAllister from RZIM encouraged attendees that God, as He reveals Himself in the Bible, is the only One that can offer us real hope as we search for answers in uncertain times.
  - i. Our primary **chess** team played in the Auckland Regional Tournament organised by Chesspower after they won the local cluster competition earlier this year. Like last year, it has been a phenomenal learning experience for them. Clinton McCormick was our top placed player in this tournament and TPCS placed fourth. **We hope we will be able to find someone in our community who is willing to head up and coach a TPCS Chess Club** because God has blessed us with some great strategic thinkers – and there are likely others who still need to be discovered. Please contact the office if you are interested and able to volunteer your time in this way.
  - j. There had been some changes to the ACS sports' tournaments again this year. The ACS Soccer Tournament has had to be postponed to Week 4 of Term 3 due to the lack of availability of a suitable field. The colds and flu that have been doing rounds amongst our community decimated our senior netball team and prevented them from taking part in the **ACS Netball Tournament** this week. However, our Year 9-10 team did participate and represented God, their families and the school very well. We are proud of them!
2. **Term 2 Reports** will be issued on the last day of school, Wednesday 3 July. Please read, sign and return the reports to the office in the first week of Term 3. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the office to arrange a convenient time.
  3. We want to remind you, as mentioned in Newsletter 2 of Term 4 in 2018, Newsletter 2 of Term 1 this year and on the Tuition Fees page of our website, that there will be a **small increase** to the school fees for the remainder of the year. **We want to thank** the individuals and churches who have been able to donate towards the \$10,000 we have aimed for by the end of Term 2. We have come close enough to our target to keep the tuition fee increase to a minimum. The fees for students in Year 1 to 4 will increase \$5.80 per week, Year 5 to 6 \$6 per week, Year 7 to 8 \$6.60 per week, Year 9 to 10 \$7.30 per week and Year 11 to 13 \$8.50 per week. Please be assured that the Trust Board do not take these increases lightly and we are exploring a few alternative revenue streams to make tuition fee increases manageable for our families as inflation and market forces impact the cost of the educational service we are providing. As you can see from our **Term 2 Highlights** above, we are continually striving to offer our students a quality Christian education.
  4. **Tuition invoices** for Term 3 will be included with the Term 2 Reports at the end of the term. It is expected that families either pay tuition fees at the start of the term or go into a written agreement with the school that outlines whether they will pay tuition fees weekly, fortnightly or monthly, current with the tuition provided. We are unable to pay our teachers and settle our bills if tuition fees are outstanding. 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.
  5. **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 – please ask the office for details if you are not familiar with this process. Donations will be acknowledged on receipt with the donation receipt sent home with your child. Your support of the Special Character Donation enables us to keep tuition fee increases at a minimum.

6. **Science Projects:** Science Projects for students in Years 6 to 13 should be well on the way. All experiments must be completed **by Monday 22 July**. Students are also encouraged to start working on their displays, but they will be guided through assembling a high-quality display in Week 1 of Term 3. **Our School Science Fair is scheduled for Saturday morning, 3 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 12.00 pm**. Room 8, Room 7 and Room 3 will also have displays at the science fair and students will take turns to explain their class's project. The science fair is just four weeks away: we encourage you to make the most of the remaining time, particularly over the holidays to encourage and help your child complete their project. Preparation is the key to success!

## 7. Main Calendar Events for 2019

### Term 3

**School Science Fair:** Saturday, 3 August, 10.00 am

**A.C.E. Information Evening and Open House:** Monday, 19 August, 7.00 pm

**TPCS Mid-Term Break:** No school on Monday, 26 August

**TPCS Father's Day Breakfast:** Saturday, 31 August, 8.00 am

**Marimba Festival:** Saturday, 31 August, 10.00 am

**Māori Language Week:** 9 to 15 September

**Indigitous Ed Hackathon 2:** Thursday, 12 September

**ACS Cross Country Day:** Wednesday, 18 September

### Term 4

**End of Year Exams:** Year 8 up, 18 to 21 November

**Parakai Springs School Trip:** Friday 22 November

**Thanksgiving Assembly:** Friday, 6 December, 7.00 pm

**Wheels Day:** Years 1 to 7: Monday, 9 December

**Senior Activity Day:** Years 8 to 13: Tuesday, 10 December

**School Year Ends:** Friday, 13 December, 1.00 pm

## 8. Term Dates for 2019:

Term 3: Monday, 22 July to Friday, 27 September 2019 (Mid-Term Break: Monday, 26 August)

Term 4: Monday, 14 October to Friday, 13 December 2019, 1.00 pm (Labour Day Weekend: 26 to 28 October 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.

9. **Enrolments for next term or next year:** Please continue to make our school known to family, friends and neighbours. Please use the flyer your child brought home. If you have a pre-schooler nearing 5, please complete an application form now so we can reserve a place for them.
10. A group of ten **international students** from China will be visiting us for the first few weeks of Term 3. Their families and the organisers want them to experience New Zealand and what it is like to attend a Christian school. We may need some adult volunteers to assist us during their visit. Please let us know if that is something you think you can help with.
11. We will likely need a **volunteer** to assist Mr Burgess with running the Year 2-3 Reading Programme next term. If you can help on a regular basis, please let us know.
12. Do you have gifts in fundraising or event planning? Please contact Mr Blom, [principal@tyndalepark.school.nz](mailto:principal@tyndalepark.school.nz), to find out how you can help us improve and market TPCS.