



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

17 December 2021

Dear Parents

Traditionally, the end of the year is a time of reflection, looking back on what was and wondering about what could have been. This year, like last year, it is a more poignant process. Our lives have been disrupted by an unseen and unforeseen factor, and a new 'normal' has been introduced – one that we hope will go away. However, it seems unlikely.

It is human nature to stew over things that trouble us, and it is possibly for this reason that our Lord, Jesus Christ, encouraged his disciples not to worry, i.e. "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" He goes on and says "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:27, 34). Although it is important to plan, we must be careful that we do not live in the future or dwell in the past. Rather, it is important to be present in the moment, living a life founded on the timeless principles of His Word, loving "the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" and "thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:37, 39). Jesus even encourages His disciples to ask God for "our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11), not tomorrow's bread. We are called to faithful and faith-filled living.

Gratitude for what God has done

At the end of this school year, I am grateful for every teaching, learning and school activity God has enabled us to do. Do you remember? Year 5-13 camped at Chosen Valley, Year 3-6 learned how to be safe in water, we took part in the ACS Touch Rugby Tournament, Year 3-6 Girls had fun at the Quick Hit Cricket, the staff learned basic First Aid, we were able to have a successful Working Bee to prepare for the 40th Anniversary celebrations, our students took part in the Chesspower tournaments, some of our class hosted assemblies, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary with a blessed Fair and Dinner, our students took part in the ACS Soccer Tournament on a rainy day, the older students had lots of fun during the Word 4 Life visit at the end of Term 2, our students showcased their investigations in the annual Science Fair, our students were blessed by the commitment of our teachers during 3 months of remote learning, we returned to school on 17 November – to name just a few highlights of this year.

Excitement for what God is going to do

My family and I have been blessed to be part of what God has been doing at Tyndale Park Christian School the past five years. It is painful to say goodbye to the wonderful people God has placed in our lives, but we have no doubt that the Lord has called us to serve Him in His Kingdom in Northland.

More importantly, God has faithfully added members to our school staff to accommodate for the roll growth He has given us the past five years and I firmly believe the Lord has great plans for Tyndale Park Christian School to impact our community, Auckland, New Zealand, and the rest of the world in the future. God has clearly led Mr Patchigalla, our new principal, and Mr Bain, our new business manager, to the school and I cannot wait to see the plans God has in store for Tyndale Park Christian School. Please pray for our Trust Board as they develop a strategic plan that will glorify God and for Mr Patchigalla and the staff who will put this plan into action.

When we do God's work, the Bible teaches that if we 'keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD' our God (1 Chronicles 28:8), we will be able to possess the good land God has given us and it will be an inheritance to our descendants forever. This commitment to the principles in God's Word has been part of the school's approach to teaching and learning from its inception, and we will continue to build on the solid foundation that has been laid and established the past 40 years.

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. Unfortunately, we were unable to host a Thanksgiving programme or invite you to our **annual prizegiving** due to the present Health and Safety restrictions placed on schools because of the Health Order. However, the prizegiving ceremonies were recorded and the links to the recordings have been emailed to you. If you didn't receive the email, please contact us at admin@tyndalepark.school.nz so that we can send you the URL's.
2. **We farewell** Mrs Venema, our primary music teacher, and Mrs Blom, our primary art teacher. Both have blessed our students with a new appreciation for the arts and the importance of the arts in developing a better understanding of our Creator. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide the right people for these important positions.
3. The Redeemer Kids **Afterschool Programme** has terminated at the end of this term. We realise many parents have used their service and the Trust Board has decided to offer an afterschool programme at Tyndale Park Christian School from 2022. The service will run from 3:15 pm to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday. If you are interested in using this service, please contact the office. We have been advertising for an Afterschool Care Manager and an Afterschool Care Assistant. If you know of someone who may be interested in either of these positions, please point them to the [Vacancies](#) page on our website.
4. **Classes for 2022:** Next year, our class distribution will be as follows: Year 0-1 (Room 8), Year 1-2 (Room 7), Year 3 (Room 10), Year 4-5 (Room 11), two

intermediate classes consisting of Year 6-7 (Room 2) and Year 7-8 (Room 3), Year 9-10 (Room 4) and Year 11-13 (Room 5).

5. **Enrolment Intent and New Enrolments:** If it has become time for your family to move on, please inform the office as soon as possible (or you may be invoiced for the first five weeks of Term 1, 2021, as per our Withdrawal Policy). Since we have several students on our waiting list, we want to inform waiting families right away if a space has opened for their child(ren).
6. **Term 4 Reports and invoices for Term 1 2022** 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 EFTPOS or cash. If you are paying in instalments, please ensure that you have informed the office and that tuition payments are kept current.
7. **If any tuition fees are in arrears**, it must be settled immediately. Please contact our bursar, Mrs van der Linde, at accounts@tyndalepark.school.nz, to let her know how and when your account will be settled, please. If tuition fees are overdue and an agreed payment plan is not in place, a school report will not be issued.
8. **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.
9. **Class Orientation Evening 2022:** Our annual class orientation evening for all parents of students at Tyndale Park Christian School will be at 5:30 pm on Thursday 24 February 2022. Please mark this date in your calendar. It is an important community event and essential for all parents to attend.
10. **School Camp 2022:** Our annual Year 5-13 school camp, an essential part of our older students' learning programme that is included in the Year 5-13 tuition fees, will be from Wednesday, 16 February, to Friday, 18 February at Chosen Valley Christian Camp in Ararimu (about 30 minutes from Tyndale Park Christian School). Information and permission forms have gone home already. We need more adult helpers. If you can take leave or have time to assist us, please contact the office. Helpers do not have to sleep at the camp, but it will be appreciated if you are able to.
11. Please **download the school app**, Edge, for school events, term dates, updates, and photos. Contact the office for details for instructions on how to register and install the app. You can also visit our website, www.tyndalepark.school.nz, [Facebook](#), or [Instagram](#) for more information.

12. **Term Dates for 2022:** Please diary these dates in now and make a note when planning holidays so that pupils are not absent from school during term time – parents are legally required to ensure their children attend school during the term unless a valid doctor's certificate can be produced.
- **Term 1: Thursday** 3 February 2022 to Thursday 14 April 2022 (Teacher Only Days - Tuesday 1 February 2022 and Wednesday 2 February 2022; Waitangi Day - Sunday 6 February, observed Monday 7 February)
 - **Term 2: Tuesday** 3 May 2022 to Friday 8 July 2022 (Teacher Only Day - Monday 2 May; Queen's Birthday - Monday 6 June 2022; Matariki - Friday 24 June 2022)
 - **Term 3: Tuesday** 26 July 2022 to Friday 30 September 2022 (Teacher Only Day - Monday 25 July)
 - **Term 4: Tuesday** 18 October 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022 (Teacher Only Day - Monday 17 October; Labour Day - Monday 24 October 2022)
13. **Event Calendar for Term 1, 2022** (Events will be confirmed closer to their dates to ensure we can abide by the COVID-19 Protection Framework guidelines.)
- **First Day of School:** Thursday, 3 February, 8:50 am start
 - **Year 5-13 Camp:** Wednesday, 16 February, to Friday, 18 February
 - **Parent Orientation:** Thursday, 24 February, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
 - **Athletics Day:** To be announced
 - **ACS Touch Rugby Tournament:** Wednesday, 16 March. Save day, 18 March
 - **Last Day of School:** Thursday, 14 April
14. **Term Dates for 2023:**
- **Term 1: Wednesday** 1 February 2023 to Thursday 6 April 2023 (Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 31 January; Waitangi Day - Monday 6 February)
 - **Term 2: Wednesday** 26 April 2023 to Friday 30 June 2023 (Teacher Only Day - Monday 24 April; ANZAC Day - Tuesday 25 April; Queen's Birthday - Monday 5 June)
 - **Term 3: Tuesday** 18 July 2023 to Friday 22 September 2023 (Teacher Only Day - Monday 17 July)
 - **Term 4: Tuesday** 10 October 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023 (Teacher Only Day - Monday 9 October; Labour Day - Monday 23 October)
15. A **school uniform** will be rolled out at the start of Term 3, 2022. School uniform will be optional for Term 3 and 4, 2022, but it will become compulsory from 2023. One set of school uniform will cost approximately \$60 (primary) to \$90 (secondary). You can view the uniform proposal by [clicking here](#). Parents are encouraged to start saving for the uniform in Term 1 and 2 ... 😊 ... we will be in touch with more information about the uniforms next year.
16. **Holiday Reading and Basic Facts Practice:** We want to encourage you to maintain a daily reading goal over the holidays with your children. One idea is to read one of the classics or some other age appropriate book with your child. This will enable your children to keep developing their reading fluency. With regards to numeracy, think of creating a daily, family basic-facts-challenge to give your children an opportunity to review and memorise their basic facts. It will be good for our parent brains too!