

# Pukekohe Christian School

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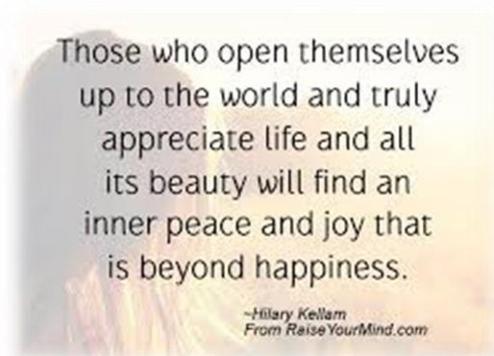
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## NEWSLETTER 13/2018

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6 September 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you are aware, Monday, 15 October will be a Teacher Only day. Our teaching staff will be involved in a day of Professional Development. PCS Hot Shots are offering "a day out and about in Pukekohe" for parents who need child care. Activities have been carefully planned to appeal to students of varying ages for more information, please refer to page two of the newsletter.

PCS Hot Shots, our after school programme is currently under utilised. At this stage we need to make decisions about its viability for 2019. If you are considering using this excellent programme, I would encourage you to do so to ensure we do not lose it.

Please pray for our senior students and their teachers as they work towards their Cambridge exams. This is a demanding time of year for staff and students. Help your child by encouraging a routine that includes set study time as well as "down time" to relax or exercise. Daily and weekly goals help to keep the study from becoming overwhelming.

### Term Dates 2018

Term1: 23 Jan to 13 April  
Term 2: 30 April to 29 Jun  
Term 3: 23 July to 28 Sept  
Term 4: 15 Oct – Teacher only day  
16 Oct to 07 Dec

### Term Dates 2019

Term1: 22 Jan to 12 April  
Term 2: 29 April to 28 Jun  
Term 3: 22 July to 27 Sept  
Term 4: 14 Oct to 05 Dec

Yours in Christ

Clare Humber  
Principal

## 1. IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3, 2018

3 September	4	5	6 Newsletter 13	7 Year 9 History trip Auckland Museum
10	11	12	13	14 H.O.W fundraiser Mufti, sausage sizzle & bake sale
17	18	19 ACS Cross Country	20 Newsletter 14  Pet Day	21  Pet Day
24 IGCSE / AS level Art exam	25 IGCSE / AS level Art exam	26 AS level Art exam	27 IGCSE / AS level Art onto boards	28 <b>LAST DAY School closes @ 1:10pm</b>

## 2. TERM'S NOTICE

Please note that it is school policy to give a term's written notice, should you decide to remove your child from Pukekohe Christian School. This enables us to effectively plan for the new school year. The deadline for notices to be emailed to [Principal@pcschool.co.nz](mailto:Principal@pcschool.co.nz) is Friday 28 September, 2018 (the last day of Term 3).

## 3. TEACHER ONLY DAY – MONDAY 15 OCTOBER

On Monday, 15 October, will be a Teacher Only Day. Term 4 will commence for students on Tuesday, 16 October. PCS Hot Shots are offering a Day Out and About in Pukekohe from 8:30am to 3:00pm on Monday, 15 October for those parents needing child minding on this day. Please refer to the flyer attached for further information. There are limited spaces available, please contact Jacqui in the school office ([admin@pcschool.co.nz](mailto:admin@pcschool.co.nz) or phone: 09 238 6449) for a registration form.

## 4. GALA 2019

At PCS we hold a Gala every March, which is our main school fundraiser for the year. We build an amazing team that works behind the scene to make our Galas the success that they have been in the past. We are once again calling for parents that are able to pitch in to help start with the organization for our Gala in 2019. **There will be a meeting at PCS on Monday, 24 September at 8:30am.** If you are interested in helping in any way, please come along to this meeting to find out more.

## 5. LUNCH ON LINE

As you are aware, PCS has signed up to lunchonline, 2 days a week, Wednesdays and Fridays, starting Wednesday, 12 September. Lunchonline is a website which currently has Pita Pit on board as a provider. As time goes on there will be other local providers. Please refer to the flyer below for more information and follow the steps to set your account up. Once you have done this, you can order online, the cut-off is 9:00am on the day of the order and the lunch will be delivered just before lunchtime. Students will need to come to the office to collect their lunch.

WOW

## Pita Pit \$3 Promo at Pukekohe Christian-Wed 12th September

Pita Pit Launch \$3 Day Wed 12th Sept  
Then Deliveries every Wed and Fri

It's simple; all you need to do is register at  
[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)  
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order

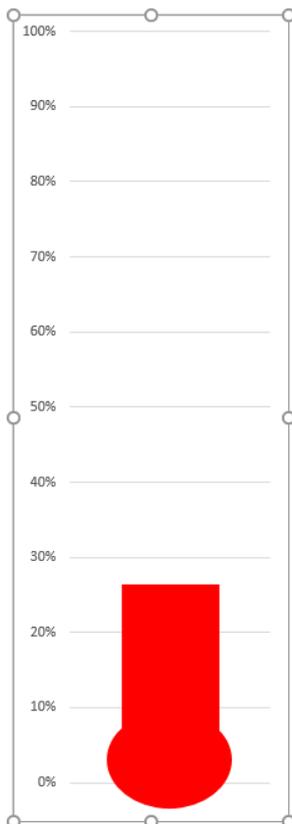


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## 6. PCS HALL FUNDRAISING



Thank you for the donations and pledges that we have received for the PCS Hall project - every little bit of support is greatly appreciated.

We have reached 26.4% of our target! To date we have received \$10,880 from our Pledge and Give-a-Little Campaigns, a further \$8,180 has been pledged but not yet received.

Preparatory work for the project has already started, but as you can see, we have a long way to go to meet our financial target. We would ask that if you are able to help in any way, that you complete your pledge slip and return it to the office. There is no obligation to donate, our pledge campaign was set up to assist us in estimating how much money we would need to raise from other sources. If you have any ideas on how to meet our target for the Hall, we would love to hear from you.

## **7. HANANJA PETZER'S REPORT ON HER PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE**

In January I went to Festival One which is a Christian music festival. On one of the days me and a group of friends were walking through the stalls. There was a stall that had information on the End of Life Choice Bill. At this stall they were taking votes as well as written submissions on people's opinions regarding the bill. I figured I might as well give my opinion so I wrote a short essay and gave it to them.

Then towards the end of June I received an email from the Justice Committee saying that I have an opportunity to appear at a parliament hearing and speak for five minutes presenting my opinion. I personally despise public speaking and immediately considered declining. But after a long internal debate and talking to my youth leaders I decided that I will take on the opportunity, not for myself but to glorify God. I then spent July carefully preparing what I would say and then memorizing it.

During the preparation time I was overwhelmed by nerves and at times regret. Though, I took comfort in knowing that I was standing up for my moral values that are rooted in God. One of my main concerns was that my opinion would be disregarded because of my young age. I was also worried that I might be asked a question that will cause me to stumble and that I might perhaps portray God in a wrong way if a question was asked about my faith. Therefore I drew strength from these verses:

*Don't worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit. (Mark 13:11)*

*Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)*

On the morning of Friday 3 August I was a bundle of nerves. What comforted me was a billboard that we passed while sitting on the train. It read, "I believe that Jesus is my saviour." I again felt God giving me a calm spirit when the very first person who spoke made her sole point about God. One of my youth leaders was there to support me as well as my parents.

The time came for me to present to Members of Parliament. It was quite perfect as every point that I made summarized what each person spoke about before me. My presentation brought it all together and highlighted my viewpoint through it all. Afterwards one of the MPs said that my presentation brought a whole new dimension to what has been said that morning.

After all the adrenaline wore off I had time to reflect. This whole experience has taught me that it is perfectly acceptable for a young person to have strong opinions about big topics. I learned to become more comfortable with stepping out of my comfort zone and to boldly stand up for what I believe in. I know that I can truly do all things with God.

### **PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE**

I do not support the proposed bill that will give people the option of requesting to die with assistance. Because enshrining such a possibility in law will surely contribute to the further eroding of the value placed on human life in our society as well as the desensitisation of young people in relation to working through hard times.

If this bill were to gain support and the end of life choice became legalized, a select handful of people will have the choice to end their own lives. According to the dictionary, the act of taking one's own life voluntarily and intentionally is suicide. Therefore, this bill wants to legalize assisted suicide for certain people... Yet assisted suicide is still suicide and suicide is not to be encouraged or role-modelled.

New Zealand holds one of the highest suicide rates. Does this bill not encourage suicide in some way? Does it not subconsciously send out a message to kiwis saying, "Hey, if your life really sucks, it's okay to kill yourself. And look, if you qualify for it, we'll even help you. Just check with your local GP to see

if this is for you. Sorry if it's not though." Should we not be looking at ways to lower the suicide rate altogether rather than legalizing it for a small group of people?

Next year I am starting my study in medicine to become a doctor. People who work in the medical field are there because they want to help people. They want to give life, not take it away. I want to give life, not take it away. I am aware that if this bill passes I will have no obligation to take part. However I must refer my patient to the Support and Consultation for End of Life in New Zealand Group. I wish to not even have this obligation. Because, regardless of whether or not it will be classified as a criminal offence, isn't referring a patient on – ethically – being an accessory to murder? And is that really okay?

When death is a natural occurrence, we all understand it. I lost my grandmother to cancer, witnessing the cancer slowly spreading throughout her body, eventually consuming her brain and killing her. Sometimes a person suffers for a long time before death occurs; other times, a person's suffering is cut short. No one likes to see a patient or a loved one suffering. Of course, we wish for them to get better... But do we really wish death onto them?

We live in a culture where death is viewed as a viable solution for certain problems. Abortion has been practiced for decades. Suicide is on the increase. And now some are calling for choice at the end of life. Sometimes there is much suffering. But should suffering determine whether a person dies? Could pain relief, dignity and wellbeing not be achieved in other ways?

I believe humans are created to live on this earth for a divinely appointed purpose. I represent a third of our nation when I say that I believe in an omniscient, omnipotent and all-loving God. Life is a sacred gift from God. When faced with the choice of life and death, God has encouraged us countless times to choose life. Euthanasia rejects this gift of life. Assisted suicide is man's attempt to seize authority from God and determine when our own lives should end - a decision no human mind is capable of making.

And we should all remember the words of former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, who warned that the practice of medicine "cannot be both our healer and our killer." Previous bills on this issue have failed to gain support and I hope that this is the case this time as well.

## 8. ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOLS

The Olympic Schools programme was developed in partnership with the New Zealand Olympic Committee and is designed to inspire, motivate and reward our youth and schools and is a way for the ANZ to support Pukekohe Christian School through a points system. How it works is anyone who does a home loan (\$50K +) through ANZ can allocate points to our school. Every home loan that qualifies will give the school 800 points which is the equivalent of \$400 buying power. It also gives PCS the chance to secure a visit from an Olympic Ambassador.



WE'RE AN  
**ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOL**

We have registered as an ANZ Olympic School which provides us with resources and rewards to inspire our school community.

If you're looking to take out a home or business loan, simply provide the name of our school when speaking with an ANZ representative. When your loan is drawn down, we will receive credits to spend at the ANZ Awards Centre on items like sporting equipment and computers.

To discuss an ANZ home or business loan, visit your local ANZ branch, or call a Home Loan Specialist on 0800 269 4663 or a Business Specialist on 0800 269 249.

**ANZ**  
Olympic Schools



# Pukekohe Raceway Kids Obstacle Duathlon

***Tuesday 25th September***

***Duathlon - run, bike, obstacle course run***

***Compete individually or in 2-person team***

***Year 3 - 8 students***

***Enter Online : [www.bsgevents.co.nz](http://www.bsgevents.co.nz)***



- **Holden Street Smart** is a world-class, cognitive based driver programme that aims to positively influence the lives of young kiwis across the country. The Programme has been developed with the involvement of world-renowned road safety expert, Peter Sheppard. In addition, passionate road safety advocate, Greg Murphy, is our Programme Ambassador.

Offering a practical hands-on learning experience, Holden Street Smart is a programme that aims to add to, and compliment, the great work already undertaken by NZTA, NZ Police and others in the area of road safety and driving training.

Holden Street Smart is a one-day event providing young drivers and their parents/caregivers the opportunity to undertake supervised driving practice. There is a focus on developing good decision-making strategies for safe driving, including assessing themselves, reading the road environment, resisting peer pressure, managing or eliminating distractions and planning ahead.

The Programme takes place in safe, controlled, off-the-road environments, under the watchful eye of qualified coaches plus the parent/caregiver. This provides the parent the opportunity to also assess themselves, in order to be a better coach and mentor to their teen.

Holden Street Smart will be delivering it's programme throughout these next School Holidays at the following venue:

Hampton Downs Motorsport Park, Hampton Downs, Mon 8 October

Registrations are open for only \$49 at [www.holdenstreetsmart.co.nz](http://www.holdenstreetsmart.co.nz)

PUKEKOHE TENNIS

## OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 22ND  
SEPTEMBER, 10AM - 12PM

- VISITORS WELCOME
- ORGANISED GAMES
- RACQUETS AVAILABLE
- SPOT PRIZES
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL STEVEN  
AT PUKE.TENNIS@ORCON.NET.NZ

**Drowning Prevention Auckland**

# SPLASH

**Break-Away Holiday Programme**

**11-17yrs**

**October 2018**

FREE school holiday programme - Have fun, make new friends, strengthen your swimming skills and learn how to keep yourself and your mates safer around water. Previous water experience not essential.

**Franklin Pool & Leisure Centre  
Manurewa Pool & Leisure Centre  
Mt Albert Aquatic Centre**

Mon 1st, Tue 2nd, Wed 3rd, Thurs 4th October

9.00am - 2.30pm daily.

Includes **FREE** lunch

To Register email: [Splash@dpanz.org.nz](mailto:Splash@dpanz.org.nz)



Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-in basis. Registration essential.

Drowning Prevention Auckland is the trading name of WaterSafe Auckland.

**FREE  
PROGRAMME**

- water safety
- aquatic games
- beach safety
- snorkeling

For more information:  
Ph 09 368 5611 or  
Email: [Splash@dpanz.org.nz](mailto:Splash@dpanz.org.nz)

Enrolment forms available from  
[www.dpanz.org.nz](http://www.dpanz.org.nz)



## 10. VERSE FOR THE WEEK: 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

Yours in Christ

Clare Humber, Principal

Inhale love.  
*Exhale joy.*  
Inhale joy.  
*Exhale peace.*  
Inhale peace.  
*Exhale love.*

Repeat.  
mary clavis

EVERY DAY SPIRIT