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NEWSLETTER 4/2018

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27 March 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you so much to the Gala committee for all of their commitment, enthusiasm and cheerful hard work in the lead up to and during the Gala. The news is out! We smashed our target and raised a stunning **\$25,000!** We will keep you updated on the plans to spend this money and we are excited about the benefits it will bring to all of our students. Well done to Meagan Vorster for all of her drive and passion in organising our most successful Gala ever!

A reminder that our After School Care programme, PCS Hot Shots will start at the beginning of term 2. We are hopeful that our families will support this programme, managed by Yulia Shkel to help us make it a success. Remember, even if you want to use the programme on a casual basis, you do need to fill out a registration form, available at the office.

Sadly last week we had to say farewell to Mrs Tasker, our release teacher for Years 1 and 2. Kathryn has been a part of PCS for many years and I would like to thank her for all of her hard work and commitment to Christian education. In her place we welcome Mrs Donna Calley who will be working with the Year 1 and 2 classes one day each week whilst the teachers have their release time.

Just a reminder, if you have any concerns about your child's progress at school, the first point of call is the class or subject teacher. You can either email or arrange an appointment to meet with the teacher who will be delighted to help you with your query. If you do arrange a meeting with a member of staff, it is always helpful to email the teacher directly or via admin@pcschool.co.nz prior to the meeting so that they can be prepared with the relevant data. Following the email conversation or meeting, if you decide it is necessary, you are welcome to make an appointment to come and see me. Once again, it is always helpful to have all of the details before me meet to help me assess the necessary plan of action. Remember all of the PCS staff are committed to supporting you and your children in their educational journey.

Term Dates 2018

Term 1: 23 Jan to 13 April
Term 2: 30 April to 29 Jun
Term 3: 23 July to 28 Sept
Term 4: 15 Oct to 07 Dec

Yours in Christ, Clare Humber, Principal

1. IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1, 2018

26	27 Years 1-6 Jellybeans Music Years 7 & 8 Kiwisport Football	28	29 Photolife Photos	30 Good Friday No School
2 April Easter Monday No School	3 Easter Tuesday No School	4	5 Newsletter 5/2018 Interzone Swimming	6 Year 1-6 Kiwisport Football – during PE lessons Year 10-13 Internal Exams
9 Year 9-13 Internal Exams	10 Year 7-13 Internal Exams Years 1-6 Jellybeans Music	11 Year 7-13 Internal Exams	12 Year 7-13 Internal Exams	13 Lego Mufti LAST DAY School closes @ 1:10pm

2. GALA 2018

A massive thank you to all of the parents and grandparents of the school who took time out of their day to help make the Gala such a success. We cannot run such events without your support. The day was really busy, filled with fun and the feedback was very positive.

I would like to thank the Gala Committee – **Meagan Vorster, Louise Shaw, Natasha Dexter, Caroline Burton, Sarah Smith, Lisa Brunton, Clare Cleverly, Laura Cook, Mandy Knights, Rhonda McClennan and Jenny Cummings** for doing an amazing job in organising this year's Gala and for the many hours of work you gave to make the Gala so fabulous. We have raised a fantastic \$25,651.00!

3. CAREGIVER/COMPANION NEEDED

We have a parent from the school needing someone to be able to look after her elderly mother during the day. It is short term from end April to end May approximately for 3 days a week. If you can help please call Elizabeth Mayo directly on 021 160 0567

4. SCHOOL-GEN'S ENERGISING YOUNG MINDS COMPETITION

Just a reminder to you to continue to vote for the School-gen's Energising Young Minds' competition. The competition gives our school the chance to win a share of \$25k, \$15k or \$10k to spend on science or tech equipment.

Everyone can vote for our school by going to the School-gen voting page

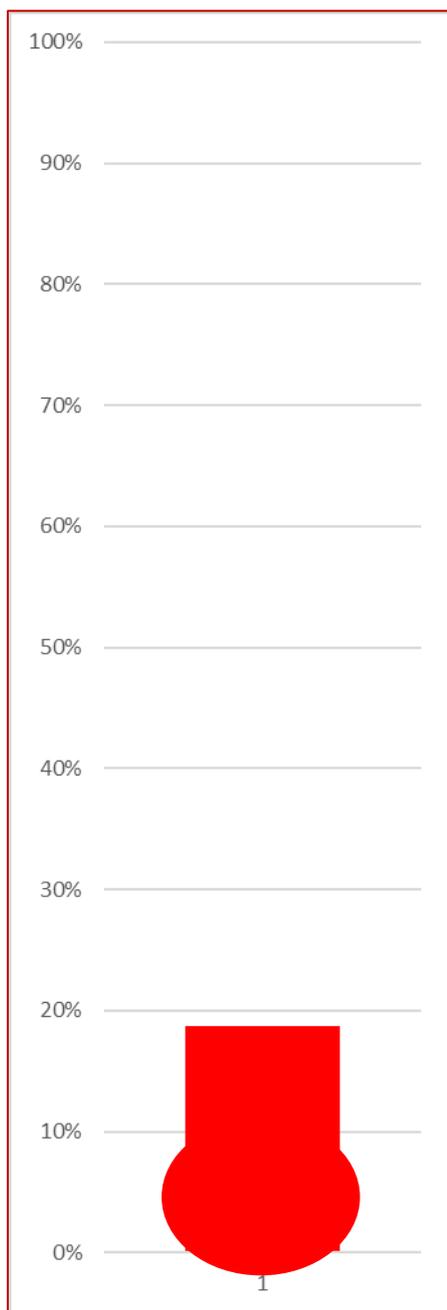
<http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/> People can vote once a day up until voting ends on 2 April.

Get voting everyone!

5. PCS TRAFFIC WARDEN

Due to the growth of PCS over the last year and the congestion in the school carpark in the mornings and afternoons, we are in desperate need of traffic wardens. These wardens would support all of us by maintaining the flow of traffic and keeping it moving. If anyone is keen to support our families in this way, please contact Clare Humber directly by email principal@pcschool.co.nz

6. PCS HALL FUNDRAISING



As you will be aware, we are keen to build our hall as soon as possible. We have appointed Kim Ngavavia to focus on fundraising to make this a reality. The majority of her efforts will be outside of the immediate school community but you are encouraged to get involved with events and also to donate to the Hall fund if you are able. All donations will be tax deductible. The thermometer will help us track our progress. Please pray for the PCS Hall fund.

7. ADS & NOTICES

- **Yakety Yak – Rhythm in the Square**
10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March – Pukekohe Town Square 11am – 1pm
Bring the family! Support local musicians and entertainers at this fun, free and family friendly event in the square.
- **THE FLASH BANG SCIENCE CLUB – SLIMY SCIENCE HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS** (7yrs-12yrs) Open for bookings now and filling fast! Get messy with this hands on interactive workshop investigating the properties of slime, ooblek and elephant toothpaste! PUKEKOHE 16th April. For more information and bookings please check out www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz or email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz.
- **YOUNG AT ART** children's Art & Creative holiday workshops are open for booking. Workshops available in Animation, Mosaic, Screen printing, Watercolour, Puppet theatres, Sculpture and Papier mache Monsters.
Term 2 Pukekohe classes are also now open for booking with our recurring Art Adventures classes, Crafty cats and a new Acrylic painting technique course. For more information please check out: www.youngatart.co.nz, tanna@youngatart.co.nz or ph. 0297 712 923

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. ANZ will have a stall at our Gala, where they will be more than happy to answer any questions you might have relating to the Olympic Schools Programme. Please see the attached flyer.



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



9. VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Colossians 3:12

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

Yours in Christ

Clare Humber, Principal

