

# Pukekohe Christian School

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## School Family News – May 2024

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”  
Ephesians 4:2

### Message from the Principal

Warm greetings to our school family.

Welcome back to Term Two, and a special welcome to our new families joining us this term. Term Two brings a focus on kindness, gentleness and faithfulness as fruit of the spirit we want students to come to a fresh understanding about, and to acknowledge those exhibiting these qualities in the classroom and around the school.



This newsletter’s leading scripture, turns our attention to the power which lies in gentleness; the gentleness of words and actions anchored in patience and love as members of a community who follow the example of ultimate humility and gentleness in Jesus Christ.

We’ve enjoyed starting the term with powerful connections between home and school through the parent-teacher interviews that have been held last week. We trust that these meetings will set in motion earnest preparation for internal exams in Year 7-13 and greater clarity for parents and students about making progress in all year levels across the school.

We have a full term of activities planned and look forward to celebrating these with you in the months ahead.

Ngā manaakitanga.  
*Blessings*

Carolyn M Cornu  
Principal

### Key Dates

May	7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29/05	Swimming lessons
	7-9/05	– Mother’s Day gift pack pre-orders
	21/05	– Year 5&6 Zone Football
	22/05	– Year 3&4 Zone Football
	22 – 28/05	Year 7 – 13 Internal Exams
	23/05	– Year 7&8 Zone Football
	30/05	– Environmental Trip – Roseville Park
June	03/06	– Monarch’s Birthday – PCS closed
	04/06	– Teacher Only Day – PCS closed
	06/06	– Year 7&8 in-class speech competition
	07/06	– Primary Mission Yellow Mufti Day
	07/06	– Middle School Movie Night
	08/06	– Working Bee
	10 – 14/06	– Cultural Week
	13/06	– Year 0-6 in-class speech competition
	19/06	– Year 0-6 speech finals (assembly)
	20/06	– Year 7&8 speech finals
	21/06	– Netball Bake Sale
	22/06	– Senior School Ball
	25/06	– ACS Netball
	27/06	– Grand-Champions Day
	27/06	– Last day of Term 2, school closes 1.10pm



PUKEKOHE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### 2024 Term Dates

Term 1	23 January to 12 April
Term 2	29 April to 27 June
Term 3	22 July to 27 September
Term 4	14 October to 5 December

## Celebrations

We regularly celebrate our students on Facebook with achievements within school as well as their own personal achievements that we are aware of. Please visit our School Facebook page: [Pukekohe Christian School - School Families](#) regularly to keep up to date with these celebrations and achievements.

## School Internal Exams



Students in Year 7-13 will have exams in most subjects from Wednesday 22 May until Tuesday 28 May. Students should be devoting some of their homework time towards gradual revision of topics covered earlier in the year. They should be aware of the topics being covered in each subject, and they should be organising their revision time. Subject teachers are also helping with revision activities and strategies. Parents may find it helpful to ask their children about their revision plan early, so that good quality revision can take place ahead of these exams.

## Primary Student Council – Term Two

Our Primary Student Council are responsible for daily raising and lowering of our national flag, and our House Points Station, and in Term One they organised a great buddy reading afternoon on the Book Character Day. The council has welcomed in new members for Term Two, providing more students with the leadership opportunities that council work offers. We look forward to seeing the various ways you will serve the school this term.

- Conrad Oliver and Ruby Bylsma (full year)
- Levi Haliday and Pearl Stewart (Year 6)
- Luther Terblanche and Ava Zhou (Year 5)
- Austin Boshoff and Eknoor Kaur (Year 4)

Thank you to Term One's class delegates; we hope you will remain interested in leading in your classes and around the school.

*Congratulations!*



*Savita*

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"Everything is possible to those who believe" – Mark 9:23

## Middle School Student Council – Term Two

Term One highlights for our Middle School Student Council included hosting the Easter Activities and Egg Hunt, and the council has plans well-underway for a movie night for Term Two – watch this space! New members for this council in Term Two are:

- Tessa Jonson and Liam Loef (full year)
- Emily Salaita and Noah Cornu (Year 7)
- Amy-Lee Roux and Ralph Saunders (Year 8)
- Alice Kuttner and Zameer Dhaliwal (Year 9)

## Year 0-6 Swimming



Our Primary Physical Education and Health curriculum takes to the water this term, with swimming lessons for Year 0-6 on Tuesday and Wednesday from Week 2-5. We look forward to seeing how swimming and water confidence progress during this time.

## Writing Competition

Please encourage your children to submit an entry in our first school writing competition. Winning pieces will be published in the school yearbook. The closing date for this competition is 5 June 2024. Please visit our [Facebook](#) page to remind yourself of the details.



## Term One Inter-House Fun Day

### Results:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Place 980 points – Ester (Yellow)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 1000 points – Shiloh (Red)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 1010 points – Gideon (Blue)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 1170 points – Samson (Green)

What a fun event this was. Thank you to our House Leaders for organising it for us, and then organising it again with the rain!



## Congratulations Samson House!

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## Hot Food Fundraising



Information has been distributed this week about our annual Hot Food Fundraising. This is an opportunity for students to raise funds for the school by approaching family and friends from beyond our immediate school community. Funds raised this year will go towards much needed sound equipment for across the school.



## Driver permissions



Students driving to school are granted permission to do so on completion of the Driver Permission form. Please be sure to bring your permanent licence to the office when this arrives. It is also a privilege to drive to school, so drivers are reminded that road rules apply while on school property. Unsafe or reckless use of your vehicle will be noticed and addressed.

## Senior School Ball

All Year 11-13 students are invited to the Senior School Ball on Saturday 22 June. Letters to parents of our senior students were sent out late last term, with the details about this event. Students can purchase tickets from the main office now, and external partner forms are also now available from the office.



## School Camps



Our school camps are currently being organised for Year 3-4, Year 5-6, Year 7-8, Year 9 and Year 10. Our school camps are a great way of seeing students engage in education outside of the classroom, and they build strong group dynamic which benefits learning back at school. There are some changes to school camps in the Year 5-9 space, which will maximise the impact of our camps. Information about these camps will be sent out to parents of students in these year levels this week.

If you would like to advertise your business with a banner in our regular newsletter, please make contact with the office





## Tag and Test Services



A huge thank you goes out to Mr Neville Phillips from Jim's Test and Tag, who generously gave his time and expertise in testing and tagging electrical equipment at PCS over the school holidays. Mr Phillip's service ensures that all electrical equipment used at school remains safe. Thank you for your time and your continued service to Pukekohe Christian School.

## Bean Bags

If you have fairly good quality bean bags the school could borrow for an event this term, please could you let the office know. We are in need of as many as we can find for an event one Friday evening in June.

## Community Notices

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g. separation, divorce, death, other family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next week on 9th May, held in Pukekohe, and runs once a week over 8 weeks. An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time. We are also seeking interest for a Seasons Young Adult Programme of 18yrs+. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact me at [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz). For more information, please go to [www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons](http://www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons).

Time to COLLECT Yummy stickers for our School's share of **\$200,000 SPORTS Gear**

Download extra sticker sheets at [yummyfruit.co.nz](http://yummyfruit.co.nz)

EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!

Bee ready

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START DATE:  
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**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Connecting with your teen
- Having fun as a family
- Setting family boundaries
- Strategies to support drugs, alcohol, sex, teenage behaviours

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Wednesday Times:  
5 - 9 year olds: 4pm to 4:45pm  
10 - 13 year olds: 4:45pm to 5:30pm  
Teenagers : 5:30pm to 6:30pm  
Location: 168 Mill Road Bombay  
Cost : \$12  
Booking is essential!


Friday Times:  
5 - 9 year olds: 4pm to 4:45pm  
10 - 13 year olds: 4:45pm to 5:30pm  
Teenagers : 5:30pm to 6:30pm  
Location: 168 Mill Road Bombay  
Cost : \$12  
Booking is essential!

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The study is being led by Professor Nicola Starkey, University of Waikato ([nstarkey@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:nstarkey@waikato.ac.nz))



The study has been approved by the Health and Disability Ethics Committee (19/CEN/183) Version 4 16/02/23



## After-School Art Club!

**TERM 2 - MAY 2024**

**FREE**

Suitable for Intermediate age kids and up!  
Places are limited for each workshop. Bookings are essential.

**9 May**

### 'Watercolours Meet Doodles' Mother's Day Card

Thursday 9 May 2024  
3.15pm - 4.15pm

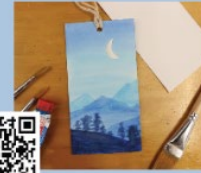


Bookings will start on  
Tuesday 30 April, 10am.

**16 May**

### Monochrome Watercolour Painting Bookmarks

Thursday 16 May  
3.15pm - 4.15pm

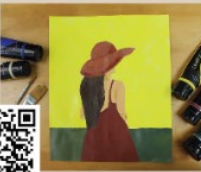


Bookings will start on  
Tuesday 30 April, 10am.

**23 & 30 May**

### Acrylic Painting - Pop Art

Thursdays 23 & 30 May 2024  
3.15pm - 4.15pm



Bookings will start on  
Tuesday 30 April, 10am.

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