

# Pukekohe Christian School

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## NEWSLETTER

### Edition 1– 2 Feb 2022

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Warm greetings to our wider school family.

What a great feeling it is to have 2022 underway! Thank you for your welcomes, prayers and kindness as I have joined the team here at Pukekohe Christian School. It is a real privilege to work with such passionate teachers, and move among the vibrancy you and your children bring to the school. I'm looking forward to meeting you, too, as opportunities arise.

Getting a year up and running takes a considerable effort from a whole community. Thank you for having your students ready with the equipment they needed for a return to school. I would also like to extend a thank you to our staff for preparing for a smooth start to the year; from preparing the timetable, to enrolments, to classrooms, and grounds. It is truly wonderful to have everyone back onsite and to have teaching and learning underway.

We have an exciting term planned ahead of us. I look forward to seeing the students getting involved in the range of activities being planned, and sharing the snapshots of those events with you in newsletters to come.

As you may have seen, we have made some great progress with our hall over the summer. We invite those in our community who may be in the position to contribute giftings to this project to make contact with the school. When finished, our hall will become a central hub for our whole-school identity, physical education, performing arts, and outreach with the community. For information on how to contribute to this project, please contact [ros.phillips@pcschool.co.nz](mailto:ros.phillips@pcschool.co.nz).

I pray that our families will be cloaked in God's protection during the current Covid situation. Let us all pull on the strength we find in scripture: **Psalm 118:6** *The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.*

Ngā manaakitanga.  
*Blessings.*

*Carolyn*  
Principal



Our first line-up of 2022 with  
Mrs. Cornu



Our Hall in-progress



### Term Dates 2022

Term 1: 25 Jan to 14 April  
**Teacher Only Day - 7 June 22**  
Term 2: 2 May to 1 July  
Term 3: 26 July to 1 Oct  
Term 4: 18 Oct to 9 Dec

## MEET OUR STUDENT COUNCIL'S

My name is **Ella Smith** and I have the honour of serving PCS as Head Student for 2022. My role as Head Student this year involves me working closely with, and leading the Student Council to organise events such as fundraisers, mufti days and even the school ball. I've been at PCS for 7 years and to spend my last year at this special school as the Head Student means a lot. A scripture I really stand by, is Luke 6:27 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." This really highlights how forgiveness and kindness should be shown to everyone, even those who do wrong against us.

Hi all. My name is **Gracie Kwon** and I am in year 12 this year. I have been at PCS since Year 4 and still enjoy my time here. I am very privileged and excited to be one of the head students this year and my focus will be to coordinate sports, games and participative activities for PCS students. I will be working with the house captains and Mrs. Joubert to plan exciting events for all the students to enjoy throughout the year. A scripture that I really love is Psalms 118:6 "The Lord is on my side, I will not fear". This Bible verse encourages me and reminds me that God is always with me throughout everything.

Hi. My name is **James Walters**, and I am the leader of the Friend Supporters for 2022. I am in year 12 and I am in blue house. My goal for this year is to help all students in some way.

As the leader of the friend supporters this year I hope to meet and talk to many of the other students myself. My role is mainly just to organize and lead the friend supporters as well as helping and supporting the students of Pukekohe Christian School.

Proverbs 19:17 'Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed'.



L to R: Lulu Fisker, Damanjit Nijjar, Daniel van Schalkwyk, Robin Badhan, Gracie Kwon (*Sports Leader*), James Walters (*Friend Supporter Leader*), Anthony Hintze, Ella Smith (*Head Student*), Cathrine Macaskill, Grace Morse, Tasha Chanengeta.



Back row L to R: Jack Gantley, Erika van Tonder, Nathan Childs, Chole Lee

Front row L to R: Lauren Nielsen (*Primary Head Leader*), Samar Kaur, Annabelle Stevens, Tessa van der Vegte, Finn Verner (*Primary Head Leader*).

## IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 1 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
WEEK 1	24 Jan <b>Teacher Only Day</b>	25 <b>FIRST DAY OF 2021</b>	26 Assembly	27	28 Newsletter 1
WEEK 2	31 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY Auckland Anniversary</b>	1 Feb	2 Virtual Assembly	3 Newsletter 2	4
WEEK 3	7 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY Waitangi Day</b>	8	9 Virtual Assembly <b>Auckland Transport Safety Talk</b>	10	11
WEEK 4	14 Valentines Day Mufti Day & chocolate heart sale	15	16 Virtual Assembly	17 <b>PCS Swimming Sports Gala Year 4-8</b>	18
WEEK 5	21 <b>History Field Trip Year 10</b>	22 <b>Senior Athletics Day Year 9-13</b>	23	24	25 <b>Bike Day Activities &amp; Games Year1-6</b>
WEEK 6	28	1 MAR	2	3 Newsletter 3	4 <b>Epro8 Mufti-Day &amp; Ice Block sale</b>
WEEK 7	7	8 <b>North Group Swimming - Year 7-8 Pukekohe Jubilee Pools</b>	9	10 <b>North Group Swimming - Year 5-6 Tuakau Pools</b>	11
WEEK 8	14 <b>Geography Field Trip Year 11</b>	15	16	17	18
WEEK 9	21 <b>Geography Field Trip Year 9</b> <b>Life Education Van Year 1-8</b>	22 <b>Life Education Van Year 1-8</b>	23 <b>Life Education Van Year 1-8</b>	24 <b>Franklin School Careers Expo Year 10-13 5-7:30pm</b> <b>Life Education Van Year 1-8</b>	25 <b>Life Education Van Year 1-8</b>

## IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 1 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
WEEK 10	28	29	30	31	1 APR
WEEK 11	4 APR	5	6 Primary Student Council Grip Conference	7 Newsletter 4	8
WEEK 12	11	12	13 Orienteering Practice Day Colin Lawrie Fields	14 Easter Fundraiser Mufti Day  <b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b> School finishes @1:10pm	

Please note that the planned events on the Term Calendar are subject to the Covid restrictions allowing. If any planned trips/events/activities must be cancelled those affected will be notified.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

<b>Year 1</b> Abigail Caisey Anne-Sophie Cornu Ava Wiggins Caleb Murran Heinz Pum Jeriah Htoo Jano van Rensburg Kaitlin Zhan Leah Sho Mason Parsons Meghan Opperman Nicholas Cogan Owen Haverland Tessa Saathof Theodore Hartnett	<b>Year 5</b> Noah Cornu Ezekiel McLean Hakshaya Kumaar	<b>Year 9</b> Roman Jhammat Navneet Badhan
<b>Year 2</b> Alyssa Visser Lucas Hechter	<b>Year 6</b> Riley Bylsma Joseph Ellery Korbin Seales Ekamjot Kohli Anika Swartz	<b>Year 10</b> Jake Donaldson Alex Harker Berlize van Rensburg
<b>Year 3</b> Arpan Sandhu Aishlynn Kaur Delilah Hartnett Ella Seales Nimrit Sahota	<b>Year 7</b> Visakan Kumaar Aiden Narayan Isabella Ellery Komal Lata Scarlett Reader	<b>Year 11</b> Eshan Singh Simarjot Kaur
<b>Year 4</b> Amiya Pauley Harrison Buchanan Mandy Zhan	<b>Year 8</b> Leilani Oliver Abigail Piper	

A special welcome to all our new PCS students.

May you feel the love of Jesus in every interaction you have with your new teachers and classmates.

God bless you all.



## • UNIFORM & HATS



Our students are looking great in their uniforms!

Please keep us informed of any delays you experience in getting items you need. During Term 1, we also just remind our Primary students (Year 1-8) that sunhats are needed for morning tea and lunchtimes. You can find our full uniform policy for both Primary and

Senior students [here](#) if you have any queries. Please remember to name all items especially hats & jumpers as this assists with returning lost items.

## • END OF DAY COLLECTION OF STUDENTS



This is just a friendly reminder that all students must be collected by 3:20pm each day. Students who remain on-site after this time must have a prearrangement with our Hot Shots After School Care. Our staff have other responsibilities from this time, including taking care of their own well-being.

## • VACCINATION REGISTER



PCS has opted to maintain a Covid Vaccination Register for our students. To be clear, **it is not mandatory to be vaccinated to attend school.** If you have vaccinated your child recently, please inform the office so that your child's record can be updated. It is important to understand that you are not obligated to record vaccination in this register.

## • COVID STAY HOME REMINDER



Please remember if your child is unwell with any cold/flu like symptoms, they must remain home and get tested wherever possible. If you or someone in your household is awaiting a Covid test result, your child must remain home until you receive a negative result. Please visit [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz) for full information.

## • PCS HOT SHOTS AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Don't forget we have a wonderful After School Care Programme available to our families. Students are provided afternoon tea, helped with homework and partake in lots of fun activities. If you are interested in registering your child(ren), please contact the office for more information.

## • OUTSTANDING CAMBRIDGE LEARNER AWARDS



Out heartfelt congratulations to **Lara de Jager** and **Anna Guy** who will be honoured next month with Cambridge Awards. Lara de Jager is receiving a High Achievement award for A Level Accounting. Anna Guy is receiving a High Achievement award for A Level Global Perspectives & Research. Special mention must also be made of their teachers Mrs. Bendi van der Merwe and Mr. Joshua Donaldson, for their support in these achievements in 2021. The High Achievement award recognises learners who have achieved a very high standard mark across all of New Zealand in an individual subject. ***What a cause for celebration!***

## • GROUPS AND CLUBS



We encourage you to have conversations at home this week about what group or club your children may like to get involved with. A schedule of activities will be published shortly, and notices at Line-up will help guide students towards initial meetings. The engagement and positive connections that come from these groups and clubs are a vital part of our school life. We are sure there is something being offered to suit or peak an interest for everyone!

## • BIKE DAY



We have our Bike Day coming up on the 25th February. We have a visitor joining us from Auckland Transport to share important safety advice and tips to our Year 1-6 students. There will be some fun games and activities outside at lunchtime and we are sure all our students will learn lots. We will send a notice home with more information next week.

## • FACE MASKS AT SCHOOL



As you will know, face masks are required to be worn by students in Years 4-13 at school. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared with 1 mask to wear PLUS 2 additional replacement masks each day.

Sourcing child masks is difficult at present due to the demand, so if your child does require a replacement mask during a school day, we may only be able to supply them with an adult sized disposable in an urgent situation.

## • HEALTH & WELLBEING



Please remember that if your child is sick they must remain at home until they are well. Students with vomiting or diarrhea must remain at home for a minimum of 48hrs after.

We have a wonderful pastoral service available to **ALL** students and encourage you to contact Mrs Pointon on Teams, or email her directly on [tilly.pointon@pcschool.co.nz](mailto:tilly.pointon@pcschool.co.nz) should you wish to discuss any concerns.

Our caring and willing Friend Supporters are also available to support students of all ages, even if it is just to offer a listening ear during this very challenging time.

## • FAMILY ZONE



Cyber safety continues to be in the forefront of our minds the last few months with the increased use of technology. Children are very vulnerable online and as a school, we have partnered with Family Zone allowing us to filter what the students can access on their devices and keeping them safe in the internet world.

PCS will set up a private Family Zone premium account for every family who wishes to support this initiative. The cost is \$20 per family for unlimited devices, (a very special school rate as the independent family cost would usually be \$69/year). Click the signup button on the [PCS Community Hub information page](#), and create an account for your child/children and you will be invoiced accordingly. For full information or to sign up, click [here](#).

All student owned devices that are used in class must have the Family Zone App installed otherwise you have the option to use a school device instead. Year 13 students do not have to sign up to Family Zone.

## • SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE



Over the holiday break, our contractors have worked very hard to complete a much needed upgrade to our septic system which is amazing!

As we grow so must our infrastructure and our old system was no longer suitable for the size of our school.

Last year we were incredibly blessed to have been afforded the ability to undertake this crucial work.

Check us out  on  or [@Pukekohechristianschool](#)

**PARENT HELPERS NEEDED**



We are in need of some willing parent helpers to assist us with organizing our Library. If you have some free time during the day (and are fully vaccinated) or after school (if you are not fully vaccinated) and would be willing to volunteer a few hours of your time, we would love to hear from you!

**SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE**

In-keeping with our termly focus on love and kindness, in our Assembly on Wednesday 2 February, we launched a Scripture Challenge. We look forward to seeing recordings of each of our classes recite (creatively) the following scripture:

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup>Love never fails.



Your support in helping children remember all or parts of this will help their whole class.

**BRAIN TEASER**

Using the code, find the starting letter in the grid given for each number. Follow the arrows from the code and find the letter to copy into the phrase below.

P	X	E	M	S	O
R	G	I	Q	Z	J
D	T	Y	E	L	H
O	F	S	N	V	C
A	B	Z	P	D	W
I	H	K	R	U	X

Code:						
1	=	G	↓	←	↑	↑
2	=	Y	↓	↓	←	←
3	=	M	↓	↓	←	←
4	=	O	←	↓	←	←
5	=	P	↓	→	→	↑
6	=	G	↓	↓	→	→
7	=	Z	↓	←	←	←
8	=	V	↓	↓	←	←
9	=	T	↓	→	↑	↑
10	=	Q	←	↓	↓	→
11	=	Y	↓	→	↓	→

“Love is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_”  
 1    2    3    4    5    6    7                      8    9    10    11



*Can you find this verse in the Bible?*



*Maybe you can talk to someone at home about what it means to them.*

## • SKOOL LOOP

We use Skool Loop as our school app. We encourage all our parents/caregivers to download the app (via the App Store or Play Store). You will find notices, our latest newsletter, our full staff contact list, report student absences, view the term calendar and later in the year book parent teacher interviews. Check it out, if you haven't already.

Sunshine is just around the corner!



Dry out your boots, hang up your coat and get your school app ready to read all the school events happening in term four

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Book interviews
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



 Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

### Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



## • LUNCH ONLINE

Lunch Online starts back up again next week. They offer yummy lunch orders delivered directly to school for your child to collect from the office at lunchtime. Visit [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) to register.

# YUM

## Pukekohe Christian School Lunches delivered to School

Pita Pit  
Order & pay for lunches online  
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



  
[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

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• ADS & NOTICES

**Unite against COVID-19** We are currently at RED light. For full information: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>



Don't forget to drop your Kantabs into the office!!



If you are in the market for a new, or used vehicle, visit the team at Ebbett Pukekohe. Mention that you are a PCS family and their team will be sure to look after you and your family.

Phone them on **0800 40 50 50** or email [ross@ebbett.co.nz](mailto:ross@ebbett.co.nz) or visit their website at [www.ebbettpukekohe.co.nz](http://www.ebbettpukekohe.co.nz)

Thank you for your support in making use of this service so we are able to keep Pita Pit as a supplier.



Join up to Lunch Online by registering at [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) and following the 4 easy steps.

Orders must be placed by 9am Friday and your child's lunch will be delivered to the school office just before lunchtime on Friday.

Students need to collect their lunch from the school office at lunchtime.

**Here's some tips to ensure you receive notices and push notifications**

- When you download the Skool Loop App you will be asked if you would like notifications please **tap yes**. Some devices don't ask this question and automatically tick yes for you. This can be changed in your settings
- If your notifications are turned off in your device settings, some phones apply that to all apps when downloading. In the phone settings please make sure your notifications are turned on
- Check your App Store or Google Play regularly for any outstanding updates
- There are 2 different notices school will send out: **push notification** (banner and ding) or a **notice** (visual alert only)
- You will only receive a push notification if you are not using the app at the time
- If your volume is off you will not hear an alert
- You will see a visual alert if a **notice** has been posted. You will not hear a ding
- You will only hear a ding if the school sends a **push notification**.



**Children counselling now available**

Freedom Counselling Ministries is excited to welcome a second counsellor to the team.



Colleen Thompson BAApp (couns)

Colleen's main focus has been children aged 7-15, however, she sees clients of all ages.

She has been counselling at a local primary school (children aged 7-11 years) for the past 2 years and continues to do so, along with being the school counsellor at Pukekohe Christian School. Colleen uses a variety of interventions, within her practice to help bring about freedom for those she works with.

For further information or to book an appointment visit: [freedomcounsellingministries.co.nz](http://freedomcounsellingministries.co.nz)

Or contact Colleen  
Mobile: 021 024 83380  
Email: [colleenthompson2307@gmail.com](mailto:colleenthompson2307@gmail.com)



Loving God, Loving People



Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or family changes. Afterschool programme's are held at St Andrews Church hall in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme is also available.

For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, phone their office on (09) 238 7228, or alternatively email [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz). [www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons](http://www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons)

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