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NEWSLETTER 20/2019

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28 November 2019



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Firstly, thank you for your amazing support with the Walkathon this week! The students were truly fantastic and we had totally underestimated their ability to walk – some did 40 laps! I have been astounded by the pledges that have been pouring in and will be able to give you an update on what we made as soon as possible. Please do try to get the pledges into school before we close next week.

I also want to thank you for your patience as we begin our construction work at school. I realise how difficult this is making drop off and pick up time. Primary parents up to and including Year 6, can collect their children at 2.45 for the last few remaining days of term to help ease the congestion. If you are unable to arrive at the earlier time, the class teacher will be providing supervision until 3 pm in the usual way.

This evening we have our annual Prize Giving event and I am looking forward to seeing you all there. I am often asked if we have considered splitting the events into Primary and Secondary and this has been discussed many times over the years. However, we really value our sense of community and love the opportunity for the students to share in the success of each other across the year levels. The primary students can see and hear of the achievements of our top prize winners and listen to the head students whilst the secondary students gain just as much from listening to the singing of the younger students and celebrating their successes. Last year we introduced a final school assembly for Years 1-10 where we have the opportunity to congratulate a wider range of students who have achieved in a number of areas. This includes Principal's awards for all year levels and Top Achievement in each subject for Years 7-10. This will take place on Wednesday 4th December at 10.45 (weather permitting). You are welcome to join us for this special assembly if you would like to celebrate with us.

Term Dates 2020

Term1: 28 Jan to 9 April
Term 2: 28 April to 26 Jun
Term 3: 20 July to 25 Sept
Term 4: 12 Oct to 10 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

Not every student can win an award unfortunately and this can be a time of disappointment for many. If your child is not a recipient of an award, encourage him or her to focus on the areas of growth and improvement they have had across the year. This might include making a great friend, improving in Maths, learning to manage homework, mastering a new sport or skill. Remind them that what we ask of them is to try their best and to take pride in their achievements. We have awesome students and I am proud of each and every one of them.

Yours in Christ

Clare Humber
Principal

1. IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4, 2019

25 PCS Walkathon	26	27	28 Newsletter 20 PCS Prizegiving at Indian Hall, Ward Street, 6pm start	29 Year 3 sleepover at PCS Year 10 fundraiser
2 December	3	4	5 Year 1-10 School reports home LAST DAY TERM 4 School closes @ 1:10pm	6

2. PRIZE GIVING 2019

Prize Giving is tonight, at the Pukekohe Indian Association Hall, 57 Ward Street, Pukekohe, starting promptly at 6pm. All parents and grandparents are encouraged to come along to celebrate with the school. We look forward to seeing you there. We ask that students arrive by **5:45pm** so that they are seated in their classes for **6:00pm** start. Please ensure the students are in neat school uniform including black shoes. We ask that students do not wear polar fleeces, jumpers or coats in their seats.

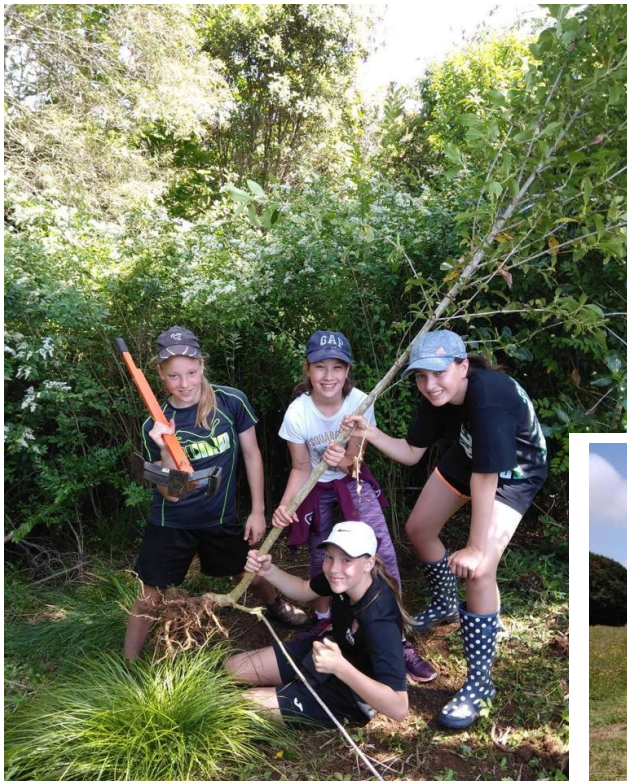
3. LUNCH ON LINE – EVERY FRIDAY

Thank you for the wonderful response and the increased orders for Pita Pit. Keep them coming so that we do not lose this supplier.

For those of you who are thinking about joining up or are new to our school, you can register online at www.lunchonline.co.nz and follow 4 easy steps to get started. 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 at PCS. Students will need to come to the office to collect their lunch.

4. GREEN GROUP

Yesterday the PCS environmental group (Green Group) spent the morning at an organic farm called Permakai near Waiuku. Students learned about seed saving, composting and growing vegetables organically. Several students enjoyed using a tool called an “extractorvator” to pull out privet weed on the property (see photo). The group then headed to the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan club to enjoy a pizza lunch and a game of ten pin bowling.



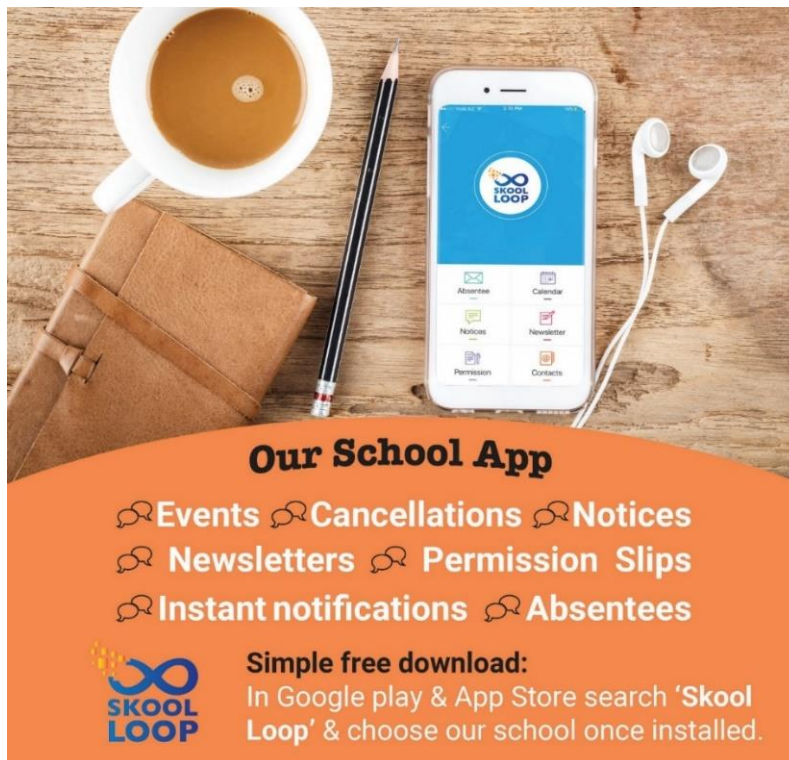
5. PCS WALKATHON

Thank you so much for supporting our Walkathon, “Walk for our Hall.” We have been absolutely amazed so far by the donations received and the support by the wider community.

We appreciate how busy this time of year is but we would ask that all pledge forms and donations be returned to school by **2nd December**.



6. SKOOL LOOP APP

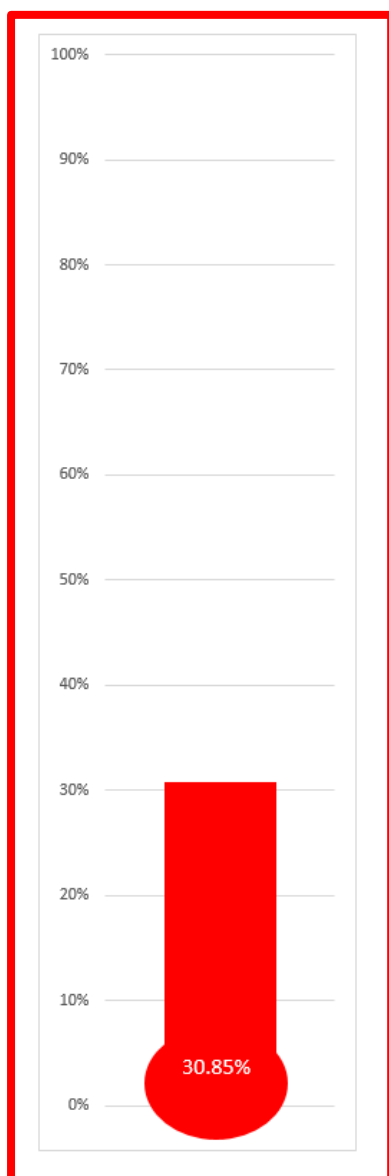


Our School App

- Events
- Cancellations
- Notices
- Newsletters
- Permission Slips
- Instant notifications
- Absentees

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

7. PCS HALL FUNDRAISING



Thank you to everyone who supported the Walkathon - once we have collected all the donations and pledges, we will update our thermometer. We're looking forward to being a bit closer to our target!!

If you wish to donate to the Hall Fund, donations can be paid directly into the Building account #030406-0616956-001. All donations are eligible for the Donations Tax Credit! Thank you to all the families who have donated to this fund over the year, we really appreciate your support

8. FULTON TRIATHLON 2020



ENTRIES ARE OPEN FOR THE FULTON TRIATHLON 2020!

Make sure your triathlete doesn't miss out on being part of this fun and local event.

All the action is happening on Friday February 21st, 2020 at Clarks Beach.

8 - 10 year olds

100m Swim

4km Bike

1km Run

11 - 12 year olds

200m Swim

8km Bike

2km Run

Click the link to register and secure your child's spot today!

<http://bit.ly/FultonTriathlon2020>

7. ADS AND NOTICES

- **Auckland Libraries** Kia Māia te Whai (Pukekohe) - Dare to Explore summer reading adventure is an easy and fun way to keep 5-12 year old's busy over the holidays, and help improve their reading!
The programme runs for six weeks, kicking off on Monday 9 December.
With over 60 challenges to complete between 9 December and 20 January, there's plenty to keep your students entertained, whatever their interests.
To make things simple, activities can be completed whenever they are – at the library, online, on holiday or at home.
- **Young at Art** are running pre-**Christmas workshops** from 19th - 23rd December this year with Kiwi Christmas Acrylic paintings, Table decorations, Elf on the Shelf Papier mache and our Supersonic 'BIG Christmas Variety Workshop' on Friday 20th Dec. This includes watercolour cards, decorations and present making for family members. For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/holiday-workshops/>, email: anna@youngatart.co.nz or Ph. 0297 712 923
- With Christmas is just around the corner, the **Pukekohe Business Association's Christmas Scavenger Hunt** will be kicking off next week.
Over the past few years, this promotion was based around numbered wooden Christmas trees decorated by your students, located in 40 businesses throughout Pukekohe. However, this year we have simplified this promotion by way of posters in windows and fewer businesses to get through!
The entry form is attached for your information and will also be available from participating businesses, our [Facebook page](#), The Franklin County News and our office, 217 King Street, Pukekohe.
This promotion runs from the 20th November through till the 19th December. There is \$1,400 in cash prizes to be won just in time for Christmas!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Parents morning tea

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2020
8:30AM - 9:30AM



COFFEE CART
AVAILABLE FROM
7:30AM





**Manukau
Beautification**
CHARITABLE TRUST



MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON YOUR LOCAL STREAM!

Join Us For Our Community Clean Up Day.

**Saturday
November 30
9am - 12noon**

Meeting at Kennelly Park...
17-25 Montgomery Ave, Pukekohe

Bring your Gumboots
(or closed toe shoes)
and appropriate clothing.
*Gloves will be provided.

Please note:
Children must be accompanied
& supervised by an adult.

Rain date:
December 7 | 9am – 12noon

Register to:

Barbara Carney: barbara.carney@mbct.org.nz or phone 021 507 885

The Franklin Local Board is enhancing Whangapouri Stream
in Pukekohe by cleaning up litter along the stream bank
to stop it entering and polluting our waterways.

Bring all the family and stay for a free sausage sizzle
and lots of fun activities...



Discover storm water
vs wastewater systems



Explore creatures
in our stream



Create your own
mini worm farm



Test water
quality

9. VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Galatians 5:22-23

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Yours in Christ

Clare Humber, Principal

