

PCS NEWSLETTER

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Term Dates 2023

Term 1: 24 Jan to 6 Apr
Teacher only day 6 June 23
Term 2: 26 Apr to 30 Jun
Term 3: 24 Jul to 22 Sept
Term 4: 9 Oct to 7 Dec

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

As we prepare this newsletter, we are enjoying a spirit of gratefulness.

- We are grateful for electricity; many of us were concerned we would be without power for a sustained period of time on Monday.
- We are grateful for a great Senior School Ball on Saturday night and for the team of students led by Mrs Stephens who planned such a wonderful evening for everyone. The venue hosts were very complementary of our students and how well the complex was treated. We are very proud of you all.
- And finally, we are grateful for all of the wonderful skills and talents that God blesses us with; this weekend many of our students competed in the New Zealand Modern School of Music Counties Competition. Pukekohe Christian School was awarded the Top School Musicianship Award, based on the number of students competing, the range of instruments being played and the number of trophies won by individuals from the school. What a great achievement! We look forward to providing more detail about these individual achievements later this week, but for now congratulations everyone!

As Semester One draws to a close, we acknowledge the efforts that everyone has put into the work of the last two terms; teachers, students and parents who support with homework and maintaining the focus on our Christian character and our academic achievement. We invite our parents to complete a [Term Two Family Check-In survey](#) over the next few weeks to give us feedback on a few key topics. We will get a summary of themes into the next newsletter.

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa.
Many blessings to you all.

Carolyn M Cornu
Principal



Term Calendar 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WEEK 8	12 Calendar Art, Smecils & Smens sent home for ordering	13	14 Assembly Primary PCS Speech finals Boostrix Vaccinations Year 7	15 PCS Speech Finals (Year 7 & 8)	16 Duke of Edinburgh Fundraiser	17
WEEK 9	19	20	21 Assembly	22	23 Grand Champions Day Morning Tea (Year 0-6) QUIZ NIGHT Pukekohe Reformed Church from 6:30pm	24
WEEK 10	26 Calendar Art orders due date	27 Parent Teacher Interviews 2-6pm School finishes at 1:30pm	28 Assembly	29 Parent Teacher Interviews 2-6pm School finishes at 1:30pm	30 LAST DAY OF TERM 2 School finishes at 1:10pm	1 July
TERM 3 2023						
WEEK 1	24 Jul	25	26	27	28	29
WEEK 2	31	1 Aug	2	3 Newsletter PCS Cross Country A&P Showgrounds Pukekohe	4	5 WORKING BEE 9-12pm
WEEK 3	7	8	9	10	11 ePro8 Fundraiser & Mufti Day	12
WEEK 4	14	15	16	17	18	19

WEEK 5	21 Kindness & Appreciation Week	22 Kindness & Appreciation Week	23 Kindness & Appreciation Week	24 Subject selection forms for 2024 sent home (Year 10-12) Kindness & Appreciation Week	25 Kindness & Appreciation Week	26
WEEK 6	28 Year 11-13 Internal Exams	29 Year 11-13 Internal Exams	30 Year 11-13 Internal Exams	31 Year 11-13 Internal Exams	1 Sep Year 11-13 Internal Exams	2 WORKING BEE 9-12pm
WEEK 7	4 Year 11-13 Internal Exams	5 Subject selection forms due back (Year 10-13)	6	7 Newsletter	8	9
WEEK 8	11	12	13	14	15 PET DAY (Year 0-6)	16
WEEK 9	18	19	20	21	22 ENTREPRENUERS DAY 2023 (Year 11-13) Items on sale for whole school	23
WEEK 10	25	26	27	28	29	30

GENERAL NOTICES

STAFF FAREWELLS

- *Ms Shannon Wilson* will be moving on to a new professional field at the end of this term. Ms Wilson has been a dynamic member of our Administration Team for several years. We will miss her efficient and creative approach to school communications, Health and Safety and the wide range of administrative tasks she has facilitated in the office. May God bless you as you go into this next chapter in your working life.
- *Mr Pablo Nuñez* will be relocating to and working in central Auckland. Mr Nunez has served at Pukekohe Christian School for several years and contributed to Bible Studies, senior Social Sciences, and sport during his time here. We pray God's richest blessing over this next season in your life. Mr Joshua Ens will continue the work in senior Global Perspectives and History and the classes Mr Nunez started the year with. We are pleased to be able to have more of Mr Ens's talents enjoyed at PCS in this way.
- *Mr Jacob Phillips* is stepping down from the Sports Coordinator role at the end of this term. Mr Phillips has set up many sporting opportunities for students in the time he has been with us. We hope to see you back again in the future.

TERM 2 FAMILY CHECK-IN SURVEY

Please take a moment to provide some feedback via this survey. A summary of themes from the survey will be provided in our next newsletter. Please follow the link [here](#) to complete our survey.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Parents can now email the Board of Governors using the following address: PCSBoard@pcs.school.co.nz. Correspondence with the Board of Governors is tabled and addressed at their monthly meetings.

CARPARK AND END OF DAY DISMISSAL

We appreciate that space is limited when everyone is here at the same time, such as the end of the school day. To help address the congestion we have the following strategies in place:

- staggered end of the day for Primary at 2:50pm and Secondary at 3:00pm
- **cars collecting primary** aged students use the **upper carpark** and driveway spaces
- **cars collecting secondary** aged students use the **lower carpark**
- If there are no spaces available when you arrive, please aim for the lower carpark.
- The loading zone is not a space to park while waiting for your child to arrive. Doing this congests the entire driveway, out to the main road, and causes frustration for everyone.

Please do not park in the loading zone to wait for your children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The upcoming holiday is a great opportunity to address any uniform needs before Term Three starts. Some of the common irregularities we are noticing are the presence of colour on school black shoes. If your student has sports or casual shoes that have any coloured parts on them, these will either need to be blacked out or changed, please. One of the things we pride ourselves on is the presentation of our students, it is how we show regard for standards and the reputation of the organization that we are a part of.

SEMESTER ONE ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

Semester One reports are coming out early next week. Teachers have included in these reports steps or strategies that students can take to make improvements in Semester Two. We encourage everyone to use the advice this report round provides to support success in what remains of the 2023 academic year. Parent-Teacher interviews follow our reports, and provide a point of contact between the classroom and parents. The time available is limited, in particular in the secondary school, due to the specialization of subjects at this level. If you have more you wish to discuss with a specific teacher following the school report, please make arrangements for a separate meeting directly with the teacher.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2023

Parent-Teacher interview booking are now available to be booked via our Skool Loop App. Please visit our App and select *Bookings* to make your appointments. You are able to book for multiple teachers at once (just select the teachers all at once). Secondary appointments are 5 minutes each and Primary 10 minutes.

LUNCHBOX FOOD

A reminder that lollies and sweets are prohibited lunchbox items. Providing children with nutritious lunch options such as fruit, yoghurt or sandwiches helps to keep student fuelled for their school day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERNAL PAINTING

We have received a generous donation of interior paint and would like to make a start on painting the interior of classrooms. If this is something you have experience with and would like to participate in a working bee, please let the office know. If you have brushes, trays, or drop cloths that can be donated or borrowed to support this work we'd love to hear from you also. Working bees will be arranged according to volunteer availability.

GRAND-CHAMPIONS DAY

Our Year 0-8 students are in the process of inviting Grandparents, pastors, youth group leaders, sports coaches – anyone who is a champion in their life to join us on Friday 23 June 2023. Please use the RSVP slip provided to help us prepare for numbers. Our students will collect visitors from the front courtyard at 9am and spend up to an hour in the classroom, followed by a brief tour and morning tea with the staff.

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Get in quick to register your team for this fun social night!

PCS PRESENTS
TRIVIA NIGHT
(Adults only event)

Friday 23 June
at Pukekohe Reformed Church
2 Victoria Street
Doors open at: 6:30pm

\$20 per adult
\$160 per table (8 people)

Light dinner included
Please RSVP by email before
Friday 16 June 2023:
FriendsofPCS@pcs.school.co.nz
SPACES ARE LIMITED

CAMBRIDGE EXTERNAL EXAMINATION PREPARATION

Students sitting end of year Cambridge Examinations have now completed their initial entry forms. Students will receive their Statement of Entry shortly. They must ensure they keep these safe as it is required to gain entry to their exams later in the year. Invoicing for exams will be emailed in Term 3 so you do not need to do anything further regarding this at this stage.

PRIMARY SPEECH FINALS – 14 JUN & INTERMEDIATE SPEECH FINALS – 15 JUN

We were incredibly proud of how amazing all our junior students did, we know they can be daunting for many. Well done to everyone, there were some wonderful topics covered this year. The PCS Primary School Speech Finals will take place on Wednesday 14 June. Intermediate Speech Finals are on Thursday 15 June and 4 students from here will go on to represent PCS at the Franklin Speech Competition.

CALENDER ART YEAR 0-10

Calendar Artwork and order forms will be sent home this week. The due date for ordering is 26 June 2023. We are also running Smens & Smecils alongside the calendar this year. These all make for awesome gifts or just something special for you! Check them out in your Calendar Art order pack. Samples are available to look at in the office or in your child/s class.

40 HOUR CHALLENGE 2023

We are proud to be once again supporting the [40-hour Challenge](#) again this year. The challenge runs from the 16-18 June 2023. Our student council will be supporting our students to get behind this wonderful cause. Every little bit count, so get your thinking caps on about what challenge you can do for 40-hours and get busy raising your sponsors!!

BOOSTRIX VACCINATIONS

The Boostrix Vaccination team will be visiting our Year 7's on Wednesday 14 June 2023. Any students who are absent on this day will need to contact their doctor to arrange for their vaccination at an alternative time.

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We wish to acknowledge the generosity of various volunteers who have provided goods and services to the school over the last term. Thanks go out to [Paul Erasmus](#) for the plumbing that finished the sink work in the Artroom upgrade, the sink that was donated by [Power Farming Pukekohe](#), and to Mike & Tom from [Fully Charged Electrical](#) for the lighting work also. We also give thanks to [Reuben Saathof](#) for repairing the pot hole in the driveway. Thank you all for your generosity.

FROM OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

BEACH CLEAN UP GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES TRIP

Year 5 and 6 have been studying water pollution in our Global Perspectives classes. As part of our study we went to Clarks Beach and spent time cleaning up the beach and surrounding parks. We also had a great time enjoying the environment. Since the trip a few students have been spending their lunchtimes keeping the school tidy.



INTER-SCHOOLS CHESS TOURNAMENT

On the 8 June, a group of our Year 7 & 8 students attended the Inter-schools Chess Competition at Manurewa Intermediate School. All our students played and represented PCS well. Congratulations to our **A Team** who placed an impressive **Second Overall!** Amazing work Samuel, Ruben, Portia and Jackson.



NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our PCS Netball girls who competed at the Netball Tournament at the Pukekohe Netball Courts on the 8 June. Both teams impressively won all their games and showed incredible sportsman ship. Well done to these students and a big thank you to the parents who coached and assisted these teams.



NZ MODERN SCHOOL OF MUSIC COMPETITION

Well done to all our students who participated in the recent NZ Modern School of Music competition at the weekend. Congratulations to the following students who received the following outstanding results:

- 🎵 **Violet Wang** (7 years under) 2 golds for Keyboard, 2 golds for Classical Piano and 1 silver for Modern restricted piano. Three trophies including highest points for 10 years and under all classes.
- 🎵 **Anika Swartz** (11 years) 1 gold, 1 silver, VHC for Modern piano, 1 gold for Restricted Modern Piano. 1 gold and VHC for Classical Piano. Winner Nicole Baker Cup for restricted modern.
- 🎵 **Tiana Bailey** (11 years) 3 silver for Keyboard and 1 gold for Keyboard Modern medley. Winner Music Mania Trophy - Modern medley.
- 🎵 **Catherine Tegmann** (11 years) 1 Silver, 2 very highly commended for Classical piano and 1 Bronze for Modern piano restricted.

There are more results to come and we will share these as soon as we have them!



AD's & NOTICES

PCS HOT SHOTS AFTER SCHOOL CARE ASSISTANT

Our afterschool care programme is looking for an assistant to join the team! You will need to be available from 2:50pm each day and able to work a total of 9-10 hours per week. This is during Term time only and will be subject to Police Vetting. Get in touch with Yulia at okm8ok@gmail.com or on 021 298 3489.

BABYSITTING SERVICE

Hello, my name is Yutha. I am Year 11 student at PCS and also a Friendship Supporter. I am looking for babysitting jobs for students and siblings of PCS in Pukekohe to raise money for my Duke of Edinburgh trip later this year. Please contact me on 027 2037323 or email yutha.ganeva@gmail.com for availability and rates.



EBBETT PUKEKOHE VEHICLE ADMINISTRATOR

Ebbett Pukekohe currently have a Maternity cover/ Part time Administration position available.

This would be a great role for a Stay-at-home Mum looking for work during school time. If you are interested, please forward your CV's directly to: Michelle Wiggins via email - michelle@ebbett.co.nz

Visit: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/67664049> for full information on the position.

GRIEF, LOSS, CHANGE PROGRAMME

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or other big family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next Thursday 3rd of May and runs from 4pm-5pm over 8 weeks of the school term. It is held at the St Andrews Church in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme also runs at the same time, and an Adult Programme will be running over the term for those interested. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info please go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.

LUNCH ORDERING

PCS offers lunch ordering options through [Lunch Online](#). Our lunch ordering days are as follows:

Supplier	Delivery day	Order by
Mr Sushi	Wednesdays	Wednesday 9am
Jesters Pies	Thursdays	Wednesday 4pm
Pita Pit	Fridays	Friday 9am



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Piano/Keyboard Lessons.

There are a couple of vacancies for Piano/Keyboard lessons here at school on Tuesday mornings for more information please contact Carol; musiccarol2022@gmail.com or 0274541718.



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TECH WEEK

CODING ACTIVITY

LEARN TO CODE GAMES AND WEBSITES

FREE!

Details:

- 1hr online activity
- 4pm, 5pm or 6pm
- Live tutors available
- Fun for ages 9 to 18

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- Translation function available
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- Sign permission forms
- Book interviews and more!

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

TOOLS TO SUPPORT OUR TEENS

FREE 6 WEEKS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF 12-18YR OLDS

COURSE DETAILS:

MONDAY EVENINGS 6PM - 830PM

FRANKLIN FAMILY SUPPORT COMMUNITY HUB

START DATE: MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023

TOPICS INCLUDE:

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

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:
PARENTING@FAMILYSUPPORT.ORG.NZ
OR 092386233

Winter 2023 Holiday Programme

KAS

Based at Pukekohe Hill School
Green Lane, Pukekohe
Programme: 027 694 3013
WINZ Subsidies available for eligible families
Office 09 236 4078 Email: admin@kidsafterschool.co.nz

Programmes also available at Harrisville, Bombay, Karaka, Waiuku, Patumahoe & Pokeno Primary Schools

<p>Monday 3rd July PJ Day Kickstart the holidays with fun, laughter and games in your pyjamas or pajamas! Wear your slippers too for our 'fancy feet catwalk'!</p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">\$37</p>	<p>Tuesday 4th July Trip Day Event Cinemas Manukau We're off to enjoy our very own special showing of:</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Elemental</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Order movie food using the 'Comments' section online BEFORE finalising your booking Movies subject to change</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">\$60</p>	<p>Wednesday 5th July Elemental Science Fire, water, earth & wind! We're doing experiments and activities based around the elements - toast marshmallows, make kites and so much more!</p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">\$37</p>	<p>Thursday 6th July KAS Bingo Come along to play this classic game you know & love! Have fun - call a line or even 'BINGO' to win prizes! Plus bingo art & dodgeball!</p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">\$37</p>	<p>Friday 7th July Plaster Chef Ready, steady, cook! Prepare to wow our judges this July, in an all-time favourite KAS competition! Which team will claim the trophy?</p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">\$45</p>
<p>Monday 10th July Balloon Mania! Get artistic and try your hand at making funky balloon creations! Balloon sculpting, balloon crafts plus balloon sports & games!</p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">\$37</p>	<p>Tuesday 11th July Hi-Hop House Tutor Move, shake & groove with the awesome tutors from Groovit! Learn cool hip hop moves and put on a mini performance!</p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">\$50</p>	<p>Wednesday 12th July Snowball Disco Ice, ice, baby - dress up in wintery themed clothing and warm up with funny snowball, snowman & snowflake games, plus prizes for best dressed!</p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">\$37</p>	<p>Thursday 13th July Trip Day Vertical Adventures Explore the indoor world of Vertical Adventures and challenge yourself on 30 themed climbing walls!</p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">\$65</p>	<p>KAS Closed Matariki Day</p>

Programmes Available:
Main Programme: 6am to 3pm
Before & after care available: 7am to 8am, 3pm to 4.30pm & 3pm to 6pm
Full week discount available when booking Monday-Friday 7am-6pm
[Click on the "book now" button to register your child](#)

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MSD Social Sector Level 3 Accreditation

FRANKLIN POOL & LEISURE

SWIM LESSONS

MONDAY-FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY MORNINGS

School Age (5yrs-14yrs)

30 minute lesson

\$18.50 per week

Development Squad (Waka)

1 hour lesson

\$18.50 per week

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For more information
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CALL: 09 238 5240

WINTER 2023 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOPS



PUKEKOHE

Looking for something fun & creative to entertain your children these holidays? Consider a **Young at Art** workshop!

PK1, CREATIVE CHARACTER DREAMCATCHERS (8 yrs+)
Mon 3rd & Tues 4th July 2023, 9:00am - 12noon
Create colourful and creative individual dreamcatchers with a character theme. Think 'city cat, unicorn, dragon'!

TUTOR: Anna Molineux HOME STUDIO Cost: \$80.00 includes both mornings

PK2, AWESOME ANIMATION (8yrs-16yrs)
Mon 3rd & Tues 4th July 2023, 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Create your very own stop animation movie in this fun filled workshop! Develop your creat'v'e ideas and storytelling. *Students are required to bring a long a digital camera or phone/tablet with a stand (digital cameras are the easiest for them to use. Please ensure they are fully charged and have plenty of room on the memory card.)

TUTOR: Anna Molineux HOME STUDIO Cost: \$80.00 includes both afternoons

PK3, RAINBOW TREES - Acrylics on canvas (7-16 yrs+)
Wed 5th & Thurs 6th July 2023, 9:00am - 12noon
Using a variety of techniques create a wonder-fully colourful acrylic painting on canvas of silver birch trees.

TUTOR: Anna Molineux HOME STUDIO Cost: \$80.00 for both mornings

PK4, TORN ART COLLAGE ANIMALS (9-16 yrs+)
Wed 5th & Thurs 6th July 2023, 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Create your own individual animal of your choice using interesting papers and magazine pages on canvas.

TUTOR: Anna Molineux HOME STUDIO Cost: \$80.00 for both afternoons

PK5, WATERCOLOUR ARCTIC POLAR BEARS (9 - 16yrs)
Friday 7th July 2023, 9am - 12noon
Learn the art of watercolour painting and a variety of techniques to create a cinematic 'arctic polar bear scene.

TUTOR: Anna Molineux HOME STUDIO Cost: \$50.00 for one morning

PK6, FUNKY GIRAFFES - PAPIER MACHE (6 - 14yrs)
Wed 5th & Thurs 6th July 2023, 9:00am - 12noon
In this fun filled workshop we will create our own giraffes using various materials and papier mache. Second day will be all about the painting and decorating to add our own individuality.

TUTOR: Kirsty McGregor HOME STUDIO Cost: \$80.00 for both mornings

FOR BOOKINGS OR MORE INFO:
www.youngatart.co.nz or admin@youngatart.co.nz
Mob No. 0297 712 923
HOME STUDIO, 117 Valley Rd, Pukekohe (side entrance)

Holidays, Term Time and Arty Parties
Children, Teens, Adults and Corporate events!

FREE EVENT!



SKATEBOARDING

"Have A Go" Program
Suitable for 8 - 14 Year Olds

PUKEKOHE

TUESDAY 11TH JULY, 10AM - 12PM
PUKEKOHE SKATE PARK
(21 STADIUM DRIVE, PUKEKOHE)
LEARN FROM YOUNG GUNS SKATE SCHOOL COACHES

REGISTER AT
WWW.CMSPORT.CO.NZ/EVENTS-ACTIVITIES/UPCOMING-EVENTS-ACTIVITIES/SKATEBOARDING-HAVE-A-GO
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