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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is so wonderful to have the school full again with students and teachers. Thank you so much for your patience and support whilst we follow the guidelines for alert level 2. I am hoping that we will be able to welcome parents back on site as soon as possible, I miss you all at line up in the mornings!

One of the special things about PCS is the family feel, where younger students and older students interact so well together. Our seniors have been invaluable in supporting the staff and helping the primary students get to their cars, especially in the afternoon. I am proud to be the principal of a school with such amazing students.

Our Friend supporters are always available to support students who are struggling with feelings of anxiety and fear following the lockdown experience. Whilst it was a great opportunity for family time and a slower pace, for many, it was frightening and the constant changes were unsettling. If you feel that your child would benefit from talking to a Friend supporter, or needs additional help at this time, please let us know.

Yours in Christ

Clare Humber



Term Dates 2020

Term 1: 28 Jan to 7 April
Term 2: 23 April to 26 Jun
Note: Teacher only Day - Tues 2 June 2020
Term 3: 20 July to 25 Sept
Term 4: 12 Oct to 10 Dec



IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 2 2020

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
WEEK 4	18 May	19	20 Assembly (Virtual) Year 11-13 Exams begin	21 Newsletter 7	22
WEEK 5	25	26	27 Assembly (Virtual)	28	29
WEEK 6	1 JUNE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	2 TEACHER ONLY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	3 Assembly	4 Newsletter 8	5
WEEK 7	8	9 Yr1-6 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:10pm—6pm (via Teams or in person)	10 Assembly Yr1-6 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:10pm—6pm (via Teams or in person)	11 Photolife School Photos	12 Year 11-13 Wintec talk
WEEK 8	15	16	17 Assembly	18 Newsletter 9	19 Speech Competition Finals Year 7 & 8
WEEK 10	22 Class Speech Competition Year 1-6	23	24 Assembly Speech Competition Finals Year 1-6	25	26 Progress Reports Year 7-13 (via email) Reports Year 1-6 LAST DAY OF TERM School closes @ 1:10pm

REACH ASSESSMENTS

Unfortunately, UNSW Global Reach Assessments decided to cancel the Reach Assessments for 2020.

We apologize to those that registered for any inconvenience caused by the late cancellation.

Reach Assessments will return again in 2021.



UNSW Global

• PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have been able to reschedule our school photos which were cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation.

School photos will now take place on **Thursday 11th June 2020**. Please ensure students are in the correct uniform on this day.

If you have multiple children at school, and you would like them to have a photo together, you will need to collect, complete and return a Siblings Form from the office as soon as possible.

PhotoLife
STUDIOS LIMITED

• HEALTH & WELLBEING



We understand that this may have been a very stressful and anxious time for many students. We want to reassure you and your children that we have a wonderful pastoral service available to all students and encourage you to contact Mrs Courteaud on Teams, or email her directly on jill.courteaud@pcschool.co.nz should you wish to discuss any concerns.

We also have our caring and willing Friend Supporters who are available to support students of all ages, even if it is just to offer a listening ear following what has been a very challenging time. Students can join the Friend Supporter team and in addition, you can visit our Facebook or Instagram pages to find out who our Friend Supporters are.

• SCHOOL FEES DISCOUNT FOR MAY 2020

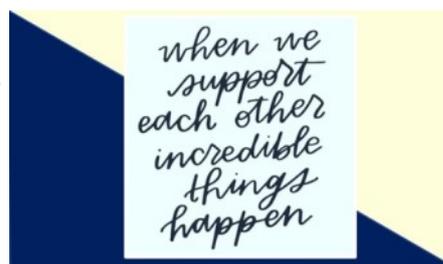
As a school, we are very aware of the huge financial impact for many of you over the last few weeks as a result of the COVID-19 situation.

In light of this, the PCS Trust and PCS Board have given all our families a **35% discount on school fees for the month of May 2020**. We hope that this will go some way to providing a little relief in these challenging times. The discount will be automatically applied to your May invoice, however if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Clare or Louise at accounts@pcschool.co.nz.

• PCS BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We have had a wonderful response to our business directory. Thank you to everyone who has submitted the details of their business. It is an opportunity for us all to come together and support other members of our school community. We will be encouraging our parents, teachers and friends to use the directory when looking for a service or product. We would love for you to complete the form with your business/work information if you think that it could be useful to other families. Click [here](#) to submit your business information.

Submissions close Friday 29th May 2020.



• VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

Whilst we remain in Level 2, we will continue to hold our usual Wednesday School Assembly virtually. As with all our assemblies, we open with the National Anthem and now we are back at school, our Student Council members and House Captains will be delivering messages and praying for our students. The online delivery has proven to be a wonderful way to remain connected with the wider school and we thank all those students and parents/caregivers who have helped contribute to our assemblies. If you have a primary aged child who would like to contribute to assembly, please let me know.

Check us out on **Facebook** or **Instagram** @Pukekohechristianschool

HALL PROJECT



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Whilst the current COVID situation means we have been forced to put the progress of our Hall Fundraising and Project on the back burner for now, we intend to recommence with the project as soon as we are able.

We have made great progress this year with the site works of the new hall location taking shape. We are extremely grateful for the support and pledges that we have received so far which have enabled us to achieve all that we have.

CAMBRIDGE NOVEMBER EXAMS

In the next few weeks, we will be sending home the Cambridge end of year Exam entry forms for parents/students to check and verify the information ahead of registrations. Please keep your eye out for these and ensure they are checked carefully and returned to the office as soon as possible.



**Cambridge Assessment
International Education**

Cambridge International School

FRANKLIN ARTS COLOURING COMPETITION VOTING

The Franklin Arts Centre held a Petrol Heads Junior Online Kids Drawings Competition during the Lockdown. We had a number of our PCS Students entering with some incredible drawings. There is a "People's Choice Award" for the competition, where you are able to vote for your favourite picture by liking it on the Franklin Arts Centre Facebook page. Please click [here](#) or click on your favourite picture below to vote. Well done to you all, you should be very proud of your pictures.

Pictures by Alfie & Luca Harvey-Fitzgerald, Finn Verner, Chloe Lee and Zach Hemphill.



Alfie Harvey-Fitzgerald



Luca Harvey-Fitzgerald



Finn Verner



Chloe Lee



Zach Hemphill

• VERSE OF THE WEEK

In light of the COVID events and the strong message of “Be Kind” we felt this week’s verse of the week fitted the brief nicely



“Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as GOD in Christ forgave you”
~ Ephesians 43:2 ~

• ADS & NOTICES

**Unite
against
COVID-19**

We are currently at Alert Level .
For full information on Alert Level 2 visit:
<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-2/>



EBBETT PUKEKOHE



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 or visit their website at www.ebbett Nissan pukekohe.co.nz

Freedom

COUNSELLING MINISTRIES

freedomcounselingministries.co.nz

Children counselling now available

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



Colleen Thompson BApp (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:
freedomcounselingministries.co.nz

Or contact Colleen
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Loving God, Loving People

**Let's
Go!**
PCS Hot Shots

Can't wait to see
all our kids
again
for some
fabulous
after-school
fun!!



Sign Up today!

Contact
okm8ok@gmail.com
to register or
re-book your
child(ren)

3-4pm
or
3-6pm



Pita Pit have new Kid's Meals available through Lunch Online. The meals include a yummy Pita Pit + 2 sides options. We need your support in making use of this service so we are able to keep Pita Pit as a supplier. You can join up to Lunch Online by registering at www.lunchonline.co.nz and following the 4 easy steps to get started. The cut-off time for orders is 9am Friday's. Your child's lunch will be delivered to the school office just before lunchtime. Students need to collect their lunch from the school office at lunchtime.

 www.lunchonline.co.nz

