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NEWSLETTER 9/2019

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31 May 2019



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A large number of students are consistently arriving late to school and missing line up. Line up is such a crucially important part of our school day for the following reasons:

- We pray together as a whole school community.
- We share notices about activities, clubs and other happenings in our school.
- We celebrate successes including house points from competitions.
- We enjoy learning the maori word of the week.
- We focus on topics that are current to us, for instance our current Litter Campaign.

We are blessed to have such a wonderful school community, please support us by ensuring your child is at school by 8:20am to line up at 8:25am and start the school day. If you are able, please join us, you are always welcome.

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 9 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

Yours in Christ

Clare Humber
Principal

1. IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2, 2019

3 June QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	4	5 Year 11-13 Entrepreneurs Day	6 Year 1-6 PCS Speech comp during Periods 1-2 Year 7-8 PCS Speech comp during Periods 4-5	7 Year 1-8 Swimming lessons Fulton Swim School
10	11 Year 5/6 Franklin School Speech Competition at Franklin Baptist Church	12	13 Newsletter 10 2019	14 Year 1-8 Swimming lessons Fulton Swim School
17 Reach – Spelling	18 Reach – Spelling Year 7/8 Franklin School Speech Competition at Franklin Baptist Church	19 Reach – Spelling YWAM sharing testimonies to students	20 Reach – Spelling Equestrian team fundraiser	21 Reach – Spelling Year 1-8 Swimming lessons Fulton Swim School
24	25	26	27 Newsletter 11 2019	28 Lego Mufti Year 1-13 Reports out to parents LAST DAY School closes @ 1:10pm

2. TRANSPORT FROM/TO PAPAURA

We have a grandparent of the school who currently transports his grandson from Papakura to PCS, then back again in the afternoons. He used to be a taxi driver so he has a passenger licence and he has been police checked by us. If you need help with transport to or from PCS and you live in the Papakura area, please call Harjit Dhaliwal directly on 021 113 4064

3. PCS CARPARK/ROAD SAFETY

A reminder to parents to please be mindful of others in the carpark. Please be aware of potential hazards during drop-off and pick-up times. We have had a number of complaints, including one from a member of the public who witnessed a near miss when leaving the school grounds.

4. TACKLING TECHNOLOGY

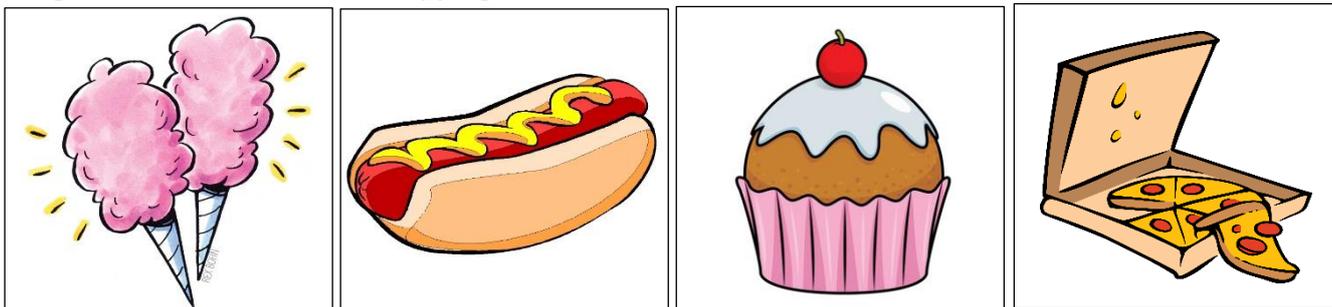
Thank you so much to those parents who joined me on Wednesday night for the "Tackling Technology" talk hosted by The Parenting Place. There are so many challenges for us as parents and I often spend time dealing with the fall out that social media can cause in the students' lives. From my experience as a Principal I would recommend:

- Set clear rules around the use of technology and all devices in your home.
- Upskill yourself so that you know what apps and games your child is using, how and why.
- Be aware that many children have multiple social media accounts.
- Don't allow children to have their phones in their rooms overnight. Many of the technological interactions that occur late at night can cause stress, anxiety or distress to our children.

Let's work together to keep our children safe.

5. ENTREPRENEURS' DAY – WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE

Business students from Years 11-13 are given the opportunity to run a stall and sell their products during lunchtime. There will be a variety of stalls on the day including: Candyfloss, Rings (jewellery) American Hot Dogs and Sodas, Brownies and Cookies, Stephan's Fried Chicken, Ice Cream Floats and Oreo Pops, Cupcakes, Cake Pops, Hot Chips and Soft drinks, Chicken Kebabs, Lollies, Chocolates and Fudge, Waffles with different toppings and Pizza and Drinks.



15% of all profits go to the school

6. SKOOL LOOP APP

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Families, Staff and Friends of School,

PCS has introduced a school app for our parents and community members. This is a free download to the whole school community to smartphones or devices.

The school app will allow for instant viewing of school events, receiving of notifications, easy advise of absences, access of school contact details and instant accessing of information about the school via a parents smartphone or tablet.

We envisage this app will greatly enhance our communication to the whole school community and will work alongside other school communication tools.

The app is funded totally free to the school by sponsorship of businesses for a small annual fee of \$275. There is a limited amount of how many businesses we will feature.

We would appreciate it if you would consider featuring your business in our school app, however there is no pressure for you to do so. We wanted to give you first opportunity before we approached any other businesses.

The school app has gone live, and we would very much appreciate your decision as soon as you are able. All artwork can be done complimentary for you.

For further information please feel free to contact Ashleigh Farries at The Skool Loop App Ashleigh@skoolloop.com or phone 0800 203 493

Warm regards

Download our School App this winter

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

✓ Cancellations ✓ Events ✓ Notices ✓ Instant notifications
✓ Absentees ✓ Newsletters ✓ Permission slips

SKOOL LOOP

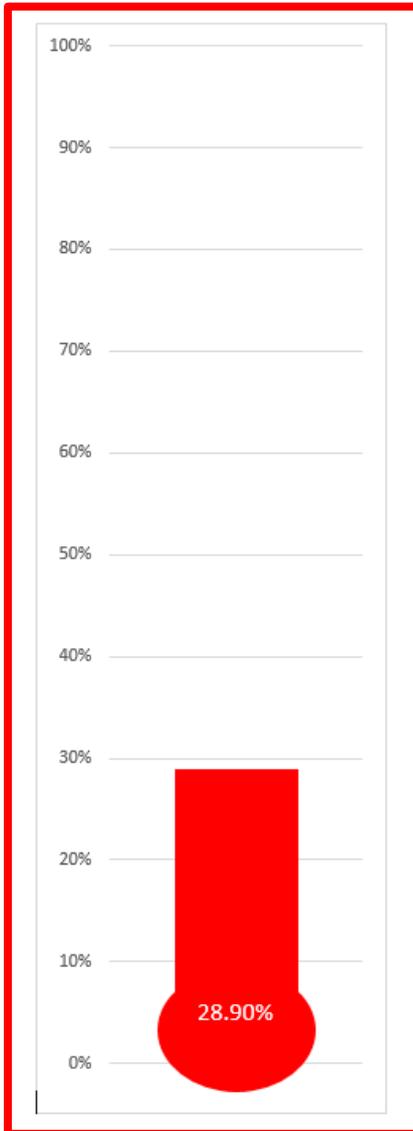
Google play

Available on the App Store

7. LUNCH ON LINE

As you are aware, PCS has signed up to lunchonline, 2 days a week, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunchonline is a website which currently has Pita Pit on board as a provider. As time goes on there will be other local providers. 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.

8. PCS HALL FUNDRAISING



To all the families who have donated or pledged to this fund, we really appreciate your support. If you have made a pledge, please arrange for the money to be paid into the Building account as soon as possible. If you are still keen to make a pledge, the forms are available at the school office. The Board is continuing to look at ways to raise funds from the wider community. If you have any ideas on how to meet our target, we would love to hear from you.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

HOT SHOTS **HOLIDAY** **PROGRAMME**

July 2019




MONDAY 1 JULY
8.30am-3pm **\$40**



Hot Dog & Sushi Surprise!
 We're barking mad today with our friends from BARK NZ. Safe and happy dog experience

Say Konichiwa to making your own sushi
Make sure you "roll" up today!



WEDNESDAY 3 JULY
8.30am-3pm **\$45**



Choo Choo
 We are off to



TUESDAY 2 JULY
8.30am-3pm **\$35**



ART THAT ROCKS!

Design, paint, hide and find.

We are off to the local playground for a rock hide and seek adventure

Secure your child's position today!

Email Yulia.okm8ok@gmail.com or pop into the school office

**After school care services will be running as per normal hours
 3pm-6pm at an additional charge**

9. ADS AND NOTICES

- **The Flash Bang Science club** are holding a children's science workshop 'ELECTRIFYING SCIENCE' in Pukekohe and Ellerslie for the next holidays. For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz/holiday-workshops/> email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz or phone: 021 161 6412. Bookings are essential as places are limited.
- **Young at Art** offer art and craft classes in Pukekohe. Our children's winter holiday workshops and term 3 classes are now open for booking. These holidays we have workshops in watercolour and acrylic painting, papier mache, printing, paper craft and more. For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/> , email: admin@youngatart.co.nz or phone: 021 161 6412. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

10. VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Colossians 3:13

Bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if someone happens to have a complaint against anyone else. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also forgive others.

Yours in Christ

Clare Humber, Principal

