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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is speech competition time again!

I am excited to be hearing the speech finalists for 2020 in the coming days and I want to congratulate all of the students for their hard work and preparation. I realise that speeches can be a source of stress for some students (and parents) and want to thank you for your support in this area.

It is such a worthwhile life skill, whatever pathway a child chooses at some point we all need to speak publicly and we have an obligation to prepare our children for life.

PCS is due for an ERO (Education Review Office) visit. Our last visit, which was extremely successful, was in 2015. ERO have indicated that we will be visited "virtually" next week on Thursday 25th June and the focus will be on how responded to the COVID-19 situation. I am excited to share our work with the ERO officers and will feed back to you in the near future.

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



Chloe delivers a notice at morning line up

Mr Morse found a new workspace this week

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 2 2020

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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 ERO virtual visit	26 Progress Reports Year 7-13 (via email) Reports Year 1-6 LAST DAY OF TERM School closes @ 1:10pm

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 3 2020

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
WEEK 1	20 JUL	21	22 Primary School is a normal school day Parent/Teacher Interviews Years 7-13 2-6pm	23 Primary School is a normal school day Parent/Teacher Interviews Years 7-13 2-6pm	24

• PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - YEARS 7-13



Parent Teacher Interviews are a wonderful opportunity to find out more information or ask questions about your child's progress and experiences in the classroom. They are a voluntary catch up between yourself and your child's teacher.

Parent Teacher Interviews for Year 7-13 are scheduled for Wednesday, 22 July and Thursday, 23 July, which is the first week back of Term 3. Interviews will be 5 minutes long each

Bookings open on Monday, 13 July at 8:30am and close on Monday, 20 July at 3:00pm.

Instructions on how to make bookings will be emailed out on Friday, 10 July.

Please note: this is during the school holidays, so please ensure you diarize a reminder to book your appointment to avoid missing out.

• NOTICE PERIOD

Just a reminder that if you need to withdrawal your child/ren from Pukekohe Christian School, we require one term's notice in writing. This enables us to effectively plan for the future.

The deadline for notices of withdrawal to be received for anyone wishing to withdrawal for 2021 is *Friday 27th September 2020*. Notices are to be emailed to principal@pcschool.co.nz

• CLASS SPEECHES

Class speeches are scheduled for Monday 22nd June in class for all students in Years 1-6. We welcome parents/caregivers/grandparents to come along and watch should you wish to but please check with your child's teacher(s) to confirm the time they are to commence. If you do attend, please be mindful not to interrupt or distract the students while they are delivering their speeches, it can be an nervous time for some students.

• DUKE OF EDINBURGH APPLICATIONS



We are now accepting applications for students interested in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to find their, purpose, passion, and place in the world through a program that is available for students from the age of 14-24.

Participants are required to volunteer within their communities and make a positive contribution towards the society we live in. It enables them to demonstrate social responsibility while maintaining physical and mental health and wellbeing as well as grow and develop their own skills and talents, increasing their confidence and abilities. It provides participants with the chance to discover a spirit of adventure and gain a greater understanding of the environment and the great outdoors.

The Duke of Ed training camp is in the process of being arranged and we will confirm the date shortly. If you are interested in joining, or finding out more, please click [here](#) for all the information. Any students with questions may like to talk to Elise Martin or Mrs. Elrista Joubert at school.

• PET DAY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



PCS organizes an amazing Pet Day each year in September. Until now, one of our wonderful parents, Mrs. Allison Simmonds has undertaken the organizing of this for us. Sadly, last year was her last and we are now on the look-out for other willing participants to come on board. It is a wonderful couple of days that the students always enjoy! We will provide as much support and information to our new person/team so please don't be afraid!! If you would be interested, please contact shannon.wilson@pcschool.co.nz

• TUAKAU/ONEWHERO/TE KOHANGA BUS

We have a few parents seeking interest in a mini-bus service that would cater for the Tuakau, Onewhero and Te Kohanga area. Please see information below for details:

We are calling for feedback from families who would be interested in their children catching a bus to/from school from Te Kohanga, Onewhero and Tuakau areas. Three stops are proposed at Te Kohanga School, Tuakau Bridge and Tuakau. This is being organised by parents of the school and will be at our own cost. The cost will be determined by numbers. Please register your interest by contacting Tina at tinaklay111@gmail.com or Rosemarie at rosemariecostar@slingshot.co.nz.

• CAMBRIDGE OCT/NOV 2020 EXAMS



Cambridge Exam entry forms need to be returned by **Monday 22nd June**. If for any reason you will be unable to return your form on time, please contact Mrs Monica Fourie before Monday monica.fourie@pcschool.co.nz

• HEALTH & WELLBEING



A reminder that as part of the ongoing efforts to control COVID-19, if your child is unwell, they must **NOT** come to school. If they become unwell at school, they will be isolated and you will be contacted to collect them.

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.

Our caring and willing Friend Supporters 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 Supporters in Teams or you can visit our Facebook or Instagram pages to find out who our Friend Supporters are.

• MENINGOCOCCAL IMMUNISATION

Immunise against meningococcal disease is now available on HealthED.

You can download the pamphlet [here](#).

◆ Immunise against meningococcal disease

Young people living closely together in places like boarding school hostels or tertiary education halls of residence are at high risk and need to be immunised to protect against meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease can be life-threatening. Vaccination protects against the disease and helps stop it spreading in our communities. There are vaccines available in New Zealand that protect against strains A, C, W and Y, and strain B of meningococcal disease.

◆ One dose of vaccine protects against A, C, W and Y strains of the disease.

It is FREE for those aged between 13 and 25 years and:

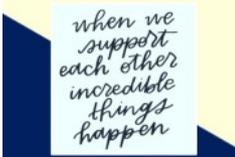
- entering or in their first year of living in a boarding school hostel, tertiary education hall of residence, military barracks or prison
- already living in a boarding school hostel, tertiary education hall of residence, military barracks or prison (free until 30 November 2020).

◆ There is also a vaccine available that protects against meningococcal B. It's not free, but is recommended for those living in a place outlined above.

Immunise against
**meningococcal
disease**

Protects you when
living closely with others

• PCS BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Thank you to everyone who submitted the details of their business/workplace. It is a great opportunity for us all to come together and support other members of our school community. You can find our published directory [here](#) or on our PCS School Families Facebook group (under FILES) 😊

• SCHOOL FAMILIES FACEBOOK GROUP

In a bid to deliver timely and thorough information to our families, we have created a PCS School Families Facebook Group specifically for parents & caregivers with students at PCS. We welcome those that use Facebook to join the group. We will be sharing important, school specific information for parents/caregivers on the group. We welcome feedback regarding this platform and we hope you will find it useful. Click [here](#) to join or simply search **Pukekohe Christian School—School Families** on Facebook.

● FAMILY ZONE INTERNET FILTER

As you are aware, cyber safety has continued to be in the forefront of our minds during 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.

As a team, we need your support to help keep our children safe and ask you to click on the link provided below and read the information carefully. The benefits to parents and children are clearly outlined. The school will set up a private Family Zone premium account for every family who supports this initiative. The cost will be \$20 per family for up to 6 devices, a very special school rate as the independent family cost would usually be \$69/year. By clicking the signup button on the PCS Community Hub information page, you are creating an account for your child/children and will be invoiced accordingly.

For full information, click [here](#) to read the instructions located on the PCS School Families Facebook Group

● FROM OUR STUDENT LEADERS

We have an amazing group of junior and senior students who form our Student Leaders. These include Head Students, Student Council, House Captains and Friend Supporters. In each Newsletter, we will take the opportunity to introduce you to one of these inspiring leaders and update you on what is happening in the school community. They are a busy bunch, so we hope you enjoy the chance to see what these keen students are undertaking to enhance the school experience for our students and develop their own leadership skills.



Pukekohe Christian School
Striving For Excellence through Christ

PCS Student Leader:
Chloe Senn

What are your hobbies outside of school?
I have a passion for the environment and volunteer at Tiri-Tiri Matangi, where I guide and work at the shop. I also love netball and am currently learning to play the guitar.

How long have you been in the student council?
I have been on the student council for almost 3 years now.

What advice would you give to other students?...
My main advice for the rest of the school is to implement God's love and his word in your life, in everything you do let it be for him. Remember to try your hardest to be a beacon of all the good in this world and trust in God.

What is your favourite thing about PCS?
The thing I love most about PCS is the community feel, with all these people who are connected by our love for God. Our school environment is so safe and dependable.

Why did you want to be part of the student council?
I wanted to be on the student council because I wanted to serve in God's name. I have so much love for God and positivity to share with others.

What do you enjoy the most about being a leader at PCS?
Getting to serve others mainly, and having a leadership position means I could share my ideas and passions. It is such a wonderful opportunity to become more involved and part of something so valuable and significant. To become more connected with the school and God's people is such a wonderful experience.

Leader Position: Head Girl
Year Level: 13
Date: 4 June 2020

This is Chloe

FROM OUR STUDENT LEADERS CONTINUED...

PCS Student Leader:
Jordan Stewart

What are your hobbies outside of school?
Some of my hobbies outside of school are sports, mainly squash, golf, cricket, and soccer and I love outdoor activities.

How long have you been in the student council?
I have been in the student council for 6 months now.

Why did you want to be part of the student council?
I wanted to be part of the student council so that I could give back to the school and serve others within the school. It was a great opportunity to have a leadership role within the school

What advice would you give to other students?...
Some advice I would give to the rest of the school is to treat others as you would like to be treated, work diligently in everything you do and remember, you're doing it all for the glory of God.

What is your favourite thing about PCS?
One of my favourite things about PCS is being in an amazing school environment where everyone is very friendly and always willing to help.

What do you enjoy the most about being a leader at PCS?
I enjoy being able to help organise school activities and I also like being able to present devotions to different year levels.

Leader Position: Deputy Head Boy
Year Level: 13
Date: 4 June 2020



This is Jordan

40 HOUR FAMINE 2020 - CORRECTION

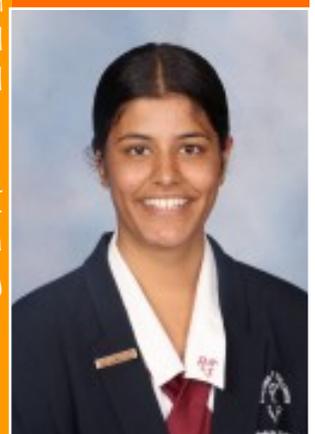
We made an error in our last Newsletter with one of our student interviews for the 40hr Famine. We published the incorrect name and photo. Jasmin did a fantastic job of answering our interview questions and raising money for the 40hr Famine and we are sorry to Jasmin for the error of not publishing her details. Both Jasmin and Sophie worked incredibly hard in facilitating this within the school this year and we thank them both. Please take the opportunity to catch up on Jasmin's interview outlining her reasons for getting involved with this wonderful cause.

Name: Jasmin Kaur Year Level: 12 Leader Position: Friend Supporter

What famine are you thinking of doing this year? This year I am thinking of doing no eating for 40hrs this year

Why did you want to get involved in the 40hr famine? I wanted to get involved because it is for a good cause and I also enjoy to helping people out and spreading the love of God. I strongly believe that every kind deed matters and has an impact on someone and can make a difference.

What advice do you have to others who are thinking of doing the 40hr famine? I would recommend to just give it a try and you will not regret it. You will have a great experience and you will feel so good for being a part of such an amazing cause and making an impact 😊



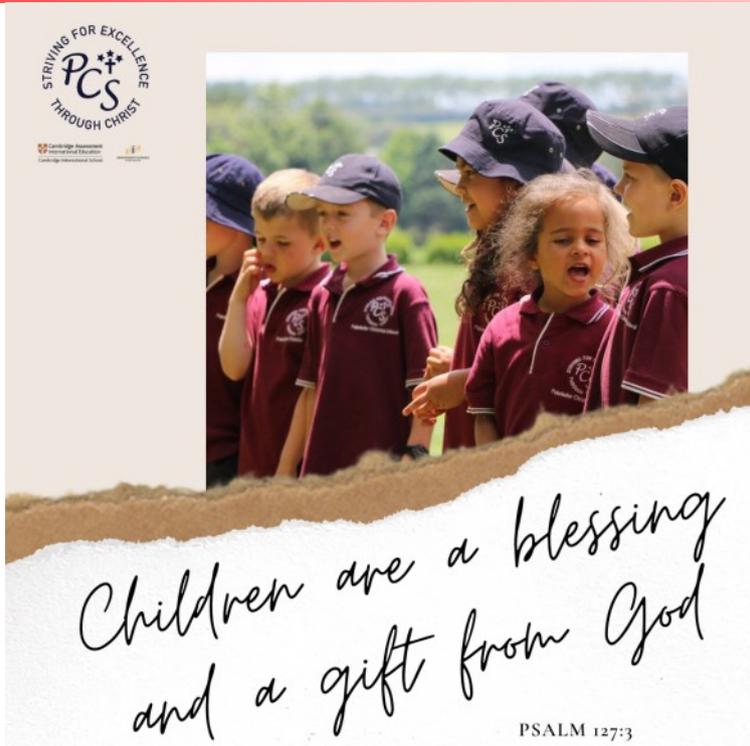
40 HOUR FAMINE 2020 RESULT

UPDATE FROM - Jasmin and Sophie (Year 12) - 40hr Famine Leaders

We would love to give a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the 40 hour famine this year! We are both very grateful and proud to see how much enthusiasm there was, and we are looking forward to next year. We had some students doing 40hrs of no eating, 40 kind deeds, 40hrs of no technology, 40hrs no furniture and the list goes on, the creativity was superb to see! The students' efforts towards fundraising was absolutely wonderful and we together as a school have reached our goal of raising \$1000 and in fact exceeded it, so thank you so much to every single person who was part of making this possible. We are certain that this money will be appreciated and go well towards helping where it is really needed in Malawi. The money we have raised can provide goats for at least 7 families which they can use for meat, fertilizer and the future generations will be passed on to other families, forming a beautiful cycle of growth and development in Malawian communities.



VERSE OF THE WEEK



• ADS & NOTICES



We are currently at Alert Level 1.
For full information on Alert Level 1 visit:
<https://uniteforrecovery.govt.nz/covid-19/covid-19-alert-system/alert-level-1/>



[Fulton Swim School](#) is located at the Puni and Patumahoe Primary Schools. They have indoor heated facilities suitable for all year round lessons, small teaching groups and a structured program that encourages improvement, fun and safety while learning the important life skill of swimming.

We highly encourage parents to consider the gift of allowing their child to learn how to swim. To find out more about Fulton Swim School contact them today by clicking [here](#).



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

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. Join up to Lunch Online by registering at 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.



Freedom

COUNSELLING MINISTRIES

freedomcounsellingministries.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:
freedomcounsellingministries.co.nz

Or contact Colleen
Mobile: 021 024 83380
Email: colleenthompson2307@gmail.com



Loving God, Loving People



Young at Art offer children's, teenage and Adult Art and Craft classes in Pukekohe. Our July 2020 Holiday workshops and Term 3 classes are open for booking. We are also offering Adult Resin, Acrylic Painting and Face Painting workshops. For more information or to book contact: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/> email: admin@youngatart.co.nz or Ph: 0297 712 923. Bookings are essential as places are limited

HOT SHOTS CHILL OUT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

29 June - 03 July 2020

8.30am - 3pm



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
\$30	\$40	\$40	\$30	\$30
WONDERFUL SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS	TAKANINI JUMP	GET YOUR PENCILS READY! Tea party at the Waiuku Museum	TUAKAU PLAYGROUND ADVENTURE	WINTER THEME DAY

- *Subject to minimum enrolments
- *Programme confirmation on Sunday 21 June 1pm
- *After school care service will be available as per normal hours 3pm- 6pm

To book please contact Yulia
okm8ok@gmail.com

• ADS & NOTICES CONTINUED...



July School Holiday Intensives running for one week from

Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July.

Cost \$50 per child for 5 x 30 minute sessions.

Classes – Active 1 – Active 6. Suitable for children aged 5 – 10 years.

Contact Susan or Ashleigh on 09 238 5240 or email on

fplswimschool@belgravialeisure.co.nz

July School Holiday Swimming Clinic running from Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July.

Suitable for enrolled Active 6 and Junior Squad members only

Cost - \$60 per child for 5 x 1hr targeted sessions.

Contact Susan or Ashleigh on 09 238 5240 or email on

fplswimschool@belgravialeisure.co.nz



Pukekohe Community Clothing Cupboard



Keeping our community warm this winter

The Pukekohe St John Community Clothing Cupboard has been set up to assist the Franklin community by providing those in need with adult, children's and babies warm clothing and blankets during these cold winter months.

Our aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of those in need of assistance due to financial hardship or displacement.

No referrals are required but these items will be donated on a 'need' not a 'want' basis. All items provided are freshly laundered and in gently used condition.

- > Jumpers > Pyjamas > Shoes
- > Tops > Hats/Scarves > Blankets
- > Trousers > Winter coats > Sheets

Location

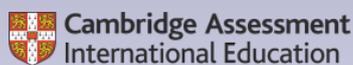
St John Ambulance Station (Main Foyer) 21 Roulston Street, Pukekohe

Opening times

Friday 10am–12pm

Donations of any of the above items will also be gratefully received.

Contact lisa.richards@stjohn.org.nz



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