



School Family News - December 2023

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Dec** - 18/12 = Student Leaders Training
- Jan** - 19/01 = Friend Support Training
- 22/01 = Teacher Only Day
- 23/01 = Term One begins
- 29/01 = Auckland Ann. (PCS closed)
- Feb** - 06/02 = Waitangi Day (PCS closed)
- 01/02 = Meet & Greet Night
- 02/02 = PCS Swimming Gala (Y4-8)
- Mar** - 23/03 = School Gala

From the Principal's Desk

Dear School Family,

As we prepare this last newsletter for the school year, Pukekohe Christian School looks and feels very different; there is a sense of pause hanging over the playground. I trust you are enjoying your family time and that our students are managing to adjust to the change in routine, and enjoy the benefits of some rest after a year of hard work at school.

I want to reiterate congratulations to all of our prizewinners from our achievement celebrations last week. Of particular note, a special acknowledgement to our recipients of the **Miller Shield – Top All-Round Student – Simarjot Kaur**, and **Dux – Top Senior Academic Student – Gracie Kwon**. Inspirational achievements by you both.



Dux – Gracie, Miller Shield - Simarjot

The new year promises more opportunities for everyone and I encourage all of our students, no matter their age or stage in their learning journey to use the new year season to set a goal for 2024. Goals can be simple – little steps that help improve our functionality, or they can stretch us into unfamiliar territory and I encourage these too as they help us pioneer personal frontiers, which is where the big rewards lie.

Finally, it is our pleasure to introduce our **Head Students for 2024; Emily van der Vegte and Simarjot Kaur** will be Year 13 students who have provided leadership and advocacy for students throughout their time at Pukekohe Christian School. Together, they will provide a strong voice for students, and facilitate a calendar of activities which will bring life and opportunity for our students to strive for excellence through Christ.

Blessings to you all as you enjoy a good rest, a safe holiday, and a truly blessed Christmas.

Carolyn M Cornu
Principal



Head Students 2024: Emily & Simarjot

Important Notices

Term Dates 2024



PUKEKOHE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2024 Term Dates

Term 1	23 January to 12 April
Term 2	29 April to 27 June
Term 3	22 July to 27 September
Term 4	14 October to 5 December

Congratulations

We continue to celebrate our former students' achievements. Lachlan Cummings graduated Auckland University with a Bachelor of Commerce - Accounting; Finance. Well done Lachlan!

Agam Singh was awarded Top Equal in New Zealand for IGCSE Mathematics in the May 2023 series! This is a huge achievement, reflecting Agam's own work ethic and that of his teacher Mrs Bendi van der Merwe and everyone who has supported and encouraged him. Congratulations Agam!

General Notices

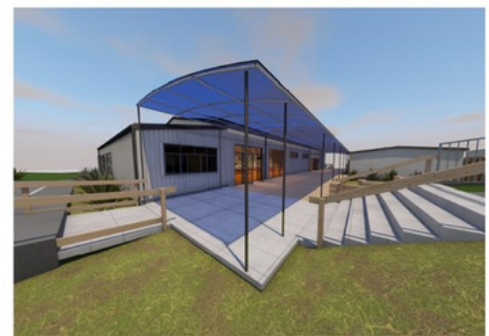
Market Research

Do you know of a community group or club who would be likely to make use of our school hall facility when it is complete?

We'd love to hear from you at the main office or by e-mail on principal@pcschool.co.nz

Alternatively, you might like to make use of the link below to a PDF research form which you can download, complete and send back to the office. You can do that by clicking on the following link:

[MARKET RESEARCH SCHOOL](#)



PUKEKOHE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
NEW ASSEMBLY HALL WITH RELOCATED CLASSROOM
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Term Four Highlights

[Movie Night Series](#)

[Helpers' Morning Tea](#)

[Athletics](#)

[Colour Run 2023](#)

[Camps 2023](#)

[Surprise Visit from Mr Fireman](#)

[Year 3 & 4 Sleepover](#)

[Wax Museum](#)

[Graduation](#)

[Windows on Christmas](#)

[Prizegiving](#)

You will be taken to the photos of the events listed above by clicking on the links.

Sport Stars Beyond PCS



Rugby

At the recent Pukekohe Rugby Club Prizegiving, both Cayson and Austin Boshoff were awarded Player of the Year for their individual teams. Austin received his for the U/8 team, while Cayson achieved it for the U/7 team.



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Positions Available at PCS

Hot Shots After School Care Manager

We are looking for a new manager for the Hot Shots After School Care program. If you, or anyone you may know, is interested in the position, please make contact with Carolyn on principal@pcs.school.co.nz



Science Laboratory Technician (Fixed Term 2024)

We are looking for someone who could support our Science Laboratory while Mrs Lee is on leave. Some knowledge of how a Laboratory works would be beneficial. If you, or anyone you may know, is interested in the position, please make contact with Carolyn on principal@pcs.school.co.nz



Community Notices

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, other family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next year in Term 1, held in Pukekohe and runs once a week over 8 weeks. An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact me at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info please go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.

Sharing a ride

We would like to encourage parents and caregivers to consider carpooling with other families living in the same neighbourhood. This will have many benefits for all concerned and is really worth considering.

Assistance needed with transportation of student

We have a family needing assistance with transportation of their student from school, please see below and get in contact with them if you are in a position to be of assistance to them.

I am Bhrigu Bhaskar living in 7 Sai Anselmi Ridge Pukekohe, I need help from the community to drop my son Pabhav Pratyush (Year 7) after school. I am happy to contribute in terms of sharing the pick up and drop off or paying for such support. anyone able to assist can connect with me on 021 776 904

Car pooling / Lift service on offer

Harjit Dhaliwal is offering a car pooling / lift service to and from the following areas: Papakura, Takanini, Drury and Ramarama. Should you be in need of his services, he can be contacted on the following number: 021 353 333.



Gift Shopping Inspiration

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- RAINBOWS END TRIP
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- MASTER CHEF
- FIRE STATION TRIP
- SLIPPERY SLIDE
- WHEELS DAY
- PLAYGROUND HOP
- SCREEN PRINTING

and more!

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.



TOOLS TO SUPPORT OUR TEENS
 FREE 8 WEEKS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF 12-18YR OLDS

COURSE DETAILS:
 MONDAY EVENINGS 6PM - 8:30PM
 FRANKLIN FAMILY SUPPORT COMMUNITY HALL
 START DATE: MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023

TOPICS INCLUDE:

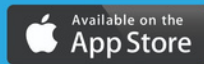
- Connecting with your teen
- Having fun as a family
- Setting family boundaries
- Strategies to support drug, alcohol, sex, teenage behaviours

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