Pukekohe Christian School

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School Family News - January 2024

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

First week back

A very warm welcome back to all our returning families and to our new families who have joined us this year. I am so pleased with the positive start to 2024 I've observed over the past week. Our students are well prepared and enthusiastic to be back into the routine of learning. Thank you to our parents for all of the work involved in getting students so well prepared for the new year.

We have a busy and long term ahead. Please take note of the important dates and opportunities listed in this newsletter.

	Important Upcoming Dates:				
February	06/02 Waitangi Day (PCS closed)				
	08/02 PCS Swimming Gala (Y4-8)				
	14/02 Valentines Day Mufti + chocolates				
	15/02 PCS Athletics day Y9-13				
	21/02 Y 13 Camp (21/02-23/02)				
March	07/03 PCS Photo Day				
	09/03 Working Bee – Save the date				
	21/03 Franklin Schools Career Expo				
	23/03 School Gala				







Sun protection

School hats for year 1-8 are compulsory in term 1 and 4. It gets extremely hot during the day, especially when the sun is shining brightly. Please ensure that your child(ren) has lots of water and a suitable water bottle to refill throughout the day. Jumpers and jackets are to be worn only when needed.

Alpha is coming to PCS



Alpha is a safe space to explore faith and ask the big questions. This is a great way for parents to support the biblical learning students are doing at school. Alpha meets in Room 1 every Tuesday from 13 February, 6:30 – 8:30pm. You are welcome.

Parent prayer group

Parent prayer group is happening Monday mornings straight after morning line-up. (8:30am) in the library.

Contact details

We are requesting that everyone please make sure that we have the correct contact details to get hold of you. If there have been any changes to your contact details since the last time you supplied them to us, please let Mrs Kuik know for our records.

Celebrations

Please see our Facebook and Instagram pages for recent achievements of our students. Please follow the link: FACEBOOK PAGE INSTAGRAM PAGE

PCS Hot Shots After School Care



Please join us in welcoming Mrs Anna Muzychka, our new Hot Shots After-School Care Manager. Anna is a passionate educator with experience in after-school care, art and language education. As a PCS parent, Anna is a perfect complement to Pukekohe Christian School. We look forward to all that she has to bring to Hot Shots and pray God's richest blessings over her as she enters this new chapter in her life.

If you are wishing to use Hot Shots this term, please ensure you have completed a 2024 registration form. Registration forms can be submitted to the office, or directly through to Anna on anna.muzychka@yahoo.com





Please bring...

- Please keep collecting your Yummy apple stickers and labels and bring them to the school
 office. We have a giant happy red apple waiting to take your stickers and labels. These
 are collected and handed in and based on the quantity we collect as a school we are
 sponsored to upgrade our PE and sports equipment.
- If you have any knitting or crocheting yarn scraps, unused crocheting hooks etc. in your craft basket please consider bringing them to the office so we can put them to good use in our Art classes.

Clubs and Groups 2024

These clubs and groups will start over the next week or two. Please talk with your children about what they'd like to get involved in at school.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Quiet Study Space Mrs van der Merwe Room 10	Quiet Study Space Mrs van der Merwe Room 10	Quiet Study Space Mrs van der Merwe Room 10	Quiet Study Space Mrs van der Merwe Room 10	Quiet Study Space Mrs van der Merwe Room 10
YES – Year 11-13 (Young Enterprise Scheme) Mr Ngan Room 7	Duke of Ed Mr Vorster Room 3	Enviro Mrs Hughes Room 1	Otago Maths* (Year 7/8) Mrs Pum – Room 8A *Morning Tea	Minecrafters (10 yrs old +) Mrs Cornu Room 3
Kia Kaha Rōpu Mrs Cornu Room 3	HOW Band Practice (HOW Team Only) Mr Ngan / Mrs Kapp Music Room	Library Miss Verissimo	HOW Worship (All students welcome) Mr Ngan / Mrs Kapp Room 19 (Library)	
Lego Club Mrs Nunes Room 6A	Epro8 (Seniors) Mrs Stephens/Ms Pamich Room 11 / Maker Space	Epro8 (Seniors) Mrs Stephens Room 11 / Maker Space	God Squad / Ignite Mrs Bailey Room 14	
Play Ms Pamich Room 15			Ballroom Dance Lessons (Year 11- 13) Mrs Duley Room 15	
			Chess Club Mr Vorster & Mrs Rapson Room 2	
			Knitting Club Mrs van Schalkwyk Room 12	

School Gala Preparation

Our annual Gala will be held on 23 March 2024. This year we are raising funds towards our toilet block upgrade. As in previous years we cannot do this without your help and support. There are several ways that you can be of assistance:

1. Second Hand / White Elephant Stall:

Drop-off dates: Mondays 12, 19, 26 February and 4 March

Fridays 16, 23 February, 1 and 8 March

We will happily take items in GOOD sellable condition but please NO books, CD's, DVD's or underwear.

Drop-off location: Bottom carpark by the stairs.

Times: 8 - 8:30am, 3 - 3:30pm

2. Food stall holders:

We would love to have some cultural food stalls as in previous years and if you would like to showcase your culture's food, we would love to have a stall for you. Please email Jo at FriendsofPCS@pcschool.co.nz

3. Silent Auction / Love Auction

Donation of items for these auctions are gratefully received.

4. Sponsors

Our obstacle course, rock climbing wall and Zorbs are seeking sponsors, either personal or business.

If you are able to help with these items, please get in touch with us at FriendsofPCS@pcschool.co.nz or phone Elmien on 027 298 9597.

Many thanks for your generous support.

The Friends of PCS

Assistance required

- There is a family in need of a lift in the afternoons from school to Paerata Rise for their son. If you are able to assist this family, please get in contact with the office so we can share the contact information with the family to make the necessary arrangements.
- Another family from Sai Anselmi Ridge Pukekohe needs a lift for their son for in the afternoons from school to home. Please get in contact with the office if you can be of any assistance or contact the parent, Bhrigu Bhaskar directly on 021 776 904

Careers notice

All Year 10-13 students are encouraged to attend this local expo with parents. It is a valuable way of getting ideas about life and learning beyond PCS.

We are excited to invite you to the

FRANKLIN SCHOOLS CAREER EXPO

an event organised for our students, whaanau and community

Please join us to celebrate careers opportunities for our

community



Where: Pukekohe Indian Association Hall Ward Street, Pukekohe When: Thursday, 21st March 2024 Time: 5.30-7.30pm



Self defence

Self-defence classes provide young people with an opportunity to develop their physical fitness, body coordination, self-confidence, resilience and discipline. Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu can be an excellent way for kids to engage in fun exercise while also learning valuable life skills.

Classes:

Wednesday

Times:

5 - 9 year olds: 4pm to 4:45pm 10 - 13 year olds: 4:45pm to 5:30pm Teenagers: 5:30pm to 6:30pm **Location**: 168 Mill Road Bombay **Cost**: \$12 kids. \$15 teenagers.

Booking is essential!

Friday Times:

5 - 9 year olds: 4pm to 4:45pm 10 - 13 year olds: 4:45pm to 5:30pm Teenagers: 5:30pm to 6:30pm **Location**: 168 Mill Road Bombay **Cost**: \$12 kids. \$15 teenagers.

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Train for Life Fitness

021 238 1081 Steve and Melody Johnstone

Worth noting

"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 on 15th of February, 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."









