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PCS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

2 Timothy 1:7 says, “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

What a great start to Term 3 last week was! Thank you to all of you parents who were out on Wednesday afternoon, supporting our runners at Cross Country. The weather came to the party too!

We welcome two new staff to our team: Mrs Ghanre Macaskill to our Administration Team, and Mrs Joelline Speirs as our Learning Support Coordinator.

This term we focus on Self-Control; such an important fruit of the spirit for us to work on. Our Line-Up devotions and assembly messages will explore the benefits of self-control. As supporters of our students’ growth in this regard, I encourage conversations at home about the areas of our lives where we are already blessed with self-control, and other areas of our lives where we need to develop more in this fruit of the Spirit. What a valuable opportunity for conversations about life-long spiritual growth.

We are excited to welcome several new students to our PCS family this term. We are now close to 340 students and will exceed this number before the end of the year. During the course of Term 3, we will be asking our senior students to make subject selections for 2024, which marks the beginning of our preparations for next year. At the end of this term, we will be asking all of our parents to indicate any changes of plans for 2024 which don’t include PCS. We pray that we are able to enjoy consistent numbers into 2024. We have limited spaces available across the school, but we encourage anyone that you know who is considering independent Christian education for their children to begin the enrolment process, as waiting lists are growing quickly already.

As we go into the business end of the academic year, I encourage our parents, grandparents and supporters across our school community to pray for our young people. Let’s pray for the wisdom to use time well, to leave anxiety with God, to not be drawn into negative self-talk, or unhelpful habits in the face of the challenges study and exam preparation present. Let’s pray for the spiritual life of our young people, for the strength and courage to be followers of Christ amidst worldly temptations.

Be encouraged and richly blessed over the next few weeks.

Ngā manaakitanga.

Blessings

Carolyn M Cornu

Principal

Term Dates 2024

Term 1: 23 Jan to 12 Apr
Term 2: 29 Apr to 27 Jun
Term 3: 22 Jul to 27 Sept
Term 4: 14 Oct to 5 Dec

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Term Calendar 2023

TERM 3 2023						
WEEK 1	24 Jul Welcome back! First day of Term 3	25	26	27 PCS Cross Country A&P Showgrounds Pukekohe	28	29
WEEK 2	31 Franklin Netball – Year 5&6	1 Aug	2	3 Newsletter Franklin Netball – Year 7&8	4 ePro8 Mufti & Food fundraiser	5 WORKING BEE 08:30am-12:00pm
WEEK 3	7 Teams Student Subject Survey Cultural Week	8 Cultural Week	9 Year 9-10 Mathex Cultural Week	10 Cultural Week	11 Cultural Week	12
WEEK 4	14	15	16 North Group Cross Country	17	18 Pimp your schoolbag & Hot Dogs	19
WEEK 5	21 Kindness & Appreciation Week	22 Kindness & Appreciation Week	23 Kindness & Appreciation Week	24 Subject selection forms for 2024 sent home (Year 10-12) Zone Cross Country Kindness & Appreciation Week	25 Kindness & Appreciation Week	26
WEEK 6	28 Year 11-13 Internal Exams	29 Year 11-13 Internal Exams	30 Year 11-13 Internal Exams	31 Newsletter Year 11-13 Internal Exams	1 Sep Year 11-13 Internal Exams	2
WEEK 7	4 Year 11-13 Internal Exams	5 Subject selection forms due back (Year 10-13) Y9 History Trip - Akl Museum	6	7 Newsletter	8 Entrepreneurs Day – Year 11-13	9 WORKING BEE 9-12pm

WEEK 8	11 PET DAY entry forms due back	12	13	14	15 PET DAY (Year 0-6)	16
WEEK 9	18	19	20	21 Leavers Morning Tea	22 Food Parcels to Women's Refuge LAST DAY OF TERM 3 School finishes @ 1:10pm	23

NOTICE TO WITHDRAW



A reminder that if you intend to withdraw your child/ren from Pukekohe Christian School, we require on term's notice in writing.

This is to enable us to effectively plan for the future. The deadline for notices of withdrawal to be received for anyone wishing to withdraw for 2024 is, Monday 9th October 2023.

Notices of withdrawal must be e-mailed to Ros Phillips at ros.phillips@pcschool.co.nz

GENERAL NOTICES

TERM 2 FAMILY CHECK-IN SURVEY

The survey we set up for the end of Term 2 has been extended to collect your response, if you haven't already. Please use this as an opportunity to give feedback and contribute to the school.

You can do this by following this [Parent Survey Link](#)

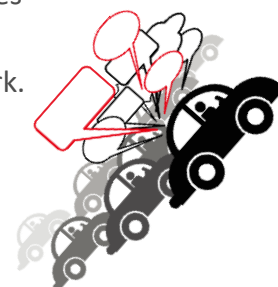


CARPARK AND END OF DAY DISMISSAL

We appreciate that space is limited when everyone is here at the same time, such as the end of the school day. To help address the congestion we have the following strategies in place:

- staggered end of the day for Primary at 2:50pm and Secondary at 3:00pm
- **cars collecting primary** aged students use the **upper carpark** and driveway spaces
- **cars collecting secondary** aged students use the **lower carpark**
- If there are no spaces available when you arrive, please aim for the lower carpark.
- The loading zone is not a space to park while waiting for your child to arrive.
- Doing this congests the entire driveway, out to the main road, and causes frustration for everyone.

Please do not park in the loading zone to wait for your children.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WORKING BEE

Please take note of our Working Bee dates as published on the Term Calendar. On Saturday 5th August the first of these for the term will take place. We invite parents from across the school to lend a hand to the many tasks around the school that need our attention. Please bring water-blasters, hoses and any fittings, brooms, rakes, wheelbarrows and/or gardening trowels. If you are able to come, please RSVP to ghanremacaskill@pcschool.co.nz

On the day, please check-in at the whiteboard on the Line-Up deck. There will be something for you to work on.

Soup and buns will be shared for lunch at 12:30pm.



ePro8 FUNDRAISER AND MUFTI DAY

August 4th marks the day of the ePro8 Fundraiser and Mufti Day. More information about this will be given shortly.



CULTURAL WEEK – 7-11 AUGUST



The Student Council is preparing a celebration of the various cultures in our collective heritage at Pukekohe Christian School. Over the course of this week, we will be celebrating the food and cultural dress of our people. Other cultural activities will be planned for lunchtimes across the week.

STUDENT SUBJECT SURVEY



On August 7th students in Year 10-13 will be asked to complete a Teams survey indicating interest in subjects for 2024. Please make sure your student has completed this survey.

PET DAY (YEAR 0-6) 2023



Preparations are underway for our annual Pet Day. Our Pet Day is an extension of the curriculum, allowing students to show-off their arts, crafts and animal care skills. This event is not a fundraising event, as it is in some schools for whom this is their major event for the year. So please pop this in your calendar as a day to come and see what your child is doing in the arts.

Along with this newsletter, you are receiving registration forms for pets students wish to bring to Pet Day. Please complete these and return them to

the office by Friday 11 September.

All primary students will be involved in arts and crafts for the day. More detail about these will come out through classroom teachers. Be sure to include making visits around the classrooms on Pet Day part of your plan.

For students without pets able to be shared on Pet Day, there will be a Teddy Bear's Picnic. Students will be able to dress their Teddy Bear's up in competition. There will also be face-painting with an animal theme. Friends of PCS will have hot drinks and finger food for sale on the day.

ENTREPRENEURS DAY (YEAR 11 -13) 2023

Year 11 through 13 are having their Entrepreneur's day on 8th September. Be sure to make a note of this as the whole school will share in the fun. Save up some pocket money and come share in the fun. The seniors promise to have lots of great things up for grabs!



INTERNAL EXAMINATION

Internal exams for Year 11-13 are coming up in week 6 from August 28th through September 4th.

Test-taking tips: Test preparation

Preparing for a test can begin days, weeks, and even months in advance. When you know you have a test ahead, prepare yourself mentally and physically well in advance. Here are some tips to help get you through the days leading up to your test:

1. Take detailed notes.
2. Find a comfortable place to study.
3. Study early and often.
4. Form a study group.
5. Prioritize sleep.



Test-taking tips: The day of the test

6. Arrive early to the test site.
7. Watch the clock if there is one in the exam room.
8. Read over the exam first.
9. Review before turning in the test.
10. Think positively.

TERM DATES 2024

Many of you have been asking about dates for next year. Please see the confirmed dates for next year documented here.

Confirmed Term Dates for PCS 2024

Term 1	Tuesday, 23 January	Friday, 12 April
Term 2	Monday, 29 April	Thursday, 27 June (3-week holiday break)
Term 3	Monday, 22 July	Friday, 27 September
Term 4	Monday, 14 October	Thursday, 5 December



Over the last 18 months, many of you have enjoyed making trips to see family whom you had not been able to see during the years when international travel had been restricted. As a school, we have understood the need for families to be reunited after such a challenging time. That being said, we also see the difficulty students have managing the demands of the work involved, especially in Years 10-13, where significant absences from school have been taken. Given that our term dates for 2024 are being released well in advance, we ask that international travel plans are made with these dates in mind, so that your students can enjoy uninterrupted learning time.

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

TEACHER WORKROOM UPGRADE

Our staff are thoroughly enjoying this fresh and well-resourced space. Thank you to everyone who supported our School Gala and helped raise funds that made this upgrade possible. Fresh and increased cupboard space, new flooring, lighting and windows, along with fresh paint, has contributed to a space where our staff can prepare for their teaching with the resources they require close at hand, in a space that is conducive to work. We look forward to continued refresh like this across the school.



ACHIEVEMENTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country event took place on July 27th at the A&P Showgrounds in Pukekohe. Students competed representing their house groups and the results of the day look like this:



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FROM OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

There have been a range of activities our students have been involved in over the July holidays. Some of these involve representing Pukekohe Christian School specifically. Others are simply our students being involved in the activities they love and achieving something note-worthy.



ASIA SHEPPARD – YEAR 8

Selected as ball-kid for opening FIFA Women's World Cup and Monday's match in Hamilton.



ZAC HEMPHILL – YEAR 6

Zac represented PCS in Auckland Schools Kart-Sport Championship, where he placed second. This lad sure knows his way around the track!

QUINN CARPENTER – YEAR 6

Quinn recently competed at the Gymnastics New Zealand National Championships in Tauranga. He was one of the team of four representing the Manukau region, which covers from Papatoetoe in the north across to Howick in the east and down to Franklin in the south. There are 4 gymnastics clubs in the region. To be selected in the Nationals team Quinn had to be one of the top 4 gymnasts at his level in the region, competing in 4 local and 2 away competitions, the furthest away competition being in Christchurch.

To achieve this high level of accomplishment, he trains nearly 15 hours a week at Bruce Pulman Park in Takanini with a group of 5 other gymnasts, each at the same level as he is.

There are 10 gymnastics regions in New Zealand. The Gymsport Manukau team that Quinn was in came 3rd to get the bronze medal, quite an accomplishment against the 40 best gymnasts in the country for his level.



FINN VERNER – YEAR 9



Selected for pathway squad for Waikato region under Swimming NZ. Finn had to apply for this position, and was awarded it due to his dedication, positive attitude, and commitment to the training schedule, along with his progression in his personal bests.

EPRO8 – YEAR 6 TEAM

Gurbaaz, Zoe, Chelsea and Zanelli represented PCS at Franklin Schools Epro8 competition. They placed first and will go on to semi-finals. Rooting for you guys all the way!



Rank	Team	Score
1	Pukekohe Christian 1	260
2	Valley Meteors	210
3	The Boyz	180
4	Valley Stars	150

KEELEY AND TEAGAN MAUNSELL – YEAR 11

Selected to trial the pitch before the FIFA Women’s World Cup opening game.

Selected to attend the New Zealand Football U17s ID camp.



ADS & NOTICES

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you or anyone you know would like to sponsor one of the projects below, please make contact with Jacqui at the front office – 09 238 6449

- PCS Pet Day – we seek sponsors for this annual event. Sponsors will be included in promotional material, throughout the day, including signage, and any media covering this event.
- Epro8 Electrical Components – we have two teams in the semi-finals of this series. Our teams do exceptionally well with the limited resources we have in the school to prepare them for this challenge. One way we would like to support this group moving forward is to invest in some of the electrical componentry. A starter set of these components can be ordered through Epro8, exactly the same equipment as they use in the competition, for \$890. If there is anyone out there who would like to sponsor the purchase of this equipment, we will acknowledge your support on the equipment the students use and any media covering the success of our teams.



EBBETT PUKEKOHE VEHICLE ADMINISTRATOR

Ebbett Pukekohe currently have a Maternity cover/ Part time Administration position available.

This would be a great role for a Stay-at-home Mum looking for work during school time. If you are interested, please forward your CV's directly to: Michelle Wiggins via email - michelle@ebbett.co.nz

Visit: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/67664049> for full information on the position.

BABYSITTING SERVICE

Hello, my name is Yutha. I am Year 11 student at PCS and also a Friendship Supporter. I am looking for babysitting jobs for students and siblings of PCS in Pukekohe to raise money for my Duke of Edinburgh trip later this year. Please contact me on 027 2037323 or email yutha.ganeva@gmail.com for availability and rates.



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 Rama Rama. Should you be in need of his services, he can be contacted on the following number: 021 353 333.

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 or other big family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next Thursday 3rd of May and runs from 4pm-5pm over 8 weeks of the school term. It is held at the St Andrews Church in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme also runs at the same time, and an Adult Programme will be running over the term for those interested. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info please go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.

LUNCH ORDERING

PCS offers lunch ordering options through [Lunch Online](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz). Our lunch ordering days are as follows:



Pukekohe Christian School Lunches

Sushi every Wednesday

Jesters every Thursday

Cut off time for ordering Jesters is now 4 pm Wednesdays

Pita Pit every Friday

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

www.lunchonline.co.nz

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
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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.



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TOOLS TO SUPPORT OUR TEENS

FREE 6 WEEKS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF 12-18YR OLDS

COURSE DETAILS:

MONDAY EVENINGS 6PM - 830PM

FRANKLIN FAMILY SUPPORT COMMUNITY HUB

START DATE: MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023

TOPICS INCLUDE:

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

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:
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self-control is like a
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