

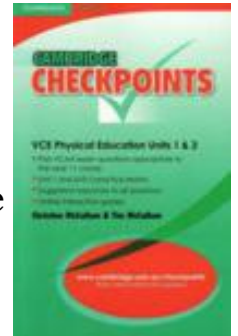


Newsletter

"In Pursuit of Excellence for Christ"

Dear Parents

As a busy Term Two comes to a close, our Year 7 and 8 pupils are preparing for their Cambridge Checkpoint exams as part of our Senior School testing programme.



Teachers are also busy writing up assessments and evaluations for the mid year school reports. Thank you, parents and friends of our school, for your support and encouragement throughout the term.



We have recently been approved as a Cambridge Affiliated Primary school and this dovetails well with our Cambridge Checkpoints programme at Year 7 and 8 level.

You will hear more about the benefits of the Primary Cambridge Programme at our Parent Evening early in Term 3 where our Trustboard presents a formal report on Manukau Christian School.

Mid Year Reports

Mid Year reports will be sent home to parents **in the first week of next term**. This will be followed up with parent interviews in the **second week of term 3**.



We believe this system is beneficial to our pupils as it provides a useful re-focussing point for all concerned and allows parents an opportunity to discuss with teachers how to encourage their child for the second half of the year. Your feedback and suggestions on this are always welcome.



Dates to Remember

14 June	Exams for Year 7 and 8 pupils start
24 June	Cross Country: Run 4 Bibles: Years 1 to 4 To be run on school grounds
25 June	Cross Country: Run 4 Bibles: Years 5 to 8 To be run at Brookby Farm
1 July	Book Day : Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Years 5 to 8
2 July	Term 2 ends School closes at 12.30pm
19 July	Term 3 commences



Run4Bibles

Please encourage your child/ren to keep collecting sponsors for the Run4Bibles Cross Country event, which will be run at the end of the term. Just \$7 places one bible with a Bible-less Christian in Africa. If you need another form please see Mrs Oosterbeek in the office.

Please hand in all sponsorship forms and donations to your child's teacher by Wednesday 30th June so we can finalise totals before the end of term.

Parents, you are welcome to come to school to encourage your child with their run on the day.

Term Dates

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Term 1: 3 Feb-1 Apr

Term 2: 19 Apr-2 July

Term 4: 19 Jul - 24 Sep

Term 4: 11 Oct - 10 Dec

Playground Update

The Property and Finance Committee of Covenant Church has given the school permission to locate a playground on the northern end of the tarseal area i.e. the grassed area adjacent to the carpark.

Ground preparation work is set to begin very soon. Installation of the playground will follow.

We would also like to thank those parents who have donated to the playground fund.

Thompson-Gunn Scholarship

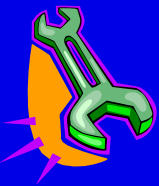


Tabetha Simons

We are pleased to announce that the inaugural recipient of the Thompson-Gunn Scholarship awarded by Manukau Christian School is Tabetha Simons. As a past pupil of the school, Tabetha is passionate and very enthusiastic about Christian education. She is currently in her third year of studies at AUT studying towards a Bachelor in Education. “The teaching I received in Christian schools was so enthusiastic that it paved the way for me to strive to become a teacher too.”

The Scholarship is named after two ministers; Pastor Ross Thompson and the Rev. Arthur Gunn. Both men passionately promoted the establishment of a Christian School. Pastor Ross was the chairman of the founding Trustboard of Manukau Christian School which saw the school start from humble beginnings in 1987 with 12 pupils, growing to the current roll of over 100 pupils today.

The Endowment Trust provides funds for this scholarship and is a way for the school to give something back to committed Christians who wish to enter the teaching profession. Tabetha receives \$2000 which she says will help pay for her books and fees. Not only does Tabetha attend university but she is also a leader at Girls Brigade and ICONZ. This will certainly prepare her for working with children on a daily basis once she graduates. But “It’s all about giving back” says Tabetha.



Tools for our Caretaker please

If you have any tools that you no longer use, please would you consider donating them to the school for our caretaker’s workshop. Thank you.

T-shirt Prices

All **new** pupils to the school are required to purchase a school T-shirt, to be worn on school trips and for P.E. if possible. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt, the price is \$30.00 Hats are \$15.00

Career Day Years 1 to 4

What an exciting day pupils had on 20th May—dressing up in a career of their choice, and then presenting a speech and items used in their career to the class.

Thank you parents for encouraging your children with this task. We have received a lot of feedback and comments from parents:

- My child really enjoyed this experience. She has gained confidence at Manukau Christian School. Thank you.
- It's amazing how much my child's mind and brain can retain. I am so pleased with her progress. Everyone was happy.
- This was excellent! My child did very well!
- This was a good opportunity for my child to learn to speak in front of people.
- My child worked very hard to prepare for her speech. I was impressed with her ideas and thoughts.
- You should create more time for these types of programmes as it increases the child's confidence.



School Happenings

Corbans Estate - Years 5 to 8



In week two pupils in years 5 to 8 travelled out west to the Corbans Art Centre to learn about portraiture.



“Louise taught us how to draw portraits. I enjoyed drawing the features on the face and how to blend in the charcoal. We learnt a lot from Louise.”

Chloe Wang



Reading Buddies

Year 5 and 6 pupils are reading buddies with pupils in Years 1 and 2.



Topic Studies: Mushrooms

Thank you parents for sending along those interesting specimens of mushrooms to be enjoyed by the whole class. We marvel at God’s wonderful creations.



Grandparents’ Day

Thank you Grandparents, Parents and Friends for making this morning with our Year one pupils so special. We hope you enjoyed the morning as much as we did. Pupils served morning tea, sang, recited poetry and progressed onto exercising with their grandparents. Grandparents shared their own stories of their school days with pupils, after which they all went back to class to read stories and look at their work.



Speeches: Years 7 and 8

Preparing for a speech, it sounded so easy! But gradually as I actually started my preparations for my speech I found out it was no easy job! I gathered by information together and finished my chart but that was just the beginning. A lot was still to come. I would have to use my chart and all the info on it to create my cue cards. Cue cards were also an easy job, but what I was really worried about was my speech delivery. When I stand up in front of people I become so self-conscious. On the speech day I was relaxed until Mrs Smith called my name. All those faces staring up at me! I almost lost my nerve when I remembered a tip. I would pretend I was looking at the class by looking at the back wall. Using this tip I began my speech. At first I was still nervous but as I kept talking the more confident I became. Two minutes later I was finished. Applause filled my ears as I sat down. I guess doing a speech was great after all!

By Ranveer Sohal Year 7

The night before the speech I felt really good doing the speech. I remembered to gesture and smile. But when I stood up there, I couldn't move, it was like I was frozen. I did one or two gestures, but without confidence. I wish what I had done at home could be done on the real speech. Next time when I do a speech, I wish I could improve a lot more than I did this time.

By Allen Wang Year 7



Right: Chloe Wang with the water clock she made to time the speeches. "Greeks used one too. Their one was a clay jar with a hole in it for the water to come out. Mine was a recycled juice bottle with a tube coming down. A bucket caught the water that tipped down."

Science Roadshow: Years 5 and 6

My favourite exhibit at the Science Roadshow was the bed of nails. It was hard to relax on it: I could only sit on it.

Coralie Smith

My favourite part at the Science Roadshow was the demonstration about gasses, when the bottle flew up into the air.

Josiah Humphreys

My favourite part at the Science Roadshow was one of the demonstrations. The teachers attached a balloon to a container and filled the container up with liquid nitrogen. As they filled it up, the balloon got bigger. Soon it got so big it popped and made the loudest noise ever.

Bonnie Boldy

My favourite thing at the Science Roadshow was the exhibits. The best for me was the bed of nails. It was relaxing and prickly!

Benjamin Scales



Vocabulary Bee

On Friday 28th May, Room 10 held a Vocabulary Bee. First we went to the hall at 9.30am. Room 11 watched us. The first people up were the year 8s. The winners were Peter Sonneveld who came first, Eunsung Kwon who came second and Georgia Kemp who came third. Next was the Schonell group: Aaron Tan won that. Then it was the year 7s turn. It took a while but we were down to the final three contestants. The three were Lavinia-Rose Humphreys, who came first, Chloe Wang who came second and Prashant Singh who was third. I was lucky enough to achieve fourth place. So I am very proud of myself. Mrs Smith proclaimed that we did very well. I agree with this because everyone did exceptionally well. This vocabulary bee was the first to happen at Manukau Christian School.

By Alexis Philips

...Then the year 7s could go up. Mrs Smith called out the definitions that we had learnt from "The Island of the Blue Dolphins". After each turn of mine I waited to hear the dreaded words, "That is wrong" but they never came. Right at the end, when there were only three people left I was determined not to make a silly mistake. The winner was me, (Lavinia-Rose Humphreys), second was Chloe Wang and in third was Prashant Singh. Altogether I enjoyed it and from the response of the students I think there will be another Vocabulary Bee very soon.

By Lavinia-Rose Humphreys











Scripture for the Week

“[God]
does not
treat us as
our sins
deserve or
repay us
according
to our
iniquities.”

Ps 103:10



Our Prayer List

-  Give thanks for a substantial donation towards a junior playground enabling us to commence construction.
-  Give thanks for our God’s continued blessings and provision for our school.
-  Give thanks to God for faithful committed staff and Trust-board members who contribute so much to the success of this school.
-  Pray for health and strength for staff and pupils alike during this winter term.
-  Pray for continued growth and increase in our school roll.
-  Pray for our pupils that each one would continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ

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