



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8, 2018

22 March 2018

Manukau Christian School



Dear parents and friends of Manukau Christian School,

School has settled into a happy and productive routine over Term One. I am gradually becoming more familiar with the rhythms and norms of this delightful educational community. Manukau Christian School is a focused learning environment with settled, happy, respectful students. Christian education is alive and well here. May we never become complacent about the privilege of Christian education. On Sunday morning a friend of mine was defending the right to teach from a Christian perspective on national radio, pitted against a secular lobbyist with an agenda to remove Christian education from our country.

Easter is almost upon us. Wonderful! A few days to sleep in and not attend classes (students) or battle traffic (parents and staff). Moreover, it is wonderful because Easter signifies the most beautiful and world-changing event to grace this universe — the death and resurrection of Jesus, the man they called Christ, or Messiah.

Easter gives context to learning. We teach the Christian faith at 77 Rogers Road, because of what Jesus said and what Jesus did. Jesus declared himself to be the unique Son of God, in human form. He then was executed for making that claim. All he needed to do was stay dead and it would all have amounted to nothing. A dead messiah would have left empty promises of a coming kingdom and no hope of eternal life. The fledgling movement would have collapsed before anybody could say 'Christianity'. Those scattered disciples would

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Term Dates 2018

Term 1: 1 Feb to 13 Apr

*School closed: 30 March
2 April, 3 April*

Term 2: 30 Apr to 6 July

Term 3: 23 Jul to 28 Sep

Term 4: 15 Oct to 12 Dec



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Principal's Message Continued

never have regathered except perhaps to sadly reminisce and ask *'what if.....'* But Jesus rose from the dead and in so-doing, gave credibility to all of his words. Seemingly empty promises were rejuvenated by the realisation of the empty tomb! Suddenly, Jesus was firmly back in the frame!

Jesus' resurrection gives credibility to his claims. In particular, his claim to be the way, the truth and the life and that....

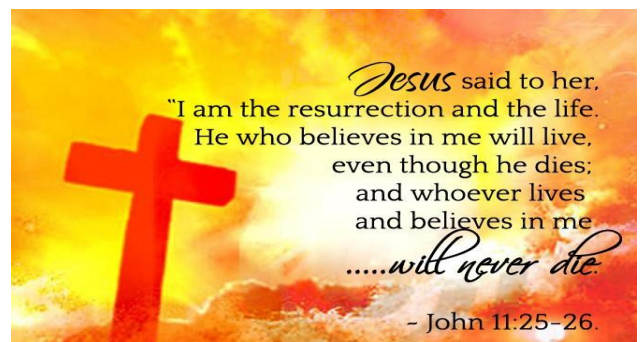
'nobody can come to the Father except through me.'

As a Christian school, we try hard to centre all learning around the lordship of Christ. Why? Because Jesus will one day return as Lord, to judge this world. Because the Lordship of Jesus is the way this broken world can be restored from corruption to perfection. Because the world can only be correctly understood when viewed from a perspective of Jesus as Lord. Every day of teaching at Manukau Christian School seeks to establish the Lordship of Jesus in every area of life. Jesus gives learning hope and purpose. The story of Jesus is central. Without Jesus, we are all

just mammals that evolved without purpose from slime on rocks. Without Jesus, our existence is nothing more than pointless competition for survival - survival of the fittest and greediest. Without Jesus, good and evil are just concepts of convenience. Without Jesus, hope is just a four-lettered sight-word from the dictionary. Without Jesus, Easter is only chocolate, a sleep-in and a wistful longing for life to have meaning and for there to be 'something' after death. But, because of Jesus, because of Easter's message, these few days off school are more than a holiday. Much, much more.

If you want to know a little more about Easter and Jesus, you are welcome to attend our Easter junior assembly next Thursday, the day before Good Friday, at 2pm.

Pete Slaney
Principal



From the Principal's Desk



Health and Safety

Please report any hazards that you notice on our school grounds to the office. We need to know so we can take steps to remove the hazard or reduce the risks associated with any hazard.

Fundraising Opportunity

We are building a Science laboratory for our high school. This will cost a lot of money. If anybody would like to fundraise towards this project, your initiatives and efforts would be appreciated.

Carpark Dilemmas

Thanks for all adjusting to the increased congestion in our car park at drop-off and pick-up time. The whole operation is working better now that everybody (almost) is following the arrows on the plan (sent out a few weeks ago). Some have suggested various plans involving cones and walkways for students. Whilst these are worthwhile, practical ideas, the school is not prepared to take responsibility for your child's safety in the car park. It therefore remains the responsibility of each parent, or designated caregiver, to escort the student from the car to the school courtyard and from the courtyard to the car again at the end of the school day.

An invitation to hear your views on our school

I still have a lot to learn about how Manukau Christian School operates. However, it is never too soon to have conversations with parents around what you think is working well at our school, and what could perhaps be improved. Maybe I will have a chance to chat with some of you at our **picnic this Friday**? Before launching into discussions around how well the school is doing, it is pretty important that everybody has the same idea on what makes a good school. First and foremost, Manukau Christian School exists to assist Christian families by partnering with them, to train up young people who will achieve the potential given to them by God and will be well set up to live a productive, God-honouring life. Those are the goal posts. Discipleship of young people is the destination where this bus is heading and is not up for discussion. What we can discuss is how well we are doing it? Your views are important, so please, feel free to talk to me if you see me in the playground, or make an appointment.

Parent Interviews

Parents, please follow up on any matters that you agreed to at the parent-teacher interviews. Post sticky notes on your fridge if it helps you to remember.

Dates to Remember

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26	27	28 PIPS	29 Year 1 to 3 Easter Assembly 2.00pm in the church	30 Good Friday
2 Easter Monday	3 School Holiday	4 PIPS	5	6
9	10	11 PIPS Room 206 Botanic Gardens Year 1 Letterland Morning	12	13 Whole School Assembly 8.50am End of Term <u>School finishes 12.30pm</u>
HOLIDAYS				
30 APRIL Assembly 8.50am	1 MAY	2 PIPS	3	4
7	8	9 PIPS	10	11 Year 4 Swimming
14	15 Year 2 Gymsport starts	16 ACS Netball	17	18 Year 4 Swimming



2019 Term Dates

Term 1: 30 Jan to 12 Apr
 Term 2: 29 Apr to 5 July
 Term 3: 22 Jul to 27 Sep
 Term 4: 14 Oct to 7 Dec

Transport Assistance

Do you have problems transporting your children to and from school? If you would like to discuss this, please get in touch with Jikku on 021-294-9792.

School Finish Times

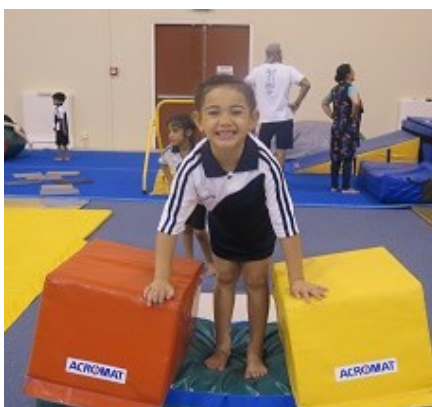
Pupils in Years 1 to 8 finish school at 3.00pm. Please ensure that your child is collected on time as teachers have meetings to attend after school, as well as planning and marking for the next day. If you are going to be late or if someone other than your listed caregivers are collecting your child, please ring the school office.



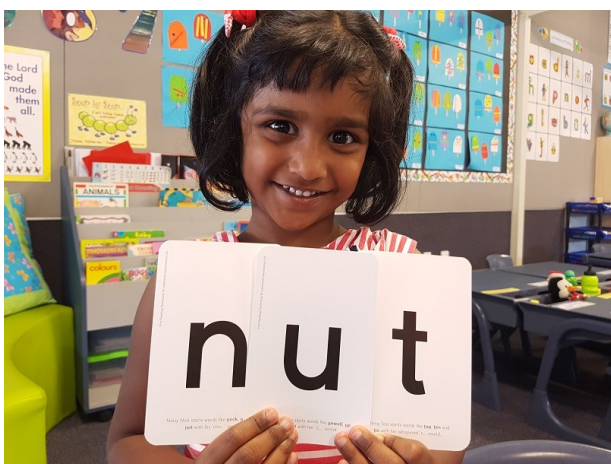
Gymsport—Year 1 pupils

Year 1 pupils have thrived and grown in confidence in their gym sessions at Bruce Pulman Park this term. Learning how to do forward rolls, balance on a beam, swing on a rope and jump on the trampoline assists to increase core muscle strength and gross motor co-ordination. When this occurs, focus and fine motor co-ordination in the classroom is greatly improved—an all round benefit!

Thank you parents and supervisors for your faithful support in helping us to and from the venue and assisting at different stations on the gym circuit.



Class Activities—Year 1



Above: Elizabeth learning to blend using phonics and *Letterland* cards.

Above right: Shawn enjoying hands-on learning with *Maths you See* blocks.

Right: Yunho discovering objects made of different materials in Science.



Stories—Year 2

Year 2 pupils wrote stories about the roller coaster and included 'sensing' words to describe what they saw, heard, tasted, smelt and felt.



I can hear people screaming in fear and some people squealing with delight and shouting yahoo. I can hear screaming so loud that they scream my ears off. I can see people's shoes falling off—it was so funny. I can see the tiny people and houses. I see people waiting for their turn.

I felt excited because it was my first time. I felt amazed. I felt so wonderful. I felt awesome at the roller coaster. It was fun. I felt so bored when I was waiting. I wonder why my mum was scared.

I wonder how it feels.



Japleen Hara

I can hear people screaming in fear and some people squealing with delight and shouting yahoo. I can see birds flying and I can see the people upside down. I felt the seat. I am excited to go on the ride. I love to go on the ride. I can see the sky. I can't wait to go on the ride.



I wonder if it would be fun.
Yes it is.

Siautu Alefaio

I can hear people laughing because they are so happy. I can see the clouds up in the sky. I felt so excited about the ride that I was so happy.

I wonder what it is like on the rollercoaster.

Anania Wilson



Poetry: Sensing Colours—Year 4

GREEN

Green is the colour of fresh grass
swishing through the field.
Green is the taste of crunchy apples in
a bowl of fruit.
Green smells like flowers growing in
my garden.
Green feels like strawberries not ready
to eat.
Green is the sound of a snake hissing
in the wild.
I love green when I lie down in the
grass.

Mason Faletanoai

BLUE

Blue is the colour of the sea when I
go to the beach.
Blue is the taste of yummy
blueberry pie.
Blue smells like violet flowers in my
garden.
Blue feels like a soft warm blanket
when I go to bed.
Blue is the sound of the rain in the
thunderstorm.
I like blue when I swim in cold water.

Azrael Tapaleao

RED

Red is the colour of sweet strawberries
in my fresh garden.
Red taste like sugary lollipops in my
fridge.
Red smells like fresh red roses growing
in the field.
Red feels like soft costumes at The
Warehouse.
Red is the sound of someone's anger.
I like red because it is my favourite
colour.

Avi Garcha

YELLOW

Yellow is the colour of the
shimmering sunshine in the sky.
Yellow is the taste of delicious
mangoes.
Yellow is the smell of yellow
paint.
Yellow makes me feel like I want
to relax on a sunny day.
Yellow sounds like joy in the sky.
I love yellow...

Kristen Calantog

Soccer and Netball Training—Years 5 to 8

Soccer and netball practices on Wednesday afternoons are well underway. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Willis, Mr and Mrs Faletanoai and Mr Sharma (as well as other offers) who are coaching and getting the teams match-ready for the ACS tournament in Term 2. Senior girls in Years 9 to 12 have practice on a Thursday afternoon, led by Mrs Busch, Miss Sonneveld and Mrs du Plessis.



Pop Art—Room 210 Years 7 and 8

Year 7 and 8 pupils drew self-portraits using Pop Art. The concept of pop art began in the 1950s using bold images that are painted in bright colours. Pupils applied this to self-portraits.



Get New Zealand Writing—Year 5

The Year 5 class participated in the #getnzwriting task sponsored by Warehouse Stationery.

Get NZ Writing 2018 has 96,000 students getting their creative juices flowing by taking the time to observe, respond to and write about what they can see outside their own front door.



The focus of this task is to see if our Year 5 pupils can open the door on where we live, to share with another class in NZ. They completed a number of tasks, including a metaphoric poem about themselves. These were then sent off to another school within NZ. Room 205 was assigned a school in Christchurch. Soon we will receive an exciting delivery with the exact same tasks from this school so they can learn more about them!

Pupils had tremendous fun in finding out who can lick their elbows, and working out how many siblings our class has altogether.

Waitawheta Trip Year 9

Year 9 pupils recently went on an overnight trip to Waitawheta. Training included walks through Duder Park and up Camp Sladdin in Clevedon. Look out for the high school newsletter next week to read more about their trip.

“Although it was tiring and tested our endurance, the Waitawheta tramp helped us to push ourselves physically and mentally to get to the end. The experience was altogether inspiring and character building while we admired God’s creation around us. The day ended with a well-deserved lunch at McDonald’s.”

Samantha Whyte



Clear Expectations for Kids

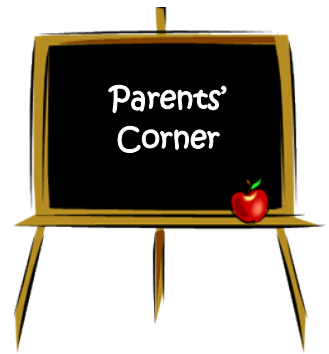
With acknowledgement to "Focus on the Family" - Helping Families Thrive

"Stop that."

"Clean this up."

"Be nice to your sister."

"I told you to eat your dinner."



Do you find yourself giving similar vague instructions to your kids—to little effect? It seems children often seek to do exactly the opposite of what their parents tell, whether because of distractions or just old-fashioned disobedience. But children misbehave for other reasons too: their parents may not have expressed their expectations clearly enough—or they've fallen into a pattern of inconsistent enforcement of those expectations.

If this sounds familiar to you as a parent, and if you want to help your child thrive, have a look at the article on the website link shown below.

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/schoolage-children/clear-expectations-for-kids>

PIPS

Parents in Prayer

for the school
meet each Wednesday morning
at 8.40am in the church lounge.

Please join our parents in praying for our
school and children and acknowledging
God's faithfulness.

A prayer box is situated in reception.
Prayer requests may be anonymous.



Please check the lost property
basket located in the courtyard of the
junior block. All unclaimed clothing
will be donated to charity
at the end of the term.

Clothing Bin

There is a bin on site at the senior end of the school for used or unwanted clothing or bric-a-brac. Please support our school as we receive a donation every time the bin is emptied.



Community Notices

FREE EVENT

EYE ON NATURE
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

FAMILY DAY

HEALTHY TREES, HEALTHY ME
Hauora Rākau, Hauora Ahau

AUCKLAND BOTANIC GARDENS EVENT SITE
(ENTRY VIA EVERGLADE DRIVE)

14 APRIL 2018
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<https://www.careersexpo.org.nz/expos/auckland-2018>

Yummy Fruits



Thank you friends and family for collecting so many stickers for our school. At the end of last year we received sports equipment including bats and balls that pupils use during their morning tea and lunch breaks. We are still collecting! Thank you.

**DREAM IT, DO IT WITH
YOUTHTOWN**



**AGES 11-17
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

FREE
*Break-Away
School Holiday Programme*

Youth development workshops, creative activities, day trips, sports and much more!

Locations: Rosehill College
Avondale Intermediate

WEEK ONE: Tuesday 17 - Friday 20 April
WEEK TWO: Monday 23 - Tuesday 24 April
Thursday 26 - Friday 27 April

Time: 9:30am - 4pm

Bring: Please bring a packed lunch, togs, towels and covered shoes.

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(right next door to Mt Smart Stadium)

Phone: 09-571 3857
Email: museum@nzrl.co.nz
Web: www.nzrl.co.nz/about-us/history

\$2 entry

Yesterday's league legends inspiring the fans and stars of tomorrow

Matters for Prayer

-  Give thanks for a settled start to the year.
-  Give thanks for a safe and enjoyable Year 9 tramp in the Kaimai Ranges.
-  Give thanks for a united and committed staff team.
-  Give thanks for PIPS (Parents in Prayer) - you are winning battles for our school in the spiritual realm!
-  Give thanks for effective and fruitful parent-teacher interviews.
-  Pray for funding applications for our science lab to be successful.
-  Pray for wisdom for teachers as we seek to follow up on parent interview discussions in teaching each child.
-  Pray for good health for students and staff as we round out the term (is it nearly the end of Term 1..... seriously?????)
-  Pray for our ACS soccer and netball teams as they start training for the Term 2 competitions.

LORD, *teach us* to **PRAY**
luke 11:1



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