



Newsletter

Term 3, Week 3, 2018

6 August 2018

Manukau Christian School



Feeding Your Family

The sun is rising earlier each day, creeping higher in the sky. Buds will soon be on branches once again. Spring will soon be here. On that cheerful note I would like to welcome you all to Term 3. We especially welcome the new students and families to our school. I pray that your association with our school will be one of trust, growth and friendship. I look forward to chatting with you as we connect over the course of the term.

Parents, I really believe that one of the most valuable gifts we can give our children is the gift of reading God's word together. I say this as a parent of young adults, thinking wistfully that if I could have my young children over again I would try to read God's Word together as a family more. God's Word is living

and active. In a mysterious way it changes us, especially when we get hungry and intentionally read, meditate on and chew over it.

How can we chew over God's Word as a family? One approach begins with selecting an inspiring passage of just a few verses – say Luke 15:11-24. Read it out loud. Read it again. Read it a third time and this time everybody writes down what they 'see' in the passage (younger children might need some help with this). Do you see the petulant look on the boy's face as he demands his inheritance? Do you see cracked dry mud from the famine? Do you see the filthy pigs and the boy, now skinny and dishevelled, looking longingly at their food? Read the passage again and this time, consider what you might hear. Do you hear the choked-up, quavering voice of the now humbled son? 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' List what you hear. Read it again and list what you would touch if you were 'in the passage'. Read it again. What might

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Term Dates 2018

Term 3: 23 Jul to 28 Sep
Term 4: 15 Oct to 12 Dec

Term Dates 2019

Term 1: 30 Jan to 12 Apr 2019
Term 2: 29 Apr to 5 July
Term 3: 22 Jul to 27 Sep
Term 4: 14 Oct to 7 Dec



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Principal's Message Continued

you smell? Pigs, most likely! Read it again. What might you taste? Read it again. How does it make you feel?

Then, if we want to make sure we are not getting off track we can ask the 'W' questions.

Who?

- Who wrote this? (*Luke wrote this passage, Luke, a doctor and a companion of Paul the apostle*)
- Who was it written to and what do we know about these people? (*The first Christians*)
- Who is in the story? (*We have Jesus telling a parable to the crowd and within the parable we have a dad, two brothers, some pigs and some hired men*)

What?

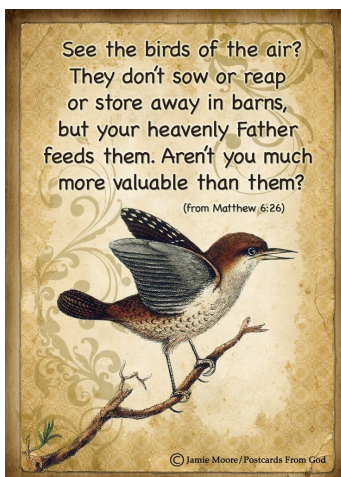
- What sort of passage is this? Is it poetry? Is it a psalm, or what? (*In this case it is a parable within an account of Jesus' life and ministry – we call that a 'gospel'*)

When?

- When was it written and what bearing does this have? (*For one thing pigs were regarded as untouchable for a Jew and for another, Jewish men never ran.... So this is a pretty high powered story*)

Why?

- Why was this passage written/spoken? What response does the author seem to be looking for?
- What change does God want to make in me? How can our family respond to this passage?



Share thoughts. Pray together as a family. Ask God to work in each other's' lives. The treadmill of life's demands is so tiresome and busy, but do not let this get squeezed out. My family has been strengthened by time spent together in God's Word and if I had my parenting years over again I would make it an even higher priority.



From the Principal's Desk



School Chaplain

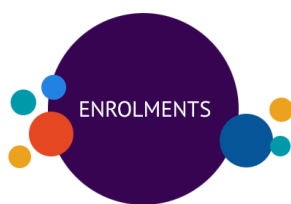
We have decided to provide a chaplaincy service within the school because we are committed to providing a safe emotional environment for all students and staff. Our staff care for the students without a doubt, but they are also really busy with teaching and administrative tasks, so it is unrealistic to expect them to be able to wear other hats. We are very pleased to let you know that we have secured the services of Mr Peter



Reynolds as our school chaplain. Mr Reynolds (who is actually Dr Reynolds but prefers to be known as Mr Reynolds), has recently retired from being senior pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church (the church that shares the school's site). Mr Reynolds is a trained and experienced counsellor as well as having extensive training and experience as a minister.

He will be on site over most lunchtimes and will be available for students to chat to. If students would like to make an appointment to talk to our chaplain, they can let the office know.

School Enrolments



Our school roll continues to grow as our Lord blesses us with increasing numbers of enrolment applications and an extraordinary rise in the number of inquiries and interest shown in our school. Some classes are at capacity and there is a waiting list for others. Please encourage your family and friends to enrol well in advance.

Towards the end of this term a notice will be sent home where we will require an indication from parents who are intending to withdraw their children at the end of 2018. **Please remember that a full term's notice is required if you intend to withdraw your child from the school.** This is to assist us with planning, so that places can be released to pupils on our waiting list.

If you know of anyone wanting to enrol their child, please remind them to submit their enrolment forms as soon as possible. Please return **Year 9** enrolment forms by **24th August 2018**.

Gala Day Saturday 25th August 2018

Our ***Gala Day Fundraiser*** is fast approaching. Thank you to those many parents who have offered to donate their time and/or goods.



We especially still need help with manning stands on the day. If you have an hour or two to spare, please let Tabetha Gorrie know or email the office so we can allocate you to a stand. Tabetha is available on **021 610 096**.

An updated list of positions filled and helpers/goods still required will be sent out this week. Keep an eye out for our sign-up table—we will be able to answer your questions and you can add your name to the list of helpers. Please **DO NOT** send goods to school yet. A notice will be sent out when goods are required. Thank you for all your responses thus far!

School Start Time

School doors open at 8.30am, ready to start lessons at 8.40am. While Auckland traffic is unpredictable and children may, on occasion, arrive early due to a good run to school, we are finding that more and more students are arriving well before 8.00am. Please be aware that children are NOT supervised in the mornings.

Health and Safety

Please report any hazards that you notice to the school office.

Lift Required

A parent of a Year 3 girl requires after school care, Monday to Fridays from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. She is happy to pay. Please contact Jaspreet 021 02717 888.

Upper High School Pathways Meeting



The high school is holding a meeting for parents of students in Year 10 upwards on **Wednesday 8th August 2018**. The purpose of this meeting is to explain what the upper high school looks like, improvements to the AS and A level programme in 2019, the pathways to university entrance, and how you can help your child plan for their future education.

The meeting will be held in Room 209—7.00pm-8.00pm.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 AUGUST	7	8 PIPS High School Pathways Meeting 7.00-8.00pm	9	10 Y3 Swimming
13 Trustboard Meeting	14 ICAS Assessment	15 PIPS Cross Country 12.30pm start	16	17 Y3 Swimming
20 School Assembly 8.50am Junior Poetry Week starts	21	22 PIPS Cross Country Rain Date	23	24 Y3 Swimming Y6/7 Rm 206 Folktale Day  Tomorrow Saturday 25th is our GALA DAY
27	28	29 PIPS	30	31 Father's Day Celebration Year 2 Y3 Swimming
3 SEPTEMBER	4	5 PIPS	6	7 Y3 Swimming
10 Exams start	11	12 PIPS	13	14 Y3 Swimming Prelim Exams Seniors starts
17	18 ACS Cross Country	19 PIPS Christian Values Evening 7pm	20	21 Y3 Swimming
24	25	26 PIPS St John First Aid Training Rm 210 1.30-3pm	27	28 Whole School Assembly 8.50am End of Term <u>School finishes 12.30pm</u>
<u>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</u>				

Cash Payment of Fees

The current Anti-Money Laundering Act places obligations and regulations on our school. Depositing cash is therefore a time-consuming and lengthy process. We ask that parents **do not pay school fees with cash** but make an electronic transfer directly to our school account **12-3615-0014533-00** using your child's name and invoice number as the reference. We are still happy to accept eftpos and credit card payments at the office. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

A 5% discount is applicable if fees are paid within the first five working days of the term.

Run 4 Bibles



Last week your child brought home a form for *Run4Bibles*. As a school we look forward to this annual event and eagerly support this very worthy cause. It encourages our students to get fit and enjoy a cross country run with a purpose: enabling children to provide Bibles to Bible-less Christians in Africa. This year Bibles will again go to children in South Africa.

All students in Years 1 to 8 will run on 15th August with a rain day set for 22 August 2018, starting at 12.30pm. Please encourage your child to collect sponsors for the cross country event. Parents are welcome to come to school to encourage their children with their run on the day.

The class that raises the most money per pupil will be treated to a Sausage Sizzle.

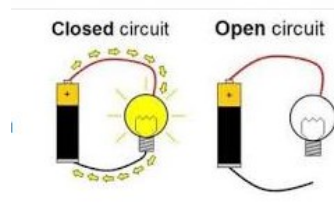
Some statistics:

- \$7 provides a Bible and a Project Philip resource for a student in SA;
- Manukau Christian School (MCS) was one of 14 NZ schools that participated in Run 4 Bibles (R4B) in 2017;
- 8570 Bibles and Project Philip resources have been sent to SA as a result of fundraising by the 14 NZ schools that participated in R4B in 2017;
- 1906 of the 8570 Bibles were provided as result of fundraising by MCS.



Electrical Circuits– Year 2

Students are in the throes of studying electricity. They have been applying their knowledge of electricity to making their own circuits. When electrons flow the circuit is closed and when the circuit is open, electrons will not flow.



Isaac Li



Sylvie MacDonald

Year 3—Art in Focus

Have you had a look at your child's art recently? Students in Year 3 have contributed to delightful displays in their class.

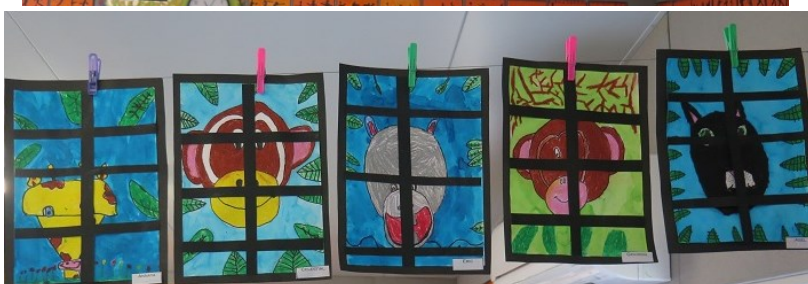
- Look Who's Looking Through the Window
- Wrapping-paper Still Life
- Olympic Silhouette Images of Greek Times



Rebecca



Amelia



Helen

New Year 1 Classroom

We are delighted that students in Years 0 and 1 are now able to enjoy their learning in another brand new classroom. This completes the classroom plan for the northern area of the school. Spaces and enrolments are at a premium, so please do spread the word to friends and family to enroll early.



Over and above the forthcoming fundraising efforts, we do appreciate the commitment of many parents who have offered contributions towards capital expenditure. Please talk to Mr Slaney or Mrs Oosterbeek if you can help. All donations are tax deductible.

Learning to Write Stories

Learning to write a story at five years old can be quite challenging. The ability to read and write does not develop naturally without careful planning and instruction. It is important for students to learn to write a story as it improves their communication skills and helps in expressing themselves. Students are then able to review and remember recently learned material. It also encourages creativity and exploration.

With the aid of pre-printed words, students in the Fantail and Robin classes took to the exercise with ease. This one-on-one method is encouraging for students and fosters effective independent learning.



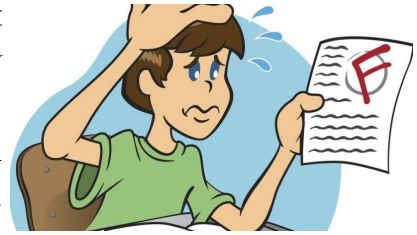
Cultural Day

Term 2 ended on a high note with students embracing the experience of sharing their chosen culture and food. We have a wonderfully diverse community—thank you parents for your support in making this day so successful.



Dealing with Failure

How do we teach our children to deal with failure? At the parent-teacher interviews you will have probably discovered your child is not the perfect student. 😊 Hopefully you were able to have a positive discussion with the teacher about ways to help your child grow and reach his or her potential.



One certainty for all of us is that at various points along life's way, we all fail. I talked to the students about this at assembly on the first day of this term.

Students deal with potential failure in various different ways:

- ***'I hate failing and so I avoid situations where I might fail.'*** This was how Mr Slaney dealt with PE as a child. It protects from immediate failure but it means you go through life fearful of what you might encounter. It is not healthy. If our children think like this, we need to teach them that trying and failing is really OK!
- ***'I hate failing but I can't help it so I just stop trying.'*** This is a defeatist approach that limits potential through establishing a self-reinforcing cycle. Children in this negative space might benefit from love and perhaps counselling.
- ***'I don't mind doing badly in a test as long as I beat Jack or Jill or whoever....'*** The problem is God did not make us all identical. We are responsible to do our best with the talents God has given us, not to compare ourselves with others who have different talents. The wonderful thing about a biblical worldview in this situation is that we can accept that each one is created unique, planned and purposed by a loving father.
- ***'I learn from my failures to do better next time.'*** This is the ideal approach. Let us unpack the idea.

Failures need to become stepping stones to success, but for this to be the case our school and our homes need to allow children to fail.

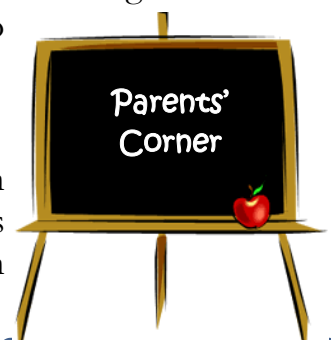
- This is not accepting low standards (NCEA springs to mind).
- This is not endorsing laziness. ***'I know I am not there yet and I need to keep practising'*** is very different from ***'That will do.'***

Parents, we need to love our children unconditionally, but loving them unconditionally does not mean accepting a poor effort or setting low standards. There is something of an uncomfortable tension here. Our children need to learn from us that:

- We love them and accept them just as they are and that will never change
- We set high standards for them and we put things in place to help them reach those standards

Parenting suggestion

Celebrating a minor achievement by serving dinner to Bobby on the family ***'star plate'*** will achieve more than fifty tongue lashings for underachievement. Encouragement for small successes can inspire greater successes.



Community Notices



The parenting show with Pio

Pio is one of New Zealand's most loved entertainers. In this show, Pio combines story-telling, singing, and video to entertain audiences and deliver helpful messages on how to have a happy, healthy family life.

Thursday, 9 August
Parenting Place – 300 Great South Road, Greenlane
7pm – Doors open with nibbles and hot drinks
7.30–9pm
\$20 per person
\$30 per couple

Book now at
parentingplace.nz

Parenting
Place
Māori, Pākehā, and others

Yummy Stickers

We are still collecting stickers so that we can get sports equipment for our pupils. Sticker collection sheets are available from the office or on the Yummy Fruit website www.yummyfruit.co.nz

Thank you for your diligent collecting in the past!

Clothing and Bric-a-Brac



A reminder that we have 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.

Career Day Auckland University

25 August 2018

This one day could change your life. Discover amazing learning opportunities and get a taste of student life at New Zealand's leading university.

Programme details and transport information on:

<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/undergraduate-study-options/courses-and-careers-open-day.html>



We are a Christian preschool based at 61 Beaumonts Way, Manurewa. We enrol children from two to six years old. Our centre is open Monday – Friday from **8:00 am – 5:30 pm**.

For more information please ring 09 2691048 or visit the centre. No appointments are needed.



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.

PIPS

Matters for Prayer

Give thanks:

- for freedom to teach a Christ centered curriculum
- for happy, helpful, respectful children and young people at our school
- for the opportunity for parents and teachers to meet together and discuss issues around education at parent-teacher interviews.

Pray:

- for the new intake of new entrant students to adjust quickly to school routines
- for teachers and parents to each follow through on decisions made at parent teacher interviews
- for the consent process for our science lab to be uneventful and quick
- for our CIE seniors as they begin their final term of teaching before exams commence
- for the Gala Day on 25th August 2018.

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

Scripture to Ponder with your Family

‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.
“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.’ Luke 15:18-20



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