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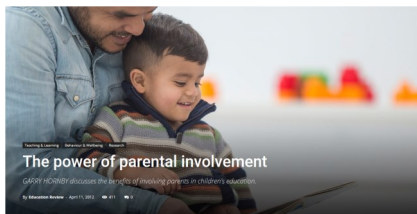
Term 3, Week 8, 2018

12 September 2018

The Private School - Professional Provider or Parental Partner?



As caring, responsible parents, you make the selfless decision to pay school fees so private school professionals can educate your child. However, this begs a significant question. Is education most effective as a 'user pays' commodity, or as a partnership?



Professor of education Garry Hornby investigated the benefits of parental involvement in their children's education. See <http://educationreview.co.nz/the-power-of-parental-involvement/> for the full article.

Taking time to read to your children **before** they start school **and** once they are at school, is linked to higher academic performance by the time they are fifteen. Fifteen year old students whose parents continue to engage with their learning are also more likely than others to perform strongly in academic pursuits. Parental engagement in the education process is very important.

Younger children require quite direct involvement, including:

- being read to
- having sight-words tested for recall
- testing the memorisation of basic facts and multiplication tables
- keeping in very close communication with the classroom teacher

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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

Parents are absolutely indispensable in the early years and here at MCS there is constant flow of written and oral communication between teachers and parents. As the children grow older, the emphasis on direct educational support decreases. For example, the average parent will likely not feel too confident to explain to their teenager the complexities of organic chemistry! Although the role changes, the value of parental involvement does not diminish.

Research suggests that the most effective results occur when parents of teens take on subtle support roles that include:

- showing that they value education by making homework completion a top priority
- establishing a reasonable bed time and putting boundaries around entertainment and devices etc
- advocating for their children
- developing a healthy pride in academic achievement in their children – celebrating achievement
- spending quality time with their children (interestingly this is not directly concerned with school)

Clearly, children are more likely to succeed at school when their parents are involved in their education. We are all busy enough with the demands of life and it must be tempting to just leave education to the experts. However, parents will do well to make the effort to stay involved, even if their involvement is relatively minimal. From a biblical angle neither the school, nor the government is responsible before God for the education of children. Parents are responsible. Christian schools serve the parents as the parents seek to fulfil their God-given responsibility. So, let's partner together to bring about the best outcomes for these wonderful young people. What a privilege.



From the Principal's Desk

School Enrolments

We are noticing that there is strong demand for our school, especially at Year 7 and 8 level and into high school. This is a blessing for us and we are thankful to our Lord for his provision. Our hardworking teachers do a superb job in the classroom. We are also thankful that the academic education we provide contrasts with the particular style of academic education offered in many secular schools. To ensure a place for your child and to experience the benefits of an education at MCS, please encourage your family and friends to **enrol in the early years** i.e. Year 1 and 2. We do not want students missing out on a place if it can be avoided. High school enrolment forms are now due.

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 students on our waiting list.

Gala Day - Thank you!

Our ***Gala Day Fundraiser*** was a tremendous success, thanks to you: parents, students and the school community. Your time and effort on the day is truly appreciated. A special thank you must go to Mrs Tabetha Gorrie who spearheaded this project. A total of \$5750 was raised for the Laboratory project. A small number of items are currently advertised on Trade-me.

Our sincere thanks again for the very generous donations to our gala: Dex Tech IT, Sweet Secret Cake Shop (Mr and Mrs Kuik), Mercury Energy (Mr Fryer), Bunnings, The Spraypainters (Mr Tavan), paintings from Mr Rush and Mrs Poppleton, cash donations and donations of goods and time.

Welcome Mrs Goodwin

Mrs Goodwin started in Room 205 with the Year 5 class at the beginning of September. Along with Mrs Goodwin we also welcome her lovely daughters, Samantha (Year 6) and Jessica (Year 7) to MCS. Please make them feel welcome.



Fees 2019

You will be aware of the critical shortage of teachers in Auckland, as well as the recent teachers' strike a few weeks ago. Retaining and attracting high quality staff is vital to our school and the Trustboard recognises that our teachers deliver quality programmes in a nurturing and caring environment. Taking these factors into account, school fees are a key component and have been set as follows for 2019:

FEES PER TERM Years 1 to 8		
Child Number	Discount Rate	Total incl GST
First Child	0%	\$1530
Second Child	10%	\$1377
Third Child	20%	\$1224
FEES PER TERM Years 9 and up		
First Child	0%	\$1840
Second Child	10%	\$1656
Third Child	20%	\$1472
High School Stationery Kit		\$40
High School Book Bond		\$60

- A 5% discount is applicable for term fees paid in full within the first **five** working days of the new term.
- A 1.5% surcharge is applicable for payments made by credit card.
- Families who have four or more children enrolled at one time will have fees waived for the fourth and subsequent siblings.

Please familiarise yourself with the fee structure as set out in our current prospectus. Our commitments are such that our budget is prudent and leaves little room to move. When enrolling, parents enter into a contract with the school to pay fees on time. Failure to do so puts an unnecessary strain on our resources. Thank you.

Health and Safety

Please report any hazards that you notice to the office.

Please be considerate of others when dropping off and collecting your child at school.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17	18	19 PIPS ACS Cross Country Christian Values Evening 7pm	20	21 Y3 Swimming ACS Cross Country Save Day
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>
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				
15 October Term 4 starts Assembly 8.50am	16 Cambridge Exams Y6	17 Cambridge Exams Y6 PIPS	18 Cambridge Exams Y6	19 Cambridge Exams Y6
22 Labour Day School Closed	23	24 Pips	25	26

School Chaplain—Mr Reynolds

Mr Reynolds is on site at MCS for 5 hours per week. He is available for any student or staff member who is struggling in some way and feels the need to talk to somebody. Teachers make referrals for students to see Mr Reynolds when they think it might be helpful. Mr Reynolds also has skills and experience in mediation and counselling. Parents can be in contact with our chaplain through the school office, should they wish to meet with him.

Email Contact

Do you receive notifications about newsletters etc via email? If not, please email the office and we will ensure you are on our list.

Congratulations

Well done to Tiaria Wilson in Year 10, who recently made the representative netball team to attend a netball tournament in Rotorua. With mother and daughter playing together for the Marlins Black, it was quite special!

The team won their section at the Kurungaituku netball tournament held from 30 August to 1 September. The team lost in the semi finals and came third overall—a great result! Tiaria was one of two young girls that played for the Marlins Black—and did really, really well! We love celebrating our students' achievements—email the office if you have news.



Run 4 Bibles



Wild, wet and wonderful?? After a postponed start, students managed to run their cross country race amidst challenging conditions. At the debrief, students agreed that the run was the most fun—and the most memorable one they've had! Mr Paul Kleynhans and Mr Johan Beukes from Bible League also attended the run. Thank you for your support, parents and friends of the school.

To date totals are:

Year 1 Fantails:	\$870	\$ 45.78 per child
Year 1 Robins:	\$1121	\$ 53.38 per child
Year 2:	\$1497	\$ 65.08 per child
Year 3:	\$1533	\$ 61.32 per child
Year 4:	\$1473	\$ 64.04 per child
Year 5:	\$1591	\$ 88.39 per child
Year 6/7(Rm 206)	\$2391	\$ 82.45 per child
Year 7/8 (Rm 210)	\$4103	\$146.53 per child

Total \$14 579
That's 2082 bibles! Fantastic!



Cross Country Results

First Boy overall:

Thomas Fryer

First Girl overall:

Caydence Patel

Well done!

Year 4-5

1. Zelina Rao (Year 5)
2. Jonathan Filimoehala-Burling (Year 5)
3. Rain Gao (Year 4)

Year 6-8

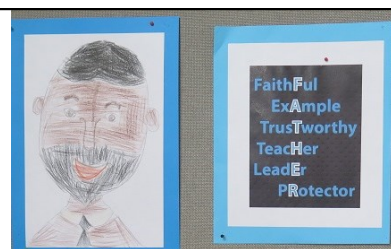
1. Thomas Fryer (Year 7)
2. Luke Shallard (Year 8)
3. Caleb Greenfield (Year 8)

A number of students will now take part in the Auckland Christian Schools' Cross Country in Mt Albert.



Fathers' Day– Room 202

Fathers' Day was celebrated in the Year 2 class on 31st August. Students showed their dads what a morning in class entailed.... starting off with prayer and songs, then moving on to presentations and stories and finishing with morning tea. Dads were enthralled to be kitted out in brand new ties! They also found their portraits on the art wall. Thank you for giving up your morning to spend time with your child.



Swimming—Room 201

Through the *Find Your Field of Dreams Foundation*, and *Water Safety New Zealand*, students in Year 3 have been to swimming lessons for the past eight weeks. Students develop the life skill of swimming and receive certificates at the end of the course showing skills and competencies.



NZ Birds—Room 204

Linking in with their topic study on NZ birds, students in Year 4 students blended pastel colours in these pictures of native birds, with Koru designs. They also composed acrostic poems and Haiku. Haiku is a Japanese poem of seventeen syllables, in three lines of

Haiku about Kiwi

Lives in the forest
Eating insects happily
Poking holes at night

By Kristin

Haiku about Ruru

In the hollow tree
Silently hunting at night
Mice and rats beware!

Class effort

five, seven, and five,
traditionally evoking images
of the natural world.

Beautiful feathers

Incubating their eggs

Representing New Zealand

Designed by God

Striking

By Karleneda

Pesky and very clumsy
Usually found in wet places
Kikorangi coloured feathers
Eating plants, chomp by chomp
Kumara eaters
Orange reddish beak.

By Jonathan

Pesky
Unearthly squawkers
Kumura robbers
Eager to cross roads
Killed easily
Obsessed eaters.

By Mason



Anmolpreet



Jenesis



Harveer

Folktale and Fable Festival—Room 206

What do you do when you can't find your teacher? Well, you accept a replacement for the day. Students in Room 206 had a very different teacher two weeks ago on Folktale and Fable Festival Day. Writing their own fables, dressing up as the main characters and then sharing lunch—the day was such fun.

Writing their own fables, students had to think about identifying the main idea, resolving problems, finding solutions and tying this in with the moral of the story.



Katherine Young—Missionary Visit

God has called all people, no matter their ethnicity, to do His will. Katherine Young, a New Zealander, has taken up this responsibility by becoming a missionary. She has been spreading God's love to foreigners for six years, and since 2017, she has been working amongst the people of Yida, South Sudan, as a nurse and missionary.

Coming in to Manukau Christian School, she shared her inspiring journey with both the Y1-3 classes and the Y4-8 classes. I had the privilege of listening to her speak. I learnt many things from this godly woman and one of the important lessons was that despite everything occurring in this world - obstacles such as war, terrorist attacks and politics - you can find joy and fulfillment in living for the Lord. Katherine Young has faced numerous challenges during her time on the mission field, but her faith was inspiring to me.

The highlight for me was just being able to hear her speak from her heart and share her passion for God as she loves her neighbours and shows them Jesus. Katherine Young inspired us all and moved the hearts of many. We are grateful for the time she spent amongst us.

Avarua Laulala Year 8

Christian Values and Parenting



MCS is committed to assisting parents. We make this commitment to you when you enrol your children. One key way we can do this is to put aside an evening and dialogue around some important parenting issues.

The **Christian Values and Parenting Tips Evening** on **September 19th** will be one not to miss. Even if you know all there is to know about the mysterious and inexact science of raising children, come along to be refreshed, to share your experiences with others, to be encouraged in your parenting efforts and to enjoy supper together.

It will commence at **7pm** and will conclude for supper at 8:30pm. The evening will be split into 4 sections and each section will involve a short presentation by Chaplain Peter Reynolds, another short presentation by Principal Pete Slaney and a period of non-threatening, voluntary interaction. We know it will be a really useful evening.

Topics covered will include:

- How do I teach my child to respect the rights / opinions / property of others?
- How do I love my child without spoiling my child?
- How do I adjust my parenting style to handle teenagers?
- I am a good moral parent so from where (or from whom) is my child learning naughty behaviour?
- Seriously, does the bible advise on how to make my child to eat their dinner and not throw it on the floor?
- Other topics on request.....

Please plan on being there.
It will be a great night!



When I sing praise and worship songs, my face gets really happy.

Jesus makes me happy.

Elizabeth Yr 1

Community Notices



Wave Warriors Holiday Surf Programme

The O'Neill Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the spring holidays for 6-16yr olds at **Orewa Beach**

Fun, Safe, Active & Healthy

6-16yr olds | 5 Day Programme | 1-5 Oct | 8-12 Oct
\$150 per person | Morning or Afternoon session times

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment at **Orewa Beach**

Limited spaces | Please email to book
surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz
www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz




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October 1st – 12th

Find out more: phone 09 377 0209 or visit aucklandlibraries.govt.nz

Miscellaneous

Yummy Stickers—Please return all sticker sheets now. Thank you for collecting these stickers and for encouraging work colleagues to do the same. The school receives sports equipment through this scheme.

Lost Property—Please check the box in the central foyer area. All unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of the term.

Clothing Bin and Bric-a-Brac—please support the school by adding your unused clothing and bric-a-brac to the orange bin at the senior end.

Lost—School Gas Bottle—have you seen or used the gas bottle (at the gala perhaps?) We'd love to get it back.

FREE... HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

Monday to Friday 1 to 5 October
Monday to Friday 8 to 12 October
10am—3pm 11-17 years

MOVIES **HIPHOP** **ZOO BOOTCAMP**

CULTURAL DANCE **GAMES** **FREE TIME** **ART**

Contact Raewyn on 027-551 3225. You can drop in and pick up a Registration form at 25 Druces Rd, Manukau or, Email us for more information on manager@safvpn.org.nz

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.

Matters for Prayer

Give thanks for:

- lots of interest in MCS from families – waiting lists at some year levels
- money raised for Run for Bibles – getting bibles into the hands of children in South Africa
- our school gala and Mrs Tabetha Gorrie - \$5750 was raised towards our Science laboratory
- dedicated and committed staff team – the people who make the school what it is

Pray for:

- For our science lab to be granted building consent very quickly so construction can begin
- For senior students as they begin their first Cambridge exams over the October school 'holidays'
- Mrs du Plessis as she grieves the passing of her dear dad to be with our Lord Jesus
- Really good attendance at our Christian values and parenting tips evening on 19th September 2018

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

Scripture to Ponder with your Family

‘Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.’

Proverbs 22:6



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