



Newsletter

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Manukau Christian School

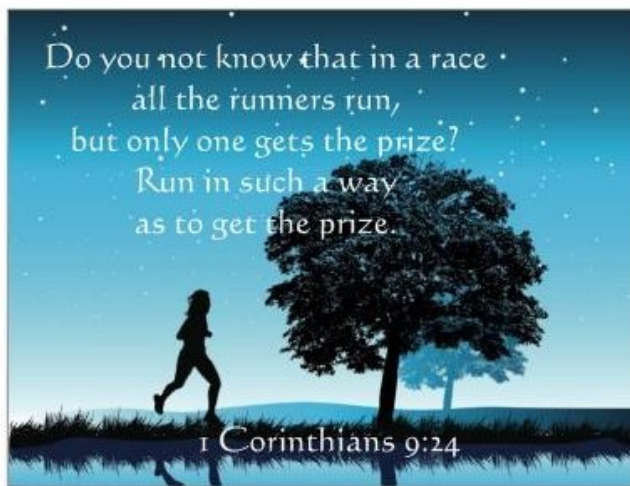
From the Principal's Desk



This is the busy term. It is also the shortest term. It will be busy for students but even more so for the staff. Term 4 involves us all in major assessments, report writing, end of year trips, Christmas celebrations, stock taking and ordering resources for next year, hiring staff, organising classes for next year, getting a science laboratory built (currently still awaiting Council approval but work will start on site any day now) and lots more besides.

It is very important that students remain fully focused on learning throughout Term 4. Parents don't pay tuition fees for students to lounge in the sunshine and play games. Tuition fees are for just that - tuition. We are a learning institution right up until the final week. Parents, please reinforce to your children and teenagers that of the eight and a half weeks that comprise Term Four, eight of these are for serious learning and hard

work. The final couple of days will certainly see a more relaxed approach, but only after eight weeks of solid effort. We all need to remember Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 9:24 ***'Run in such a way as to get the prize.'*** This applies to our pursuit of God but it also applies to the way we approach life generally. Students, do your very best for the remainder of 2018.



Term Dates 2018

Term 4: 15 Oct to 12 Dec

Term Dates 2019

Term 1: 31 Jan to 12 Apr 2019

Term 2: 29 Apr to 5 July

Term 3: 22 Jul to 27 Sep

Term 4: 14 Oct to 6 Dec



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Miss Sonneveld heading overseas

It is sad and unfortunately it is true. Our beloved Miss Sonneveld is heading overseas next year. She will be sorely missed by students, parents and staff. Miss Sonneveld has spent three years as a teacher at MCS not to mention eight years as a primary student. She has worked incredibly hard, truly giving students her very best and her teaching has been very impressive. We lose a true gem. We are thankful to have secured a competent and capable replacement teacher and who comes to us highly recommended.

School Enrolments

We are thankful for the interest in our school and I commend the teachers for the tremendous work they do. At this time we have waiting lists for most year levels. With that in mind, please encourage your family and friends to **enrol in the early years** (i.e. Years 1 and 2) to have the best chance of securing a place.

Please remember that a full term's notice is required if you intend to withdraw your child from the school. Failure to do so will incur a late-notice fee being payable within 7 days. Early notification assists us with planning so that places can be released to students on our waiting list.

New Caretaker

After many years of faithful service, Mr Papesch has retired as caretaker of the site for our school, Covenant Church and Covenant Kids Preschool. We wish Mr Papesch well and thank him for his dedication to the school and students.

We are delighted that Mr Ken Barthow has joined our staff in this role and for the expertise he brings to the position.



Mr Barthow

Can you sew? Are you practical?

Miss Sonneveld and Mrs Goodwin would be keen to hear from parents/grandparents who can sew costumes or who may be creative and able to help with the making of props for the upcoming Thanksgiving Service on 7th December. They also require donations of caps or bucket hats, as well as **small, lightweight** plastic toys that can be sewn/glued onto hats (e.g. hammers, fruit, cars etc). Please speak to them directly or contact the office.



Dates to Remember

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	31 PIPS Light Party Covenant Church	1 NOVEMBER Botanic Gardens Trip Years 0-1	2
5	6	7 PIPS	8	9
12 School Assembly Trustboard Meeting	13	14 PIPS	15	16 Yr 6-8 Beach Ed Trip
19	20	21 PIPS	22	23 Yr4-5 Beach Ed Trip
26 Yr11&12 North Island Trip	27	28 PIPS	29	30 Thanksgiving Concert Y0-3 Final day Yr11&12
3	4	5 PIPS	6	7 Thanksgiving Concert Rooms 204, 205, 206
10	11 Cycle Day—Year 6 Prizegiving Rms 210, 209, 211 7.00pm	12 PIPS Whole School Assembly 8.50am End of Term <u>School finishes 12.30pm</u>	13 Teacher Only Day	14 Teacher Only Day

Thanksgiving and Prizegiving

Daytime thanksgiving services will include an item presented by the children, followed by the presentation of certificates and prizes. The evening prizegiving will be more formal, consisting of awards, interspersed with items from our pupils, followed by supper. We would love you to join us on these occasions.

Artwork Fundraiser

We are delighted to once again offer you the opportunity to purchase products depicting your child's artwork.

Artwork (as well as products) may be viewed in your child's class. Please return your order form and money by Tuesday 30th October if you wish to order.

Prices are:

Calendars 2019	\$14	Cards (pkt of 8)	\$15
Diaries 2019	\$18	Mouse Pad	\$16
Sketch Pad A4	\$15		



An example of Kiviana art that students in Room 206 drew for their calendars.

Marshmallow Math

Yummy! Year 1 students quickly calculated how many marshmallows long their books, drink bottles, pairs of scissors and name labels were last week. A sweet lesson with a tasty reward!
(Can you see the marshmallows?)



Puppet Show - Juniors

Students were recently treated to a puppet show—Tim and Tim from Quiz Worx shared the message of being on God's team, trusting in God's Son and being on the best team ever! A powerful message delivered with great enthusiasm and one that resonated with our students.



When it comes to the sporting season there are lots of different teams you can be on: Footy team, netball team, chess team, or if you're a baby—the make a big mess team! But there's one team that comes in first: It's the team of the God who made the universe.

First Aid Training

Students in Room 210 (Years 7 and 8) received training from the ASB St John in Schools programme, aiming to empower students to act in an emergency. Important training included CPR and required responses to a variety of emergency situations. The session was excellent and well appreciated by students.



Congratulations

Well done to Nataria Faapepele who took part in a Waka Ama Tournament on the Gold Coast in the first week of the school holidays. Their team from the Te Paerangi Club not only came first in the V12 race, but also reached the finals in all 12 races. Nataria practices four times per week with her team. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement!



Trip to Botanic Gardens

Year 2 and 3 pupils took part in hands-on learning at the Auckland Botanic Gardens on Thursday. Year 3 students learnt about the parts of a flower, the pollination process and also planted their own marigold seeds. We hope to see these seeds grow in the next few weeks! Thank you parents for your help on this outing. Year 0 and 1 pupils will visit the Gardens on Thursday.



'Flowers' waiting to be pollinated



Butterflies pollinating



Planting seeds

Practical Bible Message with Mr Slaney



What is the foundation that your life is built on?



Can your foundation withstand the storms of life?

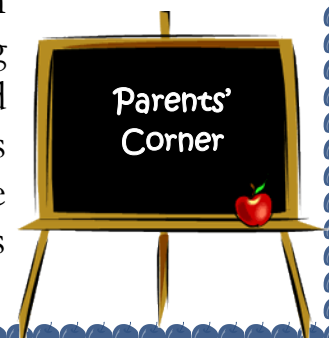


Knowing God's word and putting it into practice is the strong foundation.



Christian Values and Parenting

One tendency for parents is to try to be our child's friend rather than being an authority figure to them. It is culturally acceptable in New Zealand today for parents to let go of the reins and allow their children to make significant decisions about things that potentially have huge ramifications for their futures. One example would be allowing children to choose a school that they 'like'. The approval rating for a school by a student is likely to be based on questionable criteria. The state seems to be quite keen to 'empower' children to make big decisions and to keep parents in the background. Of course it is great for young people to learn to take responsibility. However, this is taught intentionally as parents give them responsibility for choices with limited, foreseeable and manageable consequences. When children are allowed or encouraged to make choices with far reaching consequences parents lose their God-given influence and cease to fulfil their God-given mandate. Parents, God calls you to nurture and discipline your children and to make the big decisions. Friendship comes later down the track and is something to look forward to, but not to prematurely grasp.



Community Notices

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.

Halberg Foundation Junior Adapted Sports Day Saint Kentigern Halberg Adapted Sports Day 2018

A one day event for primary and intermediate school students (Year 1-8) with physical or visual impairments. This is your opportunity to come and try boccia, football, golf, gymnastics and more.

Date: Thursday, 15 November
Time: 9.30am - 2pm
Location: Saint Kentigern Boys' School, 82 Shore Rd, Remuera, Auckland



CONTACT Halberg Adviser Rhys Edwards on rhys@halberg.co.nz or 022 043 5308 for a registration pack.

After-school care required

We are looking for family afterschool care in 2019 for a Monday and Wednesday in Manurewa from 3pm—4.30pm. We would be glad to provide payment. It is for two children Years 3 and 7.

Please text Anita on 021 082 77349. Thanks.



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 8:00 am - 5:30 pm.

Please ring 269-1048 or visit the centre.

No appointments are needed.

Pray

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 a growing roll at MCS
- for students making a really good effort in their studies
- for new staff being appointed for next year

Pray:

- for immediate issue of a building consent for our science room so it can be constructed and fitted out before Christmas
- for wisdom for our school board and management team as we deal with school growth – a great problem to have
- for students to encounter the love of Jesus as we approach the Christmas period
- for success for our seniors sitting IGCSE and A level examinations
- for safety for the Year 11 and 12 students as they explore scenic parts of the North Island in late November

LORD, *teach us* to PRAY

luke 11:1

Scripture to Ponder with your Family

'Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.' 1Cor 9:24-27



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