



Newsletter

Term 4, Week 8, 2018

3 December 2018

Manukau Christian School

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

As the year rapidly draws to a close we find ourselves reviewing the events of 2018 and thanking our Lord for his bountiful provision. I am grateful to be part of such a welcoming, positive community. This school has a very special culture, and this is not by chance. It is thanks to the staff, the board, the parents and the students. It is also thanks to God! All of us, working together make the school what it is. Word seems to be 'out there' that MCS is a great school because we now have waiting lists at most year levels. For this we praise God.

The most significant reason for quality education at MCS is the quality teachers and staff. There are two people leaving us at the end of this year who deserve some comment and recognition and we have new staff joining us whom we are keen to introduce.

Miss Jessica Sonneveld has taught here for three years. Over this time she has made an indelible impression on each of her students. Her commitment to be the best teacher that she can be has seen her students benefit hugely. Miss Sonneveld will really be missed. Sad though we are to lose Miss Sonneveld, we are pleased to be able to announce the appointment of **Mrs Peta-Ann Ross** who will teach a Year 6/7 class in 2019. Mrs Ross holds a Bachelor's degree in Education and comes to us highly recommended and with considerable teaching experience.



Mrs Ross

Mrs Nicole Fickling has worked as a teacher-aide with the junior classes for the last seven years. Mrs Fickling has made a significant contribution to the school. She knows just what needs to be done, has an eye for detail and is a whiz with technology. We are grateful to have had Mrs Fickling at MCS for all this time and we are very sorry to be losing her as she moves on to help her husband in his business.

Term Dates 2018

Term 4: 15 Oct to 12 Dec

Term Dates 2019

Term 1: 31 Jan to 12 Apr 19

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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*Mrs Prakasa*

The high school welcomes **Mrs Hannah Prakasa** as our Year 7-13 Science teacher for 2019. Mrs Prakasa has recently been officially recognised by AUT for her high achievements as a trainee teacher. It is advantageous that she is already part of our school community as a parent, so she begins her employment at MCS with a sound understanding of our values, culture and academic standards. We are sure she will make an excellent contribution to our school. One of Mrs Prakasa's roles will be to oversee and manage the new science laboratory.

Construction of our science laboratory has still not begun, unfortunately, as the plans are still with the Council, awaiting building consent. We pray that the consent will be issued very soon, and the building can commence before Christmas.

I pray that all families have a celebratory Christmas and a restful holiday. May the Lord have his hand upon our lives as we look forward to what 2019 will bring.

Pete Slaney

Classes in 2019

Class levels and teachers are:

Year 0/1: Mrs du Plessis

Year 2: Mrs Ackermann

Year 4/5: Mrs Logan and Mrs Wood

Year 6/7: Mrs Ross

Year 1/2: Miss Luck (Senior Teacher)

Year 3/4: Mrs Luther

Year 5/6: Mrs Goodwin

Year 7/8: Miss Kennedy (Senior Teacher)

Year 9:-12 Mr Scott Kennedy (Deputy Principal)

Geography/History/ICT: Miss Dhinaker

Biology and Chemistry: Mrs Prakasa

Physics: Mr Slaney

English and Economics: Mr Boyd

Math and Bible: Mr S. Kennedy

ESOL: Mrs Orr

Additional specialist teachers and a number of tutor teachers are also employed in our high school.

Children will meet their new teacher in the last week of term. Classroom allocations will be included in their end of year report.

Dates to Remember

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7 Dec Thanksgiving Service Years 4-7 1.15pm
10 Reports handed out Year 0 interviews	11 Thanksgiving Service Awards Ceremony Rooms 209, 210 and 211 7.00pm	12 Whole School Assembly 8.50am School Finishes 12.30pm		
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				
28 Jan 2019 Auckland Anniversary	29 Teacher Only Day	30 Teacher Only Day	31 January 2019 Term 1 starts	1 February
4	5	6 Waitangi Day	7	8

Thanksgiving Services and Award Presentations

Thank you for joining us at the Year 0 to 3 Thanksgiving Service last Friday. What a wonderful celebration—the Lord is so faithful.



We look forward to families joining us at the remaining **Thanksgiving Services and Award Ceremonies**.

Rooms 204, 205, 206: Friday 7th December at **1.15pm**

Rooms 209, 210 and 211: Tuesday 11th December **7.00pm**

Enrolments



Please pass on the word to friends and family to submit their enrolment applications early. We have waiting lists in place for all levels. A reminder that one full term's notice is required if you wish to withdraw your child from our school. Please note that **if late notice is given, then you are still liable for the following term's fees.**

Fees 2019

A reminder that fees for 2019 are set at \$1530 per term for Years 1 to 8 and \$1840 per term for Year 9 and up. Year 9 pupils will also be invoiced for a stationery starter pack: \$40 and a book bond of \$65. Student ID cards are invoiced at \$10 for all high school pupils. A prompt payment discount of 5% is applicable for fees paid within 5 working days of the start of term.

Calendars, Diaries, Cards

Thank you for your support of this initiative, raising just over \$933. If you wish to re-order additional items, unfortunately follow-up orders for products will not be received before the end of term.

Congratulations



Well done to Bethany Hendrikse in Year 8 who recently achieved **High Honours** (between 90 – 94%) for Tap Dance exam, Level 4.

Bethany's Hip-Hop dance group—Young Guns— also achieved first place in all their competitions (x5) throughout the year, in the 12 years and under category. Congratulations! This is an outstanding result.

This past weekend Bethany had a major dance recital, performing in 6 dances. We commend you on your commitment and hard work.

Yummy Fruits

Thank you friends and family for collecting so many stickers for our school. We recently received equipment specifically for tag rugby. This has been a welcome addition to our resources especially in light of the training our students received in these arena. We will be collecting next year again, so please keep collecting stickers. Thank you.



Botanic Gardens—Years 0-4

As part of their Science topic on plants and seeds and how they survive, pupils in Years 0 and 1 visited the Auckland Botanic Gardens. They learnt about the lifecycle of plants, basic gardening skills, how to plant their own seeds and the worm farm. Thank you parents for your help with supervision.



Year 1

Practising to write Chinese letters was part of their topic study on China in the Year 1 Robin class (below). Measuring objects with marshmallows was fun and tasty!



Beach Ed– Years 4 and 5

Wow! I am so happy. Do you know why? Well, last week Friday I went to Port Waikato! It was such a beautiful and quiet place. I met three awesome instructors by the name of Tyla, Gaby and Grace. I was blown away with their kind hearts. I saw lots of wonderful parents helping the teachers to supervise us. In addition, I played so many cool games. I learnt about lots of water hazards and I also learnt about the dangerous rip currents. My favourite games was boogie boarding. It was an extremely fun day! I would just love to go again and again!!

Acsah Varghese



Our trip to Port Waikato was such a useful experience because it taught us about how to stay safe at the beach, and how to find rip currents. We went boogie boarding and learnt how to wade into water. We were also given a tour of the first aid room and lifeguard tower. Overall, the lessons we learnt were very valuable.

Priscilla John

My favourite piece of equipment was the IRBs (inflatable rescue boats). We learnt to identify rips, and what to do when you are in danger. We had lunch and then we went onto the black sand. We learnt ways to quickly move through the water and how to body surf. Finally we had my favourite activity—boogie boarding. Then sadly, we had to go home.

Liam Young



Beach Ed- Years 6 to 8



Room 206—Cycle Day



“Bike day was ‘bomb blasting’. I learnt how to ride a two-wheeler bike for the first time.” **Leevy**

“Cycle day was a thrilling adventure, as I soared on my bike across the courts. Riding bikes was a good way to celebrate my birthday.” **Mia Rose**



“I especially favoured the box game where we could not touch the ground with our feet. The box kept getting more microscopic”

Laura

“Playing games, and learning biking strategies was exceptionally enjoyable, but even better were the helpful coaches.”

Erika

“We learnt to wear bright clothes to be seen when riding our bikes.” **Jeremie**

“Bike day was an awesome day due to the four instructors named: Ben, Jude, Aidan and Ray.”

Asher

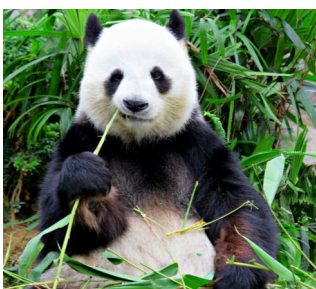
Room 210—Paper Vehicles



Year 7 and 8 students learnt about air resistance through the use of paper vehicles. Each student constructed their version of a movable object. By blowing to move their ‘vehicle’, they experienced drag and the effects of air resistance. Some were more successful than others! Luke Shallard’s vehicle came first (above) and Caleb Greenfield’s vehicle (above right) propelled by a balloon was the most inventive.

Year 2—Story Writing: Comparing NZ and China

China and New Zealand both have mountains. They both love playing games. Both have sea surrounding them but New Zealand is an island and China is not. They both have farm yards with heaps of plants and yummy food. Both countries have zoos with lots of animals.



China has deserts but New Zealand does not. China uses chopsticks instead of knives and forks and spoons. The panda is endemic to China. China has bamboo—that is why pandas live there. They have more horses than us. China has more population than we do. They have characters for each word. They have six days of school. Chinese people speak different languages like Chinese and Mandarin. They don’t have many cars but they have lots of bicycles. They don’t go to church, instead they go to the park. They have a lot more pollution than we do.

China does not have the kiwi but New Zealand does because it is endemic to New Zealand. In my country we go to church. We only have five days in school. We have an alphabet instead of characters. We have less people than China. We have cleaner air and hardly any pollution. We have more freedom.

I am very glad I live in New Zealand because we have less pollution and we have more freedom.

By Japleen Hara Year 2

High School North Island Trip: 26 to 29 November 2018

The inaugural MCS Year 11 and 12 Central North Island Field Trip was a wonderful success.

Young people showed tenacity and determination ascending the several hundred steps to reach the South Crater of Mt Tongariro and onwards up the precarious loose scoria towards the summit of Red Crater. Against the original forecast the weather was largely fine, raining only long enough for everybody to make use of the beanies, mitts and raincoats that they had lugged up the mountain. The untamed awesomeness of the volcanic landscape testified to God's power as we surveyed the stunning view.

The next evening saw us crawling and squirming through White's Cave in Waitomo, headlamps ablaze, except in the case of one unfortunate student whose headlamp and helmet were dropped into the river and made a quick descent into darkness. Students faced their various fears of wetas, climbing ropes, small spaces and so forth and in each case, they overcame.

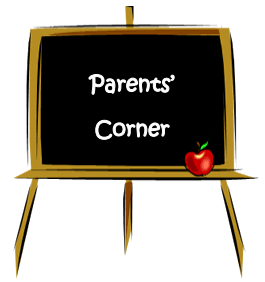
It was a privilege for me to join this wonderful group of senior students and Mr K for these four days, despite being falsely accused and eliminated early on each time we played Mafia. Special thanks to Mrs Shallard for the amazing cooking – such a lot of work but so appreciated by us all. Thanks also to Mr Savill for being a very supportive, humorous and helpful leader.

Pete Slaney



This Christmas Season

Tips to Keep Jesus your Focus this Christmas



1. **Giving Thanks.** Giving thanks to Jesus during the hustle and bustle of the season helps keep our focus. During times of stress, pause for a minute, and thank God for giving His only Son to the world.
2. **Music.** Listening to praise and worship songs ignites a passion that won't grow cold. Worship music shifts the focus from you to Jesus.
3. **Pray:** Ask the Holy Spirit to aid you from being overrun by the commercialism of Christmas. This will help you be prepared when you're feeling pressure to shop or overspend.
4. **Keep Traditions.** Keep family traditions of decorating the house with nativity scenes, singing Christmas Carols and reading about the birth of Christ in the Bible with loved ones.
5. **Watch Biblical Movies.** Watching Biblical-based movies about Jesus and his life always puts the holiday in perspective.

Community Notices

Drowning Prevention Auckland

SPLASH

Break-Away Holiday Programme
11-17yrs
January 2019

FREE school holiday programme - Have fun, make new friends, strengthen your swimming skills and learn how to keep yourself and your mates safer around water. Previous water experience not essential.

- West Wave Pool & Leisure
- Parakai Springs & Hot Pools
- Manurewa Pool & Leisure Centre
- University of Auckland Epsom Campus
- Point Erin Pools
- Pukekohe Jubilee Pool
- Mount Albert Aquatic Centre

Mon 14th, Tue 15th, Wed 16th, Thurs 17th January
 Mon 21st, Tue 22nd, Wed 23rd, Thurs 24th January
 9.00am - 2.30pm daily.
Includes FREE lunch

To Register email: Splash@dpnz.org.nz

Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-in basis. Registration essential.
 Drowning Prevention Auckland is the trading name of WaterSafe Auckland.

FREE PROGRAMME

- water safety
- aquatic games
- beach safety
- snorkeling

For more information:
 Ph: 09 368 5611 or
 Email: Splash@dpnz.org.nz

Enrolment forms available from
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preschool@covenantkids.co.nz

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.

Matters for Prayer

Give thanks for:

- Miss Sonneveld and the amazing contribution that she has made to our school and to the lives of students
- Mrs Fickling and the various ways in which she has served our school
- All of the teaching and support staff – everybody works so very hard and is fully committed to the school
- Our growing roll and positive reputation in the community
- Jesus – the incarnation is the reason for the season – Christians of all people should celebrate Christmas!

Pray for:

- Mrs Ross and Mrs Prakasa as they begin teaching at MCS in the new year
- The building consent for our science laboratory to be issued immediately and for building to commence
- Safety for all school staff and families over the holiday break

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

Scripture to Ponder with your Family



‘For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”’

Luke 2:11-14



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