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May Family Newsletter

Dear School Family

Welcome back to Term Two; a term where we focus on patience and self-control as fruit of the spirit. A special welcome to our new students and families. We hope you are enjoying new connections and new learning in your first days of your Pukekohe Christian School journey. It has been lovely to see so many families attend parent teacher interviews this afternoon.

Since we were last together, we have enjoyed the spiritual celebrations of Easter, and the historical commemorations of ANZAC Day. We are very proud of our Senior Student Council who attended Pukekohe's ANZAC Day parade.

Exams are a huge focus for our senior students at the moment. We have Year 11 sitting their IGCSE English and Maths exams, and several students at AS and A level completing entries in the May examination series. Furthermore, all Year 7-13 students will be sitting internal mid-year examinations from 21-27 May. Please encourage your child to use every available moment to study and prepare for these exams. Students are being guided in how to approach revision over the next few weeks. There is plenty of time to discuss with teachers any concerns students might have.



Having been in and out of a few Bible Studies classes this week, I wanted to share with you what students are learning in Bible across the school at the moment. My hope is that this will spur further discussion at home and help reinforce the great teaching and learning that is taking place in this very important subject at Pukekohe Christian School.

Year 1: 10 Commandments

Year 2: Exodus, David, the Prophets and Daniel

Year 3: Moses

Year 4: King David, Solomon, Elijah, and the missionary work of Willam Carey

Year 5: Applications from Jehoshaphat and Hezekiah

Year 6: Parables

Year 7: the story of Joseph and the Book of Exodus

Year 8: Books of Ezra and Nehemiah

Year 9: Book of Acts

Year 10: Book of Ephesians

Year 11: The Trinity and omniscience

Year 12: The omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent character of God

Year 13: The History and Person of Christ

We are pleased to share in the personal achievements many of our students make outside of their school journey. Please take a look on our family Facebook pages linked [here](#) to see the latest achievements and celebrations of our students.

I pray for God's peace and provision over our school families this term.

Ngā manaakitanga.
Blessings.

Carolyn M Cornu
Principal

Board of Governors Update

Last evening we farewelled our Board of Governors' chairperson, Mr Ian Cummings. Ian has generously served Pukekohe Christian School as a parent, Board member, Trust member, Trust secretary, and Board chairperson for last 13 years. His balanced, calm and faithful contributions will be missed. Ian and his family are relocating to Taranaki to the family farm. We pray God's richest blessings over Ian and the Cummings family at this time.

This means that in our Board of Governors meeting last night we elected a new Board chairperson. It is my pleasure to announce that Mrs Tersia Tegmann has been elected as chairperson. Please join me in praying for the strength and peace of God to be with Mrs Tegmann as she transitions into this governance role.

Our Board of Governors are:

Mrs Tersia Tegmann (Chairperson)
Mrs Chantel Boshoff (Secretary)
Mrs Ros Phillips (Treasurer)
Mr Paul Voschezang (Trust Representative)
Mrs Carolyn Cornu (Principal)
Mrs Janeke Fourie
Mr Tom Norman
Mrs Shelley Skelton

Contact with the Board of Governors can be made through pcsboard@pcschool.co.nz

Staffing Update

We are very happy to welcome **Miss Emily Huang** who joined our team as ICT and Social Sciences Teacher. Miss Huang brings specialisation in the Sciences, Education, and Data Science. Her industry experience brings real-world application to ICT that will be a real blessing to our students.

We are also pleased to welcome **Mrs Jane Balchin** as a teacher-in-training to PCS this term. Mrs Balchin will be working in Social Sciences classes across Year 8-11. God is doing great things bringing Christians into the teaching profession.

Term Two will be **Mrs Amanda Duley's** last term at Pukekohe Christian School. Mrs Duley has been a release teacher and part-time teacher in the primary school for the last few years. She is known for her warmth and enthusiasm for learning. We will surely miss her. Mrs Duley has been successful in her long-held hope to work in the local cluster of RTLB (Resource Teacher: Learning and Behaviour), to which she has been appointed. We congratulate Mrs Duley and pray God's blessing over this new season in her career.

Family Surcharge Update

This is a friendly reminder that the Family Surcharge is due on 20 July 2025. This is just 10 weeks away. As a guide, if families wish to make this a manageable payment in the time remaining, paying \$57.50 each week will clear this surcharge by 20 July. Please reference payment "surcharge".

Swimming Lessons

Our Primary School Physical Education swimming programme commences next Tuesday 6 May. This is such a valuable part of our curriculum, where our teachers are able to observe development in swimming across several weeks. Please ensure students are ready with togs and towel each Tuesday and Wednesday over the next four weeks. Pukekohe Christian School is pleased to be working with Fulton Swim School at Patumahoe Primary School for these instructed lessons.

Senior School Ball

It is our pleasure to announce that the Senior School Ball will be held at La Valla, Tuakau on Saturday 7 June 2025. Parents of Year 11-13 students will be receiving more detailed information about the school ball in a separate letter shortly. If there is anyone in the wider school community happy to donate pre-loved dresses or formal attire which could help our students prepare for the ball, please feel free to bring these to the office from Monday 5 May.

Term Dates 2026

The Board of Governors have approved the term dates for 2026. These are as follows:

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| Term 1 | Tuesday, 20 January to Thursday, 2 April |
| Term 2 | Monday, 20 April to Friday, 26 June |
| Term 3 | Monday, 20 July to Friday, 25 September |
| Term 4 | Monday, 12 October to Friday 4 December |



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2025 Term Dates

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| Term 1 | 21 January to 11 April |
| Term 2 | 28 April to 27 June |
| Term 3 | 21 July to 19 September |
| Term 4 | 6 October to 5 December |

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