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Newsletter – September 2025

Dear School Family,

What a full and absolutely rewarding term this has been! We've enjoyed a little of everything from sporting success, excellence in exam results, to teamwork at its best, and a raft of wonderful in-class and out of class curricular and co-curricular experiences. Our term culminated in a send-off of our leavers today – and we have been very touched by the reciprocal sharing of gratitude and memories amongst students and staff. What a blessing this time has been for us all.

In Term Four, we will be focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit: **Love and Goodness**.

This will be a great opportunity to explore these fruits in everyday contexts that our young people meet. On my mind, is the impact that the predominance of online communication has had on our relationships, and our ability to show love and goodness to each other the way Christ has taught us to. Where we can so easily type our flow of consciousness into chats or posts, we miss the crucial step of discerning God's will in our words. Platforms that provide reaction emoji's even go so far as to guide our reactions quickly, falling into "like", "love", "laugh", "cry", or "rage" responses with the ease of a click. Where is the "discern" emoji – the one that calls us to stop and scan our immediate reactions through a scriptural lens? My prayer for Term Four is that our students will learn about the power of pausing before reacting, to be more certain that the way we react, whether it be online or in-person, reflects God's love and goodness in our lives and relationships, and doesn't reinforce worldly responses.



I encourage you to have a walk through the school and admire some of the developments that have been / are taking place about the site. Ms Pamich's *Grow Together* garden club have put together some beautiful hanging baskets for our line-up courtyard; Mrs Erasmus and a team of middle school artists are working on a mural in the Science courtyard; and Mrs Cassidy's Year 10 Global Perspectives class has been working on various action projects taking impact around the school, one of which has installed method rubbish stations.

Our Year 11-13 students are entering an important examination season now. We pray for clarity of mind and courage in each student's approach to these exams. Please be sure to check emails for schedules and expectations during this time.

We pray that our students, families and staff will have a good rest over this break, and look forward to returning with fresh energy for all that Term Four holds for us as a wider school community.

Ngā manaakitanga.
Blessings.



PUKEKOHE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2026 Term Dates

Term 1	20 January to 2 April
Term 2	20 April to 26 June
Term 3	20 July to 25 September
Term 4	12 October to 4 December

Carolyn M Cornu
Principal

Key Events in Term Four

Our calendar for Term Four has been confirmed and is now available on SkoolLoop. Please refer to SkoolLoop for dates and notices relating to up-coming events. If you have any questions, please call or visit the office – we are happy to help you as the school's information provider.

- Epro8 Series – 6-10 October (Internals), 30 October (Externals)
- PCS Year 0-8 Athletics Day - 17 October
- Movie Night - 17 October
- Year 7-10 Examinations – 29 October-4 November
- Helpers' Morning Tea – 6 November
- Colour Run – 7 November
- Year 3-4 Camp – 13 -14 November
- Year 13 Graduation Dinner – 14 November
- Year 10 Camp – 17-19 November
- Year 8 Wax Museum – 19 November
- Christmas Window Walk-Through – 28 November
- Prizegiving – 4 December
- Merit assembly & last day of year – 5 December

Recent Events and Celebrations

Please keep your eye on our Facebook page for feature posts on recent events and celebrations. Of particular note, our recent Pet Day and our recent Basketball Events.

Colour Run – Sponsorship Drive

Over the break and in the first weeks of Term Four, we will all be seeking sponsors for our Colour Run. This is one of the school's major fundraising events, and this year we are directing the funds we raise to the next stage of the hall's development. Students are asked to seek sponsors for their efforts in the Colour Run. Sponsorship forms were sent home with students on Monday this week. This is an opportunity to seek sponsorship from people/groups from outside our immediate school family.



EBBETT PUKEKOHE

Ebbett Pukekohe is your vehicle provider for all of your day-to-day needs. From small to large vehicles, whether you need them for personal or business, we have the best selection of passenger and commercial vehicles available. We proudly support the community and Pukekohe Christian School with their school van.



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Board of Governors Election

We will be holding an election for Board of Governors in November. More information about this will be sent out in Term Four. In the meantime, please prayerfully consider whether standing for election on the governing board of your child's school is something that God is putting on your heart.

School Communication Methods

Please note that our school communication is made through the following channels:

Pukekohe Christian School supports the connection between school and home with the following official platforms:

School App:



Scan this code and download the school app to receive our Friday Family Notices, monthly newsletters, and important day-to-day notifications.

Socials:



Emails:



@pcschool.co.nz

Ensure emails received from the PCS stem are directed to your primary inbox and not spam or junk box.



Parents can reach staff using school email addresses, calling on 09 238 6449, or by visiting the office.

Please don't send messages on any other platform.

It is important to note that a group developed by parents on any other platform is not an official form of school communication. While these may provide a contact point between parents, the groups:

- should not be relied upon to inform other parents about what is happening at school
- are not the appropriate place to air or attempt to resolve school-related concerns

It is also important to note that:

- staff are not responsible for supplying information for these groups
- staff are not encouraged to be members of the groups

If you have any questions about our official platforms or how they operate, please visit the office for assistance.

Are you interested in having your own business and working locally?

We are a franchise specialising in Electrical Test & Tag and Fire Extinguishers. If local, flexible work in the Health & Safety arena interests you please have a look at our websites www.jimstestandtag.co.nz & www.jimsfiresafety.co.nz to see what we do.

Full training is provided.

To find out more please give Neville a call on 0274 274 003



Cambridge NEWS

Data Protection Notice for Cambridge Examinations - Important Information About Your Child's Data

Cambridge requires that we inform you about how Cambridge Assessment uses your child's personal information, as part of their commitment to transparency and data protection laws.

What data is used?

Cambridge will use your child's personal details (such as name, candidate number, and exam performance evidence) to deliver their qualifications. This includes processing exam entries, marking scripts, issuing certificates, and handling any queries about results.

Where might this data be shared?

Your child's information may be shared with:

- UCAS and universities for application purposes
- Government and regulatory authorities to evidence educational outcomes
- Other parts of the Cambridge organisation and their approved contractors
- Legal authorities if required by law

Special circumstances

If your child requires access arrangements (special exam conditions) or special consideration, we will need your consent to process sensitive personal data for these applications. We will ask for your written consent when needed. Students that fall into this category will bring a permission form home.

Research purposes

Cambridge may also use anonymous data (that cannot identify your child) for educational research to improve their qualifications.

Your rights

You have rights regarding your child's personal data under UK data protection laws. If you have any questions or concerns about how this data is used, please contact the school office.

This notice ensures we meet our legal obligations under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018.

Hall Project Fundraising

Thank you for your on-going support of our various projects raising funds for the next stage of the hall development. In Term Four, our focus will be on the Colour Run, and we will continue with the Car Boot Sales, and Toastie Tuesdays. Some stalls at Christmas Windows Walkthrough will also be raising funds for the hall project. And a new challenge called Ten for \$10.



Friends of PCS

Our school community owes Mrs Elmien Saathoff a huge thanks for her work leading Friends of PCS over the last four years. Elmien has captained several school galas and colour runs during this time, along with drawing support for other school events. I am grateful to Elmien for so capably managing a team of supportive parents to get the outcomes for each of these events. Thank you, Elmien.

It is now time to re-build the Friends of PCS and prepare for our 2026 Gala, which will also mark our 30th anniversary of the school. A separate call for support for this significant event will be sent out during the break. Please keep an eye out for this.

Epro8 Internal Competition

In Week 1, Term 4, Years 5-10 will be taking part in a science, engineering and problem-solving competition at PCS using equipment hired from Epro8. After running this for Year 5-8 the last couple of years, we have also introduced it for Years 9-10 due to requests from students. Epro8 is an exciting and fun science and engineering competition where students use their knowledge and problem-solving skills to build structures according to certain criteria, competing against other teams. Students will be following the below timetable, with those who are in the top teams per year competing against each other in the school finals, with the opportunity for selected teams from years 5-8 to go through to the inter-school competition on 30 October.

The cost is \$10 per student up to \$20 per family, which covers the cost of the hire equipment. We are assuming all students are taking part. If you do not wish your child to participate, please email Mrs Stephens or Ms Pamich by 1 October and supervision will be arranged.

Withdrawal Notice for 2026

The development of the budget for 2026 is underway. Notice of 2026 fees will be made in writing to all school families by 19 September 2025. It is also that time of the year to look to our class lists for 2026.

If attending Pukekohe Christian School is not part of your family's plan for 2026, please make a provisional or formal notice of withdrawal in writing to Ros Phillips on ros.phillips@pcs.school.co.nz. We ask that notice of withdrawal be made by **Monday 6 October 2025**.



If you would like to advertise your business with a banner in our regular newsletter, please make contact with the office





Sale located in upper-carpark

Pukekohe Christian School
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SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER
9:00-11:30am

Come along for a car boot bargain!



Scan the QR code to register a spot at this month's car boot sale



Bible Verse Bracelets

- Every bracelet is made from elastic made from recycled water bottles.
- With a tap to your phone, relevant verses bring God's Word to life.
- Please order your ZOx Bible verse bracelet through Pukekohe Christian School and support our Hall Project.

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Pukekohe Christian School
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Hall Project

We are back on track to build our school hall.



Piano/Keyboard Lessons
@ Pukekohe Christian School
Time to enrol!

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