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Dear Parents,

A huge welcome back to all of you after the school holidays. We hope and believe you have enjoyed a well-deserved break with your family.

Looking at the important dates for this term, it is certainly going to be a very busy term, including a wide variety of extra – curricular activities, external exam preparation etc.

Midst all the extra – curricular activities, it is very important for our students to remain focused on their academic progress, especially those senior students who will be entering for Cambridge external examinations during October/November.

As parents, you can help and support both your child and the school by:

- Checking your child's progress on a regular basis
- Making sure you communicate with the respective subject teachers

Your support in this regard will be greatly appreciated!

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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS TERM:**

Monday 22 July:	School starts for Term 3
Wednesday 24 July:	Counties Manukau C-grade badminton
Wednesday 31 July:	Counties Manukau C-grade badminton
Friday 2 August:	Closing date: Cambridge exam entries
Wednesday 7 August:	Counties Manukau C-grade badminton
Monday 12 August:	Franklin Y 5 & 6 mixed netball
Tuesday 13 August:	Franklin Y 3 & 4 mixed netball
Wednesday 14 August:	Counties Manukau C-grade badminton
Thursday 15 August:	Franklin Y 7 & 8 mixed netball
Tuesday 20 August:	Franklin North group cross-country
Wednesday 21 August:	Franklin Central group cross-country
	Counties Manukau C-grade badminton
Friday 23 August:	Teachers Only Day – Parent/teacher interviews
Wednesday 28 August:	Counties Manukau C-grade badminton
Thursday 29 August:	Franklin Zone cross-country
Saturday 7 September:	Senior student dance/dinner: Butterfly creek
Friday 27 September:	School closes at 12.30pm

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- For any changes to dates of extra – curricular activities, please see our website:  
[www.edenchristianacademy.co.nz](http://www.edenchristianacademy.co.nz)



**STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS & PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:**

Please note that Student Progress reports, reporting on your child's progress for the first semester of this year (term 1 & 2) were issued on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of July via email.



Parent/teacher interviews will be taking place again on Teachers Only Day (Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August) from 9.30am to 6pm.

Booking forms will be emailed on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August.

**TERM 2 IN A NUTSHELL:**

*Counties Manukau Orienteering Sprint series & Franklin Schools Orienteering Championships:*



Congratulations to Torin Coldicutt who represented us at the Auckland Orienteering Championships.





***Franklin Football tournament:***

Congratulations and well-done to our football teams with excellent results:

- Year 3 & 4 mixed:       Second place
- Year 5 & 5 mixed:       First place
- Year 7 & 8 mixed:       First place

Thank you to our coaches and referees for your dedication and hard work: Miss Banga, Joshua Greyling, Aiden Botha, Archer Fuimaono, Joshua Benhur and Triston Flynn.

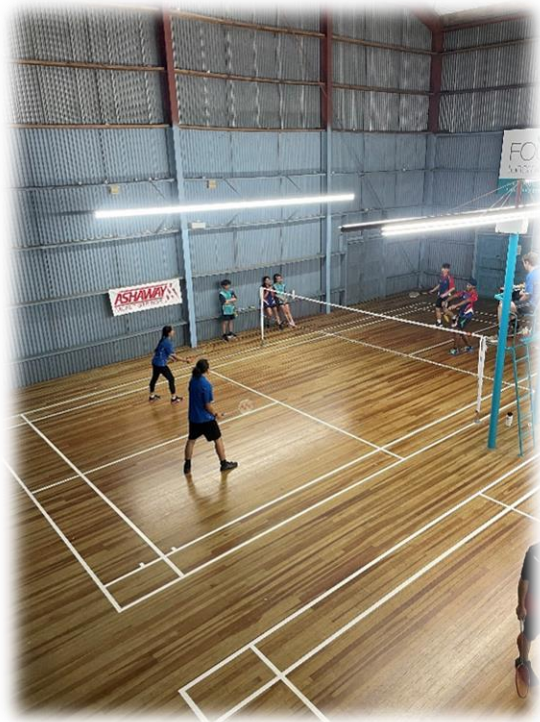




***Counties Manukau B-grade badminton:***

Coach: Miss Banga

Team: Alysha Thexton  
Mehar Sodhi  
Keating Fuimaono  
Triston Flynn/Brynnner Fuimaono



## *Western Day:*

Organisers:

Mrs Jooste & student leadership team (Mehtar Sodhi, Sarah Olliver, Keating Fuimaono, Triston Flynn, Zhane Botha, Irene Sebastian, Kyla Fong)



## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

### **HEROES OF OUR FAITH: JOSEPH**

*Proverbs 29:18* Where there is no vision, the people perish.

1. Dreams will face criticism.
2. Dreams will face tests.

*Genesis 37:14* "Go and see how your brothers and the flocks are getting along," Jacob said. "Then come back and bring me a report." So, Jacob sent him on his way.

*Genesis 39:2* The Lord was with Joseph; so, he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of the Egyptian master.

*Genesis 39: 6-8* Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man. And Potiphar's wife began to look at him lustfully. Come and sleep with me, she demanded. But Joseph refused.

### **3. Dreams will face setbacks.**

*Genesis 39:21-23* But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him His faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favourite with the prison warden. Before long, the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison. The warden had no more worries because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed.

*Genesis 41:39* Since God has revealed the meaning of that dreams to you; clearly no one else is as intelligent or wise as you are. You will be in charge of my court and all my people will take orders from you. Only I sitting on my throne will have a rank higher than yours. I hereby put you in charge of the entire land of Egypt.

*Genesis 50:20* "You intended to harm, but God intended it all for Good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. You threw evil at me. God turned it around and threw it at me in the form of a blessing."

#### **Our Vision**

*At Eden, it is our vision for our students to thrive, to be confident and to be prepared to fulfil their God – given calling.*

#### **Our Mission**

At Eden, it is our mission to:

Prepare our students for the future by providing a quality education grounded on the Christian World View through the development of each individual student's potential.

Empowered by God's Word, to assist families in educating their children, equipping them for life and eternity.

Provide a safe, nurturing learning environment for our children, founded on the Christian values of grace, forgiveness, and compassion.

#### **Our Values**

Compassion  
Grace  
Humility  
Respect

Consideration  
Honesty  
Integrity  
Serving

Faith  
Hope  
Love  
Trust

**God Bless**

**Willem van Rensburg  
Principal**