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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, internal examinations/assessments 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 28 April:	School starts for Term 2
Saturday 3 May:	IGCSE Chemistry: 0620/43: 10AM
Thursday 8 May:	Franklin Zone Orienteering: ECA
Friday 9 May:	IGCSE English: 0500/13: 10AM
Saturday 10 May:	IGCSE Physics: 0625/43: 10AM
Thursday 15 May:	IGCSE English: 0500/23: 10AM
Friday 16 May:	IGCSE Chemistry: 0620/63: 10AM
Tuesday 20 May:	Franklin Zone football: Year 7 & 8
Wednesday 21 May:	IGCSE Physics: 0625/63: 10AM
	Franklin Zone football: Year 3 & 4
Thursday 22 May:	Franklin Zone football: Year 5 & 6
	Closing date: Auckland College Sport Cross – country
Friday 30 May:	Teachers Only Day
Monday 2 June:	King’s Birthday
Tuesday 3 June:	Internal exams/assessments
Wednesday 4 June:	Internal exams/assessments
	Auckland College Sport Cross - country
Thursday 5 June:	Internal exams/assessments
	IGCSE Physics: 0625/23: 10AM
Friday 6 June:	Internal exams/assessments
Monday 9 June:	Internal exams/assessments

Tuesday 10 June:	Internal exams/assessments
Wednesday 11 June:	IGCSE Chemistry: 0620/23: 10AM
Friday 20 June:	Matariki
Wednesday 26 June:	Counties Manukau badminton
Thursday 26 June:	Closing date: C & D grade Badminton Counties Manukau
Friday 27 June:	School closes for holidays: 12.30pm
Friday 11 July:	Student Progress reports issued

**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:**

Please note that Student Progress reports, reporting on your child's progress for the first semester of this year (term 1 & 2) will be issued on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July via email.



If there are any changes to your email addresses we have on our system, please let us know as soon as possible.

## **TERM 1 IN A NUTSHELL:**

### ***School trip: Tuesday 11 March 2025***

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Mr. Paul Puna of Brougham Buses for his generous support in organising and sponsoring our recent school trip to the LDS facility and the beautiful Botanical Gardens. Mr. Puna's commitment to enhancing our students' educational experiences exemplifies the strong partnership between our school and its parents.

The excursion was not only a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about diverse environments and cultures, but it also fostered a sense of community and adventure among them. Mr. Puna's meticulous planning and coordination ensured that everything ran smoothly, allowing students to focus on the experience of discovery and exploration.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the two incredible bus drivers who safely transported our students to and from their destinations. Their professionalism and kindness made the journey enjoyable and stress-free for everyone involved.

Thanks to Mr. Puna and the team at Brougham Buses, our students were given a memorable experience that we hope will inspire curiosity and appreciation for the world around them.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support!



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### ***Counties Manukau Orienteering Sprint Series:***

Congratulations to the following students who recently showcased their skills and determination by representing our school in the Counties Manukau Orienteering Sprint Series: Stanley Jansen van Rensburg, Steffan Jansen van Rensburg, Daniel George, Sabine Crisostomo, Alicia Jansen van Rensburg, David George, Harsimran Singh, Daniel Nieuwoudt, and Torin Coldicutt.

A special highlight this year was our junior participants, who bravely took part in an event primarily designed for students in Year 9 and upwards. Their commitment to pushing their boundaries and participating in this challenging competition truly deserves recognition!

We would also like to celebrate the outstanding achievements of three remarkable students—Sabine Crisostomo, Alicia Jansen van Rensburg, and Torin Coldicutt—who qualified for the prestigious Auckland Orienteering Championships. This is a significant accomplishment, and we could not be prouder of their hard work and dedication.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that the Franklin Orienteering Championships will be held at Eden Christian Academy on May 8th this year. We encourage all interested students to join and represent our school, as we anticipate a strong turnout from our talented group!

Once again, congratulations to all our participants for their hard work and enthusiasm in Orienteering! You make our school proud!



## **Schools' Orienteering Sprint Championship 2025**



### ***GRIP Leadership Conference:***

A huge thank you goes to Miss Banga and Miss von Below for their dedication and effort in organising our Student Leadership Team trip to the GRIP Leadership Conference held in Manukau. Their commitment to fostering leadership skills in our young people is truly commendable.

The GRIP Leadership Conference provided our students with invaluable opportunities to learn about effective leadership, teamwork, and personal development. Through engaging workshops and inspiring guest speakers, our student leaders were able to gain new insights and skills that will help them thrive in their roles within our school community.

We appreciate Miss Banga and Miss von Below for their support and for empowering our students to become confident and effective leaders. Thank you for your hard work in making this experience possible!

**Together, we are shaping the leaders of tomorrow!**



***Franklin Rippa rugby tournament:***

Well-done and thank you to our Year 3/4 and Year 7/8 students for their outstanding representation at the recent Franklin Rippa rugby tournament. Your dedication and sportsmanship shone brightly throughout the event, embodying the spirit of our school community.

A massive thank you goes to our committed staff, Miss Banga and Miss von Below, for their tireless efforts in preparing and coaching our students. Your guidance and encouragement make a significant difference in our students' experiences. We would also like to express our appreciation to Miss Banga for coordinating the visit of a professional coach, whose expertise undoubtedly uplifted our players' skills and confidence on the field. Thank you also to our senior students, Dominic Tagilala and Aiden Botha for doing a great job as referees.

We also want to acknowledge the invaluable support of our parents. Your presence on the day not only boosted our students' morale but also fostered a wonderful sense of community that we cherish.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to making this event a success. We are incredibly proud of our students and look forward to more exciting experiences in the future!



***And the highlight...free ice cream...not once, but twice!***

A true ECA thank you goes to Leigh Mohi for the delightful surprise of not one, but two tasty fruit ice-cream treats for our student's last term! Your generosity and thoughtfulness have certainly brought smiles to many faces, and it is safe to say that both our staff and our student body enjoyed every delicious scoop.

Additionally, we want to express our gratitude to Dianna and Mya Horsfield for their exceptional service during these special events. Your commitment to ensuring that everything went smoothly did not go unnoticed, and we appreciate the positive impact you have on our school community.

Thank you very much for making this term a little sweeter for our children. Your kindness helps to create a joyful and memorable school experience!



***Last, but not least...***

Thank you very much to Chris Allen who will be generously upgrading our junior playground during this term. Your hard work and dedication will transform the play area into an exciting space where our children can explore, play, and grow. There is no doubt that they are going to have heaps of fun enjoying the new equipment and creating wonderful memories with their friends.

Additionally, we are incredibly grateful for your continuous support in donating drinking water every term. This thoughtful gesture ensures that our children stay hydrated and healthy while they engage in their various activities. Your commitment to enhancing our school environment is truly appreciated by both the staff and the families in our community.

Thank you once again, Chris, for making such a positive impact on the lives of our students!



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

**THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF EASTER**

1 Peter 1:3 Because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation.

**1. God has a purpose for our lives.**

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

**2. God has power for our lives.**



**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**