

Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



Week 3, Term 2, 2013
23rd May 2013

Dear Parents / Caregivers, Whanau,
Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Walkathon last week. It was great to see the effort the children put into their walk and to feel the sense of community as parents chatted with one another and the children along the way.

This year the focus of our teachers' professional development is Maths. We have an advisor who will regularly come into our classrooms throughout the year, helping us to build upon the good things we already do. One thing that families can do in this area to support their child's understanding in Maths, is to ask them how they have solved a problem. There are about 5 different ways (strategies) we teach for solving addition and subtraction problems, for example, and the children learn each of these as they progress through the Maths programme. By asking them what numbers popped into their head to solve the problem, they are having to articulate and justify how they reached their answer. This then helps the process to become more automatic when solving future problems. Try it over the tea table tonight!

Later in the newsletter you'll find out the details about the Cross Country next Friday. We'd love to see you there.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki

God bless,
Bethany Rentoul.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES

Congratulations!

The following students received certificates this week:

Rm 1: Sahahna Anisy Oudemans– excellence in Maths

Rm 2: Isaiah Crooks–great learning in Maths

Rm 4: Phoebe Dutton– outstanding work in devotions

Vincent Wutama–great progress with Maths certificates

Rm 5: Elena Tafunaina and Shekinah Welford–taking risks in writing

School Jerseys and Jackets

Our students have been reminded to bring their jerseys and a jacket to school each day. The weather can be unpredictable and, while it may look fine in the morning, it can change and students need appropriate clothing for the winter terms.

We do not have a uniform jacket but students must wear their school jerseys underneath. If, for any reason, your child does not have the correct uniform eg socks, shoes, jersey etc, they need a note to explain why to their teacher.

Timaru Rural Schools' Cross Country

Next Friday, 31st May, our entire School will be participating in the Rural Schools' cross country event which will be held at Cannington School. We will be leaving school by bus at 10:45am and will return by the end of the school day. Please ensure that your child has sufficient food and water packed for the day. The course is over farm paddocks so sensible footwear is essential – no rugby boots or bare feet please. The race distances are as follows:

Year 1-2: 300 metres

Year 3-4: 1.5 kilometres

Year 5-6: 2.5 kilometres

Year 7-8: 3 kilometres

Walkathon Sponsorship Returns

Please return all walkathon sponsorship forms and money to the office as soon as possible. **Deadline is the 31st May.** Please return all forms whether you managed to get sponsorship or not. Thank you.

Absences and Attendance

Please ensure that your child arrives at school before 8.55 am each morning so they can be ready before the first bell rings. When a child is late it disrupts the class and can be unsettling for them at the start of the day. Please also remember a child should only be absent from school for sickness or bereavements, and the school office must be notified before 9 am (phone 688 1422 or text 027 751 2722).

School Camp

If you have not yet returned your permission form for camp, please do so asap.

'OTHER' NOTICES

Prayer Meetings

Please join us for prayer every Thursday at 9 am in the staffroom.

Basketball Draw

TCS Thunder vs Waihi Aces

Thurs 23rd May; 5:10 pm SBS Court 2

Duty Team 5:45 pm

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Uniform Shop

Please note that the uniform shop will be closed on Tuesday 28th May.

Procedure Review

This term we are reviewing the following procedures: Health Education, Appraisal, School Security, Asset Register, Staff Health and Safety.

All of these procedures are on our school's website, please take time to view them and send any feedback you have re: changes etc, to Bethany by the end of Week 5. If you do not have internet access, a hard copy can be viewed at the school office. We will be sending out a survey regarding our Health Education programme soon so you can have input into what we teach our students in this area.

Thank you

Thank you to Mr Earl who donated a picnic table to our school. It will get a lot of use.

Coffee Club

You are invited to meet at 19 Melton St (Stephanie's place) on Wednesday 29th May at 1.30pm for a cup of coffee and fellowship. All school parents and pre-schoolers welcome!

Ultra Fast Broadband

Cabling is being installed around the school for our new broadband. Please do take care around the school and surrounds as this continues.

Lost Jersey

Jordan Weaver's jersey (marked "Vincent") has gone missing. Please check your child's uniform items carefully to make sure they are not wearing another child's uniform.

Scholastic Book Club

The latest brochures are available from the school office. Return date is 31 May.

Roadworks

Fundraising



Buy Roadworks high visibility rainwear for your kids to help them stay dry, safe and seen; and help to raise funds for Timaru Christian School at the same time.

Roadworks gear is genuinely useful, practical, durable, ethical, high quality, and it looks cool so your kids will love wearing it. The school can make \$5 per item purchased (excludes back pack covers).

Go to: http://www.road-works.co.nz/?a_aid=TCS01

Make your purchase online. Choose the freight option called 'School Rewards' and your purchase will be delivered to the school in bulk; this is cheaper. You can also have your purchase delivered to an address of your choice, just choose the freight option for 'courier' or 'post' in the check out and you'll be charged for it. Make sure to follow the link above so that your purchase is tracked to our school so we get the benefit also. Feel free to pass it on to friends and relatives, the more the merrier.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Air Force Museum Holiday Programmes

These July school holidays, check out the Air Force Museum's own OSCAR holiday programme, titled 'Submarine Sea Adventure'. Also during the holidays, we will be running programmes for other holiday programmes' group visits, an online art competition, Scavenger Hunts and Air Force Adventure Tours; all for children aged 5-12 years. Please check out our website www.airforcemuseum.co.nz or call (03) 343 9504 for more information.

Rugby Holiday Programme

The Todd Mudie South Canterbury Rugby Holiday Programme will run during the second week of the July School Holidays. More information is available on the school notice board, and application forms are available at the school office.

Swim Timaru swimming club is holding a quiz night on the 28th May at the 'Sail' 7:30 pm. Come along and support our local swimmers and enter a team. \$40 per team. Entries to Amanda MacLeod 027 500 5003 by 25th May.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Two

- May 23rd** - BoT Meeting
- May 31st** - Rural schools cross country
- June 3rd** - Queen's birthday; school closed
- June 7th** - Hillview visit
- June 11th** - South Canterbury Cross Country
- {June 13th - Postponement date}*
- June 27th** - BoT Meeting
- July 4th** - PTA Meeting 7.30 pm
- July 12th** - End of Term 2

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