

Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



Week 4, Term 2, 2013
30th May 2013

Dear Parents / Caregivers, Whanau,
Well, it seems winter has hit this week. It's certainly cooler and there is a lot more sickness and coughs'n'colds about.

Yesterday the Leadership Council (a team of 9 senior students) and I visited three other local schools to see what they have in the way of school gardens. We were on a fact-finding mission and the team is now developing two proposals which the staff will consider over the next few weeks. There is a huge variety of types of gardens and their uses around schools and we want to find what will work best for TCS. We'll keep you posted.

Tomorrow is the Rural Schools Cross Country at Cannington School. We'll be travelling there and back by bus and hope to see many supporters at the event. Being a part of the Rural Schools Cluster gives us the opportunity to interact with a larger number and variety of students from the local area. I am always impressed by the way our students represent our school at those events in terms of their behaviour and attitude and I'm looking forward to more of the same tomorrow.

'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.' Philemon 3

God bless,
Bethany Rentoul.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES

Congratulations!

The following students received certificates this week:

Rm 1: Toa Dee – progressing leaps and bounds in reading

Rm 2: Millie Dutton, Emily Rentoul and Callum Sheard – a great week of learning!

Rm 4: Jordan Weaver – Maths progress and good choices in class

Taylor Batt and Kaylee Uys – writing progress

Rm 5: Jaydon Phillips and Callum Bowman – taking risks in writing

Walkathon Sponsorship Returns

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

Queen's Birthday Weekend

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday, 3rd June, for the Queen's Birthday.

Timaru Rural Schools' Cross Country

Tomorrow, 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.

Please note that children are not to be taken home from the cross-country venue, but are to be fetched from school at 3 pm. 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

Lunches

There will be no pie-warmer or Subway tomorrow due to the cross country event.

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.

School Camp

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

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). A note needs to be

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provided confirming the absence when your child returns to school.

'OTHER' NOTICES

Rural Buses

Due to a teacher only day at all Timaru High Schools, rural buses will **NOT** run on Friday 31st May. Primary school pupils on these buses will have to make their own travel arrangements on this day.

Any queries please get back to me.

Prayer Meetings

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

Basketball Draw

TCS Thunder vs Opihi

Thurs 30th May; 5:10 pm SBS Court 2

Duty Team 5:45 pm

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

Gifted Child?

Here's your chance to come and try out One Day School, New Zealand's longest running program for gifted learners. There will be two age-based sessions on Monday 17th June 2013 at Kendal School, 9.15am-12 midday for 6-8 years and 12.30-2.45pm for 9-12 years. The cost is \$35 per child. Places are limited and bookings are essential! For more information, or to book a place for your child, email Sandi on sandi.vanbarneveld@giftededucation.org.nz or phone 0274606065.

Football Coaching

Northern Hearts Football Club is offering a two day Professional Coaching Clinic during the July school holidays for boys and girls aged 5-14 years at the Aorangi Stadium on Thurs 18th and Fri 19th July. Entries close Friday 28th June 2013. \$50 for two days or \$30 for one day. See noticeboard for details.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Two

- 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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