

# Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



**Week 5, Term 2, 2013**

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

Dear Parents / Caregivers, Whanau,

This week Charter Schools officially got the green light from parliament. It is interesting to observe the way it has split groups for and against and the sorts of arguments we have heard. Unfortunately, some groups have characterised Charter Schools as places that will 'open the door to religious groups to teach Kiwi kids discriminatory practices, including that same sex marriage is wrong...and that evolutionary theories of science are wrong'. Such comments lump state-integrated Christian schools (such as our own) in with charter schools and are blind to the fact that we are effective, supportive learning communities which provide their students not only with the New Zealand Curriculum but with an ability to relate what they learn to God's Word and daily living, from a common Christian perspective. Every New Zealand school is required to consult their school, local and wider community to determine their unique values and then integrate those into their school's curriculum. We do the same thing, it's just that our values are biblically-based, not worldly-based. I'll be interested to see how this develops.

On Friday we will welcome Hillview Christian School Young Leaders who will be at our school for the day, teaching us exciting new skills. This is an event our students look forward to and another way we can develop positive relationships with other Christian schools.

God bless,  
Bethany Rentoul.

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES

### Walkathon Sponsorship Returns

Please return all walkathon sponsorship forms and money to the office as soon as possible.

### 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.

### Car-Park Safety

- Please observe the 7 km/h speed limit in the school grounds at all times.
- Only parents of children in Rooms 1 and 2 may park in the spaces closest to the island in the main car park.
- Please discuss with your child the car-park safety guidelines attached to this newsletter.

### 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 provided confirming the absence when your child returns to school.**

## 'OTHER' NOTICES

### Prayer Meetings

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

### Basketball Draw

TCS Thunder vs Wai Lakers  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June; 7.30 pm SBS Court 2

### Lost Jersey

Brya Macartney's named jersey has gone missing. Please check your child's uniform items carefully to make sure they are not wearing another child's uniform.

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## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> and Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July. Entries close Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013. \$50 for two days or \$30 for one day. See noticeboard for details.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term Two

- June 7<sup>th</sup> - Hillview visit
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - South Canterbury Cross Country
- {June 13<sup>th</sup> - Postponement date}
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - BoT Meeting
- July 4<sup>th</sup> - PTA Meeting 7.30 pm
- July 12<sup>th</sup> - End of Term 2

# John Mackay In Timaru

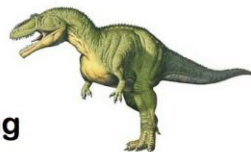


Monday & Tuesday  
24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June 7pm

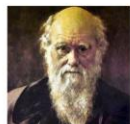
At Mountainview High School Auditorium –  
67 Pages Rd, Timaru (*Gold coin donation entry please*)

### 2 Topics

➤ **Dinosaurs and Dragons**  
..the evidence the Bible  
is true from the beginning



➤ **Demolishing Dawkins and Darwin**



***Time for Questions each night***

**DVD's for sale on the night**

John Mackay is the director of Creation Research in Australia and along with Ken Ham started the Creation Science work in Australia. John has appeared widely on TV around the globe and is host to many documentaries and winner of many debates. His latest very popular TV documentary (2012) is 'Time's up Darwin'

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