

Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



Week 1, Term 3, 2013
1st August 2013

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Welcome to Term 3! We have enjoyed a really positive start to the term with lots of happy children and adults around.

This term we are learning about our Place and Environment as we consider Sustainability and our role in caring for God's world. Along similar lines, we begin shaping our school gardens in the next couple of weeks. We are currently trying to source screened soil and fruit trees to plant next week. Then we add the compost before planting vegetables at the end of the month. The Student Leadership Council has been surveying the students about what they want to plant and working out where the gardens will be. Thank you to them for their hard work.

The morning interchange programme between Rooms 1-4 has started off really well. When I have popped in for visits, the students have been focused and enjoying their activities and the teachers have been enjoying having more time for each student with lower numbers in each class. Please remember you are always welcome to pop in with any questions you may have. Our children benefit the most when we work together.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki.
God is watching over you.

Bethany Rentoul
Principal

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES

Congratulations!

The following students received certificates this week:

Rm 4: Hope Wilson and Paualily Anisy Oudemans – good work in persuasive writing
Aaron Clevly – thinking more about his work to improve it

Aroha Wilson was awarded a certificate for placing 3rd in the Year 5/6 South Canterbury Cross country team.

Picking up your child

If you are sending someone different to collect your child, a simple safety tool is using a password. Tell your child a simple word they can remember. When someone comes to pick them up, other than yourself,

your child can ask them what the password is. If you haven't told that adult what the password is, your child knows not to go with them. It's a good way of keeping our children safe.

Swimming – Term 3

This term our Year 3-6 students will be taking part in the council's *Learn-to-Swim* programme that is offered to students in our local area. We have been informed the lessons will be taught in a two-week block (swimming for ten days in a row) in weeks 5 and 6. Years 1, 2, 7 and 8 will continue with their regular programme at school. They will not have swimming lessons in Term 3.

Ladies Dessert and Fun Night

A reminder to please sell the tickets for the Ladies Night and bring in the money to the office as soon as possible. Please text Anne on 027 2990202 if you have any queries. Also, please bring the spot prizes to the office too; we have a box ready and waiting. We would really like you all to get behind this. It is a great opportunity to fundraise and have fun at the same time.

'OTHER' NOTICES

Prayer Meetings

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

Netball Draw

TCS vs Bluestone Stars
Saturday 13th July; 11.00 am RM/QBE Court 12

Scholastic Book Club

Catalogues are available from the office. The return date is 23rd August.

New child restraint laws to improve safety

New rules to improve the safety of child passengers will come into force later this year. From 1 November the mandatory use of child restraints in vehicles will be extended by two years, with all children required to be correctly secured in an approved restraint until their seventh birthday.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mainly Music

Mainly Music is meeting at Timaru Christian School on Tuesday mornings in the library. They would love to see mums and children coming along! Contact Bethany for more info.

Lost

Sarah Purcell's named jersey is missing. Please check your child's uniform items carefully to make sure they are wearing their own things.

Wanted

Gardener ASAP small jobs, good payment, prefer someone with experience in gardening. Please phone Sandra for more details Ph 0278144780.

Dance Lessons

Step Up 4 Dance hip hop lessons with Chantelle commences next week Monday 5th August. A variety of classes available each day for 3yr olds up to adults. Join in with the fit, fun and funky dance lessons by booking a spot in a class by email: stepup4dance@hotmail.co.nz or telephone: 036887071 or 0275885384. First lesson is free.

Snap Fitness Angrybirds colouring competition

Bring your finished picture into SNAP by 3 August to be in to win!

SPECIAL offer for parents joining SNAPFITNESS in July & August-

- No Joining Fee
- Membership ONLY \$ 11.71 per week
- Free quickstart programs
- No contracts

Come into SNAP and try the gym for 7 days FREE!

Pony Rides

Pony rides will be available in Spring in the Scenic Reserve on Saturday and Sunday afternoons (weather permitting). The cost is \$5.00 per ride. The horses Nhareem and Zivana are very quiet to ride and are now retired from endurance riding - look for the pony rides sign. Safety helmets will be provided. Nhareem and Zivana can also be hired out for group bookings and birthday parties held at the scenic reserve. For more information, contact Linda Pullar on 684 3030 or 027 291 0356.

Term Three

- Aug 8th** - PTA Meeting
- Aug 22nd** - BoT Meeting
- Aug 24th** - Ladies' Dessert and Fun Evening
- Sept 19th** - BoT Meeting
- Sept 23rd** - Anniversary Day
- Sept 27th** - End of Term 3



Ladies Dessert and Fun Evening
24th August 2013
Life Church Timaru
7pm for 7:30pm

Movie **\$10**

Fun & laughter Coffee, tea, hot chocolate

SPOT PRIZES Yummy cake

Please bring this ticket on night TCS Fundraiser please support



IMPORTANT DATES

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