

Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



Week 2, Term 4, 2013

24th October 2013

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

This time next week we'll be at Raincliff learning about all things bug-like. We're looking forward to a great time together, the first camp for some children and the last primary school camp for others. Understandably, there may be a few worried mums and dads back at home. If you want to check up on how your child is going, feel free to call the school's cellphone for an update and put the family night in your diary for Thursday at 6pm (see map). (Remember to bring along something to put on the BBQ too.)

On Monday we enjoyed a visit from Mr Crosbie, the principal of Bethlehem College near Tauranga. He came to learn about us and the things we do. It was great being able to take him around the school, share our news and introduce him to the students before he went to represent us and other Christian schools at the NZACS meeting in Christchurch. It is a special thing, being part of a wider Christian schools network.

We have a quiz night being planned by the PTA soon, another way for us to spend time together informally as a school community. I would encourage you all to get a team together and register soon.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

God bless,
Bethany Rentoul
Principal



IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES

Congratulations

Well done to the following students who earned certificates this week:

Zach MacMillan – great sentence and story writing
Anuscka Zwiendelaar – top effort in Maths
Brya Macartney – excellent writing effort
David Keen – excellent Maths strategies
Abigail Waldron – completing work so fully
Aaron Clevely – great start in Topic Studies
Mikele Horne – great start in Maths
Adi McGoon – good start to school
Liam Miskelly – pushing himself in sports
Mala McGoon – great start and good work ethic
Well done to the TCS Hurricanes Year 5/6 basketball team on their win against Highfield Hotshots this week.

Beating Bullying

Last term our Year 4-8 students met for several sessions to discuss and learn about what bullying is and looks like. We came up with a definition and discussed the key feature of bullying being that it is when someone regularly picks on someone else. We spoke about the fact that bullying can occur between people of all ages. We also discovered that sometimes we are trying to have 'fun' but others think it is bullying. We have to be sensitive to what others think about our actions. Below is a list of steps we came up with together to deal with a bullying situation if it arises. Our next step is to make sure that we are being good friends.

Beating Bullying

Our definition

A bully is someone who is regularly out to physically, socially, mentally or verbally hurt someone. They could be older, younger, shorter or taller than you. They could come in any shape, colour or size, they could even be just like you.

What to do if you experience bullying

- 1 Tell them to stop. (I don't like it! Why are you doing this?)**
- 2 Ignore them and take deep breaths.**
- 3 Tell them you will tell an adult. If they don't stop – do it!**
- 4 Stay away from them.**
- 5 Pray for them.**

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Swimming

As a whole school we begin our swimming lessons again in Week 4. If you can help with a swimming group, please contact Mr Phillips or the office.

Uniform Shop Helper

The PTA are looking for someone to run the uniform shop in 2014. It involves keeping books, ordering and opening the shop for half an hour per week. Full training will be given. Please let the office know if you are available and we'll get you in contact with the right people.

Athletics

Our Rural Schools Athletics will be held at Aorangi Cricket Oval and Stadium on Friday 8th November (pp 22nd November). All Junior students (those who were under 8 years on the 1st January 2013) will need to be at the Cricket Oval by 9am. They will be finished their events at 12:30pm and can be collected at this time. If they are not picked up by then they will be taken and supervised at the stadium. They must be collected by 2pm. All Senior students (those who were aged 8 years or older on the 1st January 2013) need to be at the Stadium by 9am. They will be finished by 2pm and must be collected from the Stadium at that time.

Students must wear their school sports uniform in Years 5-8. Your child will need to bring along a sunhat, warm clothing eg trackpants, jacket, a packed lunch and a drink bottle with water in it.

Parents, family and friends are warmly invited to come and watch the events. Please make sure you tell your child's teacher before you take him/her home.

'OTHER' NOTICES

PTA Community Quiz Night

The PTA is hosting a Community Quiz Night on the 15th November at school. It costs \$20 per team of 4 and nibbles will be provided. Register your team with Dougal, 688 8008. Team money should be given to the school office by the 11th November.

School Photos

We have school photos tomorrow. Please ensure your child is wearing his/her correct school uniform. Individual, class, sibling and sports team photos will be taken. Anyone who has been in a school sports team must please bring their sports uniform.

Bus Run

A group of parents borrow the school van to transport their children in to school each day from Temuka. Next year there will be spare seats in the van. If you live on the outskirts of Timaru, on the way to Temuka, and would like your child to travel to school and/or home each day in the van, please contact the school office to leave your details, as soon as possible.

Prayer Meetings

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

Basketball Draw

TCS Hurricanes vs Barton Rural Ballers
Tues 29th Oct, 4.35 pm, STEC Court 1

Lost Jersey

Abigail Waldron's named jersey has gone missing. Please check your child's uniform items carefully to make sure they are wearing their own uniform.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Three/Four

- Oct 25th - School Photos
- Oct 28th - Labour Day (School closed)
- Oct 30th - Camp at Raincliff
- Oct 31st - Camp at Raincliff
- Nov 1st - Camp at Raincliff (home by 3 pm)
- Nov 5th - Welcoming new parents afternoon tea
- Nov 7th - Swimming
- Nov 7th - BoT Meeting
- Nov 7th - Roncalli Assessment Day
- Nov 8th - Rural Schools Athletics (pp 22nd Nov)
- Nov 14th - Swimming
- Nov 14th - Mountainview Testing Day
- Nov 15th - PTA Quiz Evening
- Nov 21st - Swimming
- Nov 28th - Swimming
- Nov 28th - PTA Meeting
- Dec 3rd - SC Athletics (pp 5th Dec)
- Dec 5th - Swimming
- Dec 5th - BoT Meeting
- Dec 12th - Swimming
- Dec 13th - Prizegiving
- Dec 16th - Fun Day at the Bay (End of Term 4)