

Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



Week 7, Term 4
28th November 2013

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

It's interesting to listen to all the discussion in the media regarding health education and the new resources being sent out to schools. Phil Harding, the president of the Principal's Federation, pointed out in an interview on TV this morning that most of the things that are being proposed are already taught in schools, e.g. brushing teeth, keeping clean etc. The great thing about the way the NZ Curriculum is designed is that schools have a choice about what they teach, based on the needs and beliefs of their own school communities. For the Health curriculum, we are required to consult parents about what we teach every two years. We did so last year and we will do so again next year. At TCS our Christian beliefs impact everything that we teach and learn so you can be assured that there will be no surprises in the classroom, regardless of the resources being distributed by different community organisations.

Have a great week.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

God bless,
Bethany Rentoul
Principal

Congratulations

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

Amane Middlemass, Abigail Waldron and Bradley Chisholm – great improvement in spelling over the year

Ashley Earl-Goulet and Tafu Tafunaina – good work with word meanings.

Jemima Kartolo and Mala McGoon – maintaining a good work ethic.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES

Suggestion Box

From time to time we get some really good suggestions from students and parents about things we could do around our school. In the interest of ensuring we don't miss out on any of these great ideas, we now have a suggestion box at the school office. If you would like to share an idea for TCS, please fill out a form and post it in the box.

End of Year Prizegiving

Our end-of-year prizegiving begins at 6pm and will finish with a shared supper. We ask that every family brings a plate of finger food to share (nothing that needs to be heated please). Children will need to be in their classrooms, in full school uniform, at 5.45 pm.

Head lice

We've had one reported case of head lice on a student, so please check your child's scalp carefully for lice and treat accordingly if found. Thank you!

Uniform Shop Helper

The PTA is 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 put you in contact with the right people.

South Canterbury Athletics

We need one parent to be an official at the athletics to be held on Dec 3rd (pp Dec 5th) from 9 am. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

School Uniform

Parents are reminded that children need to be wearing the correct school uniform at all times please, including appropriate hair accessories for girls. There is a full policy regarding uniforms on the school's website under "important documents".

Lost Property

Please check your child's jersey in case he/she has mistakenly picked up one labelled 'Sheard'.

Please check at home to see if a stainless steel, aqua coloured drink bottle with a white horse accidentally came home with your child. It may or may not be named "Laursen".

We have a very large number of unnamed items in the lost property. Please take time to look through this as it will be donated elsewhere at the end of this week.

'OTHER' NOTICES

Holiday Programmes

We have information for the "Active Kids" and "YMCA" holiday programmes. If you would like details, please e-mail the office or go on-line to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz or www.ymcasc.org.nz/kids.

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Carpet Cleaner Sought

If anyone has a carpet cleaning machine that can be made available to the school for a few days, please contact the office.

Prayer Meetings

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

Basketball Draw

TCS Hurricanes vs Beaconsfield Heat
Tues 4th Dec, 5.10 pm, STEC Court 2



Facebook

Don't forget to find us on Facebook – we regularly post photos and updates.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Postie Shop

Black and blue bike shorts are now available for girls from Postie, at \$11 each.

Swim Timaru

The Chocolate Fish "Have a Go" swim series runs on the first Wed of every month from 7pm to 8pm (4th Dec, 5th Feb, 5th March, 2nd April) at CBay. Registration from 6:30pm-6:50pm. Anyone is welcome, especially any "learn to swim" children and anyone wanting to try out swimming. Cost: \$3 per swimmer for the evening. There will be some normal races, fun races, and relays. For any queries contact: Anne Uys 686 1505

BronzBeat Studio of Dance

'UnReal' Concert. 7th Dec. 6.30pm. Tickets from studio or door sales available. Contact Bronwyn 021 155 9692 or bronwyn@bronzbeat.co.nz. Come along, have some fun and see what we are all about.

Saving lives, it's in our Blood...

NZ Blood Service will be at Sopheze on the Bay, Caroline Bay - Wed 18th Dec 1.30pm to 6.30pm and Thurs 19th Dec 7.30am to 10.30am. We welcome donors from all the surrounding communities. Appointments are BEST. Phone 0800 GIVE BLOOD or www.nzblood.co.nz to make your appointment.

Methven Summer School Festival

Grab a bargain! Buy a course and get a second course at half price. Call 0800 12 46 36 or e-mail info@methvensummerschoolfestival.co.nz. Offer

closes Sunday 8th December. For info on courses see www.methvensummerschoolfestival.co.nz.

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CHRISTMAS WINDOW OPENING
FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER
4.30pm - 6.00pm

festive fun FOR THE CHILDREN
BALLANTYNES CHRISTMAS WINDOW
UNVEILING. ACTIVITIES START AT 4.30PM

What's behind the curtains this year?
Our traditional window displays in Stafford Street, Timaru are a joy for young and old alike. Activities start at 4.30pm with a charity sausage sizzle, Timaru Brass Band, children's entertainment including Carrot & Pickle, a balloon artist. The store will remain open until 6.30pm.

CHILDREN'S DRESS UP COMPETITION
Make sure your little ones dress up as their favourite character and enter our dress up competition on the day.

GREAT PRIZES FOR THOSE UNDER 5 YEARS,
5-8 YEARS AND OVER 8 YEARS.
The best dressed will be judged by Port FM
and announced on the night.

Upper Stafford street will be closed for the evening.
Contact: us on 036845089.

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CHRISTMAS

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Music lessons 2014

Musiqhub tutor, John Willers, is now taking enrolments for students at Timaru Christian School wanting to start music in 2014. Guitar, drums, trumpet, clarinet, saxophone and flute are some of the instruments available for tuition. Or how about the banjo for something different? You can contact John for more details – 686 6620, 027 825 4658, email: john.willers@musiqhub.co.nz or visit the Musiqhub website: www.musiqhub.co.nz

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Four

- Dec 3rd - SC Athletics (pp 5th Dec)
- Dec 5th - Swimming
- Dec 5th - BoT Meeting
- Dec 12th - Swimming
- Dec 13th - Prizegiving, 6 pm
- Dec 16th - Fun Day at the Bay (End of Term 4)

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