

Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



Week 8, Term 4
5th December 2013

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

With only one more full week of school left for the year I have been looking through the photos on facebook and at school, reflecting on the things we have done in 2013. By doing that it is obvious that our school continues to be very blessed and we have so much to be thankful for. It's something that we need to constantly remind ourselves and our children of. When things feel like they are falling to pieces around us or the walls are closing in, it's easy to miss the fact that God continues to wait by our side, ready for our call, and that we have that wonderful hope of an eternal future with Him. It's big picture thinking. It's also something that we all have in common at TCS – what a great basis by which to build relationships within our school community.

On 5th February we are keeping our school open and inviting our school families to join us for a camp-out on the fields. From 4pm you are welcome to pitch tents; we'll enjoy the evening together and then families can leave by 10am the next morning. It will be Waitangi Day so you won't have to be up for work early that morning. I would encourage you to put it on your calendar so we can start the year off meeting as a school family.

Please remember that we have MMM coming to start painting the school exteriors on 14th January. If you are good with a brush, please come along and help so we can work alongside these wonderful volunteers to make our buildings look as good all around as they do at the entrance now.

May God give you a glimpse of His blessings in this coming week.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

God bless,
Bethany Rentoul
Principal

Congratulations

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

Emily Rentoul – Good descriptive writing

Tristyn McEwen – Great effort in reading

Tilly Chapman – Top effort in writing and reading

David Keen – Fantastic recount writing and use of similes

Peter Tafunaina – Showing excellent work ethic and leadership abilities

Daniel Deam – great improvement in participating in PE games

Kaylee Uys – super work with reading activities

Josiah Tucker – Being responsive to other students' needs

Liam Miskelly – Excellent work level and high work ethic

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES

Christmas Gift Drive

Thanks for the great response so far for the Christmas Gift drive. If you've not yet dropped off a gift (wrapped and labeled with a target recipient) for an underprivileged person, it's not too late!

Thank You

Next year we are going to have weekly sausage sizzles to raise funds for overseas causes. The Awakening Church has been very generous in allowing us to have their BBQ for cooking up the food. This is such a blessing and we are looking forward to being a blessing to others. More details about ordering at the start of next year.

Year 7/8 Golf Tournament

As part of our Kiwisport programme, our Year 7 & 8 students will be taking part in a Golf Tournament against Beaconsfield and St Andrews, at the St Andrews Golf Course on Thursday 12th December. It begins at 11 am and finishes at 1 pm. Students will be travelling in the school van and two cars. If you do not wish for your child to take part in this, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

South Canterbury Athletics Results

Congratulations to our team who represented the Rural Schools Cluster at the South Canterbury Athletics on Tuesday. Adi McGoon achieved 2nd in the Under 10 years Sprints and Jaydon Phillips was 2nd in the 11 years and older Shotput. A great effort!

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.

Mobile Missionary Maintenance

The team from MMM is coming to paint our school FOR FREE in January. As a school community we

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would like to show our appreciation and hospitality by providing morning tea/afternoon tea and lunch, Monday to Friday while they are here.

We require:

1. Biscuits, crackers and baked goods that can be frozen e.g. muffins. There will be a basket outside the library from today until the end of the term (which will be cleared each day) for these items.
2. Help with lunches. Offers to make a lunch, be on roster or contribute something, such as a pizza or savouries. There is a notebook tied to the basket outside the library in which to write your name and phone number and what you would like to do to help. If you need more information please contact Stephanie on 688 5711 or 0274 337 987. Every little bit helps and is gratefully accepted. Thanks so much! For more info see www.mmm.org.nz.

'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.

TeeBall

Tomorrow's game will be played on Diamond 7.

Prayer Meetings

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

Facebook

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Musiqhub – Let's Rock!

During the school holidays grab your guitar and come along and learn some of the popular rock and pop songs from the 1960's through to today's current songs. This 3-day workshop is ideal for guitar players who just want to play and have fun. Young and old guitarists welcome. For more details, or to book your place, contact John Willers on 686 6620, 027 825 4658 or john.willers@musiqhub.co.nz.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Four

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



**Kevin Hessel
School of Swimming**

Enrolling now for School Holiday Program.
\$100.00 for either 5 x 40 minute block lessons or
10 x 20 minute block lessons. Running from 23rd
December 2013 to 24 January 2014.
Also taking enrolments for Term 1, 2014 After
School Classes.
CALL NOW 027-930-9770 or 03684 8895
to discuss days that suit you!



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