

# Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



**Week 9, Term 4**  
**12<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

As a teacher, this time of year is the most exciting for me; not because I'm about to go on holiday for 6 weeks, but because it's the time when I reflect on my teaching and think of better ways to do things in the coming year, new resources I can use and interesting experiences I can expose the students to. As a principal, I enjoy this time of year for the same reason. I love taking what we've done and accomplished this year and thinking of creative, meaningful ways we can build upon the successes and blessings we've experienced over the past 12 months. Some of the great things I've appreciated this year have been made possible by our parent volunteers who we thanked this week. When we each offer our talents and time to our children and school, we are demonstrating what it is like to be part of a community and (at our school) part of the body of Christ. We are modelling to our children the importance of working together in a God-honouring way, using the different skills and abilities He has blessed us with, and hope that they too will act in such a way as they grow and mature.

I'm looking forward to tomorrow evening's prizegiving, a time when we celebrate the achievements of our students and spend time together as a school community. See you there!

*Ma te Atua e manaaki*

God bless,  
Bethany Rentoul  
Principal

## Congratulations

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

**Gabby Wutama** – exceeding her spelling target  
**Kie Middlemass, April Omelvena, Heidi Uys, Clarabelle Strauss, Dinnay Phillips, Kaylee Uys, Laetitia Manson, Ashley Earl-Goulet, Hannah Rentoul, Tayla Cvitanich, Amane Middlemass, Mikele Horne, Casey Brosnahan, Abigail Waldron and Paualily Anisy Oudemans** for choir participation.  
**Adi McGoon, Harrison Gillespie** – good work in devotions  
**Jaydon Phillips, Josiah Tucker** – extraordinary bowling

## **IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES**

### First Day of Term One

Our 2014 school year begins on Monday 3rd February at 9am.

### Change of Lunchtime Hours

Next year we are changing our timetable. Our first session will run from 9:00-10:40am, our second session runs from 11:00-12:30pm, and our afternoon session will run from 1:30-3:00pm. The change allows us to have more time to focus on core curriculum (Reading, Writing and Maths) in the mornings. During our lunchtimes we will have options each day for children to take part in e.g. junior sports, senior sports, extension programmes, choir etc.

### Prizegiving

Please ensure your child is at school, in his/her school uniform, by 5:45pm tomorrow night. They need to go to their classroom to prepare for their class item. The prizegiving begins at 6:00pm 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).

### Holidays

During the holidays (17<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> February) the school office will be closed. If you wish to get hold of any of the staff, please leave a message on the school's answer-phone (688 1422). It will be cleared every few days. Alternatively, you can email Bethany on [principal@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:principal@timaruchristian.school.nz).

### Fun Day at the Bay – Monday 16th December

On Monday we will be celebrating the end of the year, as a school, at Caroline Bay. Please drop your child off to the playground at Caroline Bay by 9am. He/she will need a packed lunch, water bottle, sunhat and jacket. Children are not required to wear their uniforms; they will need clothes which are suitable for running around. Families are welcome to join us for lunch at 1pm under the shade by the playground and students can be picked up at 1:30pm. If your child is not picked up at this time, they will be transported back to school and will need to be collected by 3pm.

If the weather is unsuitable we will post a message on our facebook page and school answerphone by 8am. In that case, children are to come to school for their activities. We will still have a shared lunch and children will still be able to be collected from 1:30pm.

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## Library Books

Can all library books please be returned to TCS Library as soon as possible. No further books will be issued this year. Please also check for any readers that may be at home.

## Mobile Missionary Maintenance

The team from MMM is coming to paint our school FOR FREE in January (13<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>). As a school community we 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.
2. Help with lunches. Offers to make a lunch, be on roster or contribute something, such as a pizza or savouries.

Please contact Stephanie on 688 5711 or 0274 337 987 with offers to help or for more info. Every little bit helps and is gratefully accepted. Thanks so much!  
For more info see [www.mmm.org.nz](http://www.mmm.org.nz).

## 'OTHER' NOTICES

### Homeless dishes

If you have left dishes/bowls/containers at the school over the last while, please be sure to collect them. There will be a display of items to view outside the library after tomorrow night's Prizegiving. Whatever remains will be donated to the Salvation Army. Thanks!

### 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](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz) or [www.ymcasc.org.nz/kids](http://www.ymcasc.org.nz/kids).

### Subway

Next year the prices for Subway will be increasing. The 6-inch will now be \$5 and the foot-long will be \$9.

### 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

### Discover the Bible Board Game

This Bible Game was locally designed and illustrated and has received very positive feedback from those who have bought and played it (see <http://discoverthebible.co.nz>). It has been selling at over \$40 each but I am keen to reduce my stock so it is now \$30 each - (delivery or pick up to be arranged). Please email Matt Cameron on [mattyc.timaru@gmail.com](mailto:mattyc.timaru@gmail.com) or phone/text 027 684 4071. It would make a great gift and holiday/family activity.



### **END OF YEAR CONCERT**

At Mountainview High School, this Saturday 7-9pm and again on Sunday 12-2pm & 7-9pm.

Book Tickets: [www.1-night.co.nz](http://www.1-night.co.nz) or door sales only \$18. Led by Bailey Dunnage and Bry Rooney.

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

NZ Blood Service will be at Sopheze on the Bay, Caroline Bay - Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm to 6.30pm and Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nzblood.co.nz) to make your appointment.



### Christmas Lights Drive Through

Life Church, Morgans Road  
20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Dec from 9:00 to 11:00pm

Crafts for kids to make.  
Real, live Nativity scene.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term Four

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** - Prizegiving, 6 pm

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** - Fun Day at the Bay (End of Term 4)

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014** - Start of Term 1

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup>** - Camp Out

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