

Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



Week 2, Term 1
13th February 2014

Dear Parents/Community/Whanau
It was a great start to the school year last week, spending time together at the School Community Tea and Camp-

Out. I really enjoy getting to know something new about each family at these sorts of events.

As a Christian community, we are all very aware that God designed us to live in community with one another. We know that we each have gifts and abilities which can be shared, for God's glory, with others. Sometimes we forget that by not working together and sharing our talents we are depriving others of benefiting fully from all the wonderful blessings God has in store for us. One example I was given at a worship workshop many years ago, is that of singing in church. If someone decides they don't like a particular song and so don't take part, they are stopping the congregation as a whole from experiencing a fuller worship experience. Now, I'm not trying to say that you all have to sing every song every Sunday, just to consider that, even when we don't feel like doing something with or for others, taking that step out and doing it anyway enables us to be used in ways we possibly hadn't before imagined. 1 Peter 4:10 says, 'Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.' What is one way you could model to your children, stepping out and serving others this week?

Ma te Atua e manaaki

God Bless,
Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations

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

Marlena Sauerland – learning so much English in the holidays

Jimmy Kitchen – an awesome start to the year

Isaiah Crooks – getting on with his work and staying on task

Daniel Kitchen – Super first week and great work on Auckland holiday story

Kaela Macartney – Excellent work on holiday story and use of descriptive words

Peter Tafunaina – Being responsible with work and staying on task.

Nikita Kitchen and **Michelle Andrews** – settling well into the new class and school.

Scripture Focus Term One

This term our overarching concept is 'We all have a responsibility to make a positive contribution to families, society and beyond.' (Citizenship). This is being taught through a range of topics in the classrooms; please take time to ask your child what they have been doing in their Topic studies.

Our Scripture programme starts off looking at Jonah in Weeks 2-3, then Daniel in Weeks 4-6, before we focus on Jesus the King from Week 7 onwards. We introduce the topic or Scripture passage during Chapel on Monday mornings and then look deeper into it during the week in class.

Sausage Sizzle

This week we started offering a sausage sizzle every Wednesday at school. Children can order their sausage before school for \$2 per sausage (bread and sauce included) and all profits raised will be donated to the Shelterbox project which is run by Rotary International. Each shelterbox costs \$1500 and provides a family tent for up to 10 people and the basic resources required for living when disaster has struck a region. You can learn more about them at <http://www.shelterbox.org.nz/>.

We want to extend our students' focus for serving towards the wider international community. Once we raise enough for one shelterbox, our Young Leaders will work out what organization we should support next.

Prayer Meetings

The Thursday morning prayer meetings continue (9 am in the staffroom). If you have any prayer items or requests, please let us know and we can write them into the book.

T-Ball

This week's game will be played on Diamond 7.

Jump Jam

This year it would be great to enter a team in the Jump Jam competition which is being held in June. This involves selecting a Jump Jam song with the actions provided, teaching it to a group of keen students, making some adaptations so it becomes our own, working out costumes and watching them perform at the Theatre Royal. There is training available for coaches and teams in May. If you have the time and talents, please let us know at the office as soon as possible.

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PTA Meeting and AGM

All parents are invited to attend the AGM at 7.30 pm on Thursday 20th February and then the regular PTA meeting following at 8 pm. This is a great way to get involved. The long-standing members would love to see new people getting on board!

Term One Calendar

13th Feb – Swimming
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18th Feb – Year 7/8 Boys' Cricket Team Tournament
20th Feb – Swimming;
PTA AGM 7:30pm
PTA Meeting 8 pm
27th Feb - Swimming
3rd Mar – ERO visiting the school this week
6th Mar – PAL workshop (Senior Student Leaders)
11th Mar – Year 5/6 Rural Schools Golf Tournament
18th Mar – Ki o rahi training – Young Leaders
25th Mar – South Canterbury Summer Tournament
1st & 2nd Apr – Parent-Teacher interviews
4th Apr – South Canterbury Swimming Competition
9th Apr – Year 7/8 Rural Schools Basketball Tournament
15th Apr – Rural Schools Ki o rahi tournament
17th Apr – End of Term One

Baby Bunnies

If you would like a bunny, please contact Mr Goulet (asap!)

For Sale

x3 Navy Shorts Size 10 @ \$10 each and 1 Jersey Size 87cm 34" @ \$25, Phone 0278144780

Gymnastics

The Timaru Gymnastics Club is now taking enrolments for 2014 classes for boys and girls 5 years and over. Existing and new members please phone:- Christine Caird 684 3221 or Betty McIver 684 7438. An Open Day will be held on Sunday 16th Feb 2-3 pm in the Celtic Hall, Cnr Craigie Ave and Browne St. All ages welcome.

Celtic Junior Rugby

Registration Days for 2014- Wednesday 26th February, 4pm-6pm & Sunday 2nd March, 10am-12pm, at Celtic Club Rooms, Craigie Avenue, Timaru. All new players to provide copy of Birth Certificate. Any enquiries please contact Simon Richards 0274570990 or Gill Taylor 6863299.

Kaye Blackham Dance Studio

Introductory Dance Workshops being held from 17th to 27th Feb for 5-10yrs boys & girls - TAP-JAZZ-DRAMA-SINGING - rhythm beats, co-ordination moves....plus much more....starting March NEW FUN BEGINNERS CLASSES

Focus is on learning dance routines in both Tap & Jazz - improves skills, co-ordination, listening & memory - Studio offers - Private lessons - boys only class ! - successful multi-skilled pupils who are constantly challenged...contact kaye4dance@yahoo.co.nz

PARENT to PARENT Greater Canterbury



Would you like:

- information on your child's disability, health impairment or special need
 - contact with a parent who has a child with a similar condition
 - to be part of our coffee groups and activities
- E-mail gtrcanterbury@parent2parent.org.nz or phone: 365 3239. Website: www.parent2parent.org.nz

Timaru School of Music

offers free tuition in small groups for strings, wind, brass, guitar and ukulele. Lessons are held after school. Hire instruments are available and a one-off fee of \$20 is payable. Phone 684 8479 or 684 4465 or email timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com

Children's Day 2014

For families looking for fun activities on Sunday 2 March, the ever popular Children's Day event is the place to be, at the Caroline Bay hall from 10am to 2pm.

This annual event will offer an array of events and activities that will keep families busy and will be a great opportunity for mums and dads to join in and do things with their children.

Step Up 4 Dance

Enrol in one of our fun filled hip hop dance classes for all ages. Lessons commence the week of Monday 10th February. First trial lesson is FREE! Come join us for the love of dance! for fitness or just for fun. For more information contact Chantelle on: 027 588 5384, (03) 688 7071 or stepup4dance@hotmail.co.nz.

Timaru Parents Centre
Tots & Toddlers
Gear Sale

10am - 12 noon
Sunday 6th April
at the Caroline Bay Hall

BUYERS
New & pre-loved
0-5 yr baby & kid's gear,
from: nappies, equipment,
clothes, furniture, books etc.
Down open to the public at 10am

Gold Coin entry per family

SELLERS
Clear out your surplus baby & toddler gear.
(0-5yrs only please) and make some money
20c fee per table you keep your sale proceeds
Tables must set up between
9:00am and 10:00am. Pack up after 12 noon

To book a table please
contact Melissa on
03 684 4041
OR
timaruparentscentre@gmail.com

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Sorry - No EFTPOS

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