

# Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



**Week 3, Term 1**  
**20<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Dear Parents/Community/Whanau  
One thing that can leave people feeling isolated is that feeling that

they aren't valued, aren't appreciated, or perhaps aren't even noticed. They can be surrounded by a room of people and still feel like the loneliest person in the world.

It is so important to me that every child at our school feels valued, that they are known by name, that they feel a part of a school community who cares for them. I try to do it by greeting them by name, asking them about things they've been doing, putting pictures of them on the wall, and acknowledging the wonderful variety of cultures at our school through posters and flags and songs. But, I wonder, if one of our children doesn't feel valued at a particular time, and I haven't noticed, whose job is it to 'love'? Is it just the job of the teachers? Does the responsibility lie with our school leaders and governors? Do parents have a part to play?

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34). It turns out ensuring that everyone feels a part of our school community is the responsibility of us all. I will do my best but trust that you are each there to 'fill in the gaps' and make up for my shortcomings. What is one way you could encourage your child to show God's love at school this week?

*Ma te Atua e manaaki*

God Bless,  
Bethany Rentoul

## **Congratulations**

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

**Ka'Sabiah Anisy Oudemans:** Listening and following instructions

**Faith Bruning:** Trying her best and working hard

**Genevieve Laursen:** Trying really hard and listening

**Harrison Gillespie, Paualily Anisy Oudemans** and

**Merric Manson:** Great progress in Maths certificates

**Nicholas Trounson-Harris** and **Mala McGoon:** Giving things a go and not giving up.

## **Written Language Curriculum Review Findings End 2013**

During our review of our Written Language programme towards the end of last year the following points were raised by staff, students and parents:

- We need to use community/local experts in written language learning more often
- Scriptural concepts/themes are sometimes integrated into the programme
- ICT is often incorporated into these learning programmes
- Students in all classes (Year 2-8) responded evenly across 'at times, often, all the time' for all areas. This indicates there are a wide range of feelings and skill levels in each class and teachers will need to continue to ensure they are all catered for.
- Most parent respondents do not know what their child is learning in this curriculum area.
- Approximately half of parent respondents encourage their child to write at home.
- Most parents are happy that their children are making good progress in spelling.
- Most parents are happy with the reporting they are receiving in this curriculum area.

### **Next steps/Future action:**

- We need to develop a school-wide spelling programme which is coherent and caters for a range of abilities. This will be created in line with school targets involving the Essential Spelling Lists and the school-wide spelling programme.
- Moderation of written language samples will occur at least twice per year with all staff
- School-wide written language tasks will be administered in the interest of providing a standardised test, twice per year
- We need to ensure parents know what topics are being covered in this curriculum area, through class newsletters and the Books Home programme.
- We need to let parents know how they can encourage their child to write and speak at home.

### **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/>.

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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.

## 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.

## PTA Meeting and AGM

All parents are invited to attend the AGM at 7.30 pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Swimming;

PTA AGM 7:30pm

PTA Meeting 8 pm

27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Swimming

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – ERO visiting the school this week

6<sup>th</sup> Mar – PAL workshop (Senior Student Leaders)

11<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 5/6 Rural Schools Golf Tournament

18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Ki o rahi training – Young Leaders

25<sup>th</sup> Mar – South Canterbury Summer Tournament

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr – Parent-Teacher interviews

4<sup>th</sup> Apr – South Canterbury Swimming Competition

9<sup>th</sup> Apr – Year 7/8 Rural Schools Basketball Tournament

15<sup>th</sup> Apr – Rural Schools Ki o rahi tournament

17<sup>th</sup> Apr – End of Term One

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtrcanterbury@parent2parent.org.nz) or phone: 365 3239. Website: [www.parent2parent.org.nz](http://www.parent2parent.org.nz)



### Timaru School of Music

Timaru School of Music offers tuition in small groups to primary aged children. We have vacancies in recorder, flute, clarinet, trumpet and guitar classes. A one-off fee of \$20 per child is payable at enrolment. Hire instruments are available at \$20 per term. Inquiries please phone 684 8479, 684 4465 or email [timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:stepup4dance@hotmail.co.nz).



**Great prizes** **Proceeds to charity** **Fancy dress** **"Do your thing"** **Family fun event** **All info online**

**Get your school moving to raise money for charity!**  
 Prepay for your entry wristbands online as a group. The school that has purchased the most (pro-rata) before **MARCH 1** will win the Rotary h2h Award.

Check out our group fundraising option. See you there

Full information go to: [www.h2h.org.nz](http://www.h2h.org.nz)

Organiser: Reese Hart, Timaru North Rotary Club  
 Phone: 688 2484, Email: [reesehart@farmside.co.nz](mailto:reesehart@farmside.co.nz) Find us on Facebook

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**HADLOW TO HARBOUR**  
**h2h**  
**FUN WALK, JOG, RUN**  
**March 9, 2014**



**Timaru Parents Centre**  
**Tots & Toddlers**  
**Gear Sale**

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

**BUYERS**  
 Here's pre loved 0-5 yr baby & kid's gear, toys, nursery equipment, clothes, strollers, bays etc...  
 Doors open to the public at 10am  
 Gold Coin entry per family

**SELLERS**  
 Clear out your surplus toy & toddler gear (0-5yr only please) and make some money!  
 To book a table please contact Melissa on 03 684 6041 OR [timaruparentscentre@gmail.com](mailto:timaruparentscentre@gmail.com)  
 \$20 fee per table you keep your sale proceeds.  
 Sellers must set up between 9:00am and 10:00am. Pack up after 12 noon.

**Sorry - No EFTPOS**