

Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



Week 2, Term 2
15th May 2014

Dear Parents/Community/Whanau
Last week I attended part of the South Canterbury Principals Association conference in Mount Cook. To be honest, getting to see the sun rise as I drove past Tekapo and watch the mountains out the conference room window all day, I didn't feel like it was a particularly hard day at the office. During the day we listened to three inspiring and thought-provoking speakers. One of them discussed national standards; where the push seems to have come from, and the targets the government is actually setting for our students. For us, at TCS, they are just a part of a much, much larger picture. The core curriculum subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths are essential for our learning across all areas but we believe a focus on a child's character and developing their gifts in all areas is equally important. It's just so much harder to measure. The joy is in getting to see a child discover that he/she is good at something they never knew they could do, or in watching them interact with peers and adults in a way which shows they care for others above themselves. We are fortunate in that our example is Christ and that, as our memory verse for this week says, "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

Ma te Atua e manaaki

God Bless,
Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations

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

Israel Dee: Top effort in writing and handwriting

Daniel Lagesse: Always working so hard

Clarabelle Strauss: Positive attitude and sharing ideas

David Keen: Excellent work in Maths certificates and staying on task in all areas

Adi McGoon: Great progress in spelling

Harrison Gillespie: Staying on task and making good choices

Cameron Barning and **Callum Bowman:** Working towards a perfect paragraph and developing Maths strategies.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Scooters

There are two scooters at the school which have been waiting to be claimed for about two months. If they are still at the school by the end of May we will be donating them.

Newspapers

Room 4 is looking for old newspapers for art class. If you have a stack to spare, please pass them on.

Curriculum Survey

Thank you to those families who have returned their curriculum surveys about Reading/Listening/Viewing. We really value your input and it does contribute towards what we are teaching and focusing on in class as we review and update our curriculum document following this feedback. All Year 2-8 students also get their say so we get a good idea of where we're at and where we need to be headed. If you haven't returned your survey (sent home in communication books last week), please do so by the 23rd May. Thanks.

Talent Quests

The Young Leaders are organising Talent Quests as a way to entertain and showcase the many gifts and abilities in our school. The competitions will be held in the school library at 12:30pm on the following dates:

Singing – 20th May

Musical Instruments – 3rd June

Dance – 10th June

Baking – 17th June

If your child has entered in one or more of the quests, they will receive a notice in their communication book a week or two ahead of the competition. All parents and school community members are welcome to come and watch and support our students in their performances.

A wonderful suggestion by one of our parents was to sell the baking to raise funds for a worthy cause. So, on the 17th June, any extra muffins, biscuits or cakes that are brought along by the contestants will be sold for 50 cents or \$1 per piece to other students. The funds raised will be used to bless a school in Fiji which Mrs Nareki will be visiting in July. It would be great to have lots of support for this. Any leftover food can be purchased at the end of the day when you collect your child from school.

Thanks to the Young Leaders for organising this series of quests.

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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.

Swimming

Our weekly swimming program for the whole school commences today (Week 2) and will continue until Week 9.

PTA Cheese Rolls Fundraiser

Please collect all money for cheese rolls in advance and return orders and money to the office by Monday 19 May.

Cheese rolls are freshly made in 1 dozen lots. They can be frozen. Families are responsible for picking up and delivering their own orders to people on their form. You can collect your orders from Life church between 2.00 and 3.00 on 24 May.

We will be making the Cheese Rolls on Saturday, 24 May from 8.30am to 3pm at Life Church, 134 Morgan's Road. Please mark the calendar and come help on the day.

Our cheese rolls are made with cheese, water and mild onion soup mix and taste great!

Thank you for your help with this fundraiser. We are buying sports equipment with the profits.

Any queries contact Carolyn Purcell on 686 0895 or 027 220 6575.

Shelterbox Fundraiser

The sausage sizzle (\$2 each) continues each Wednesday, with proceeds going towards the purchasing of a Shelterbox.

Basketball Draw, 15th May

4:00 pm: TCS Bolts v Grantleadowns Nets, Crt 1

4:35 Duty Team: TCS Bolts

6:55 pm: TCS Thunder v Waimataitai Lakers Crt2

Scholastic Book Club

New brochures available from the office for Scholastic book orders. Return date is 30th May.

Timaru Girls' High Open Day

Wednesday 21 May, 11 am – 12.30 pm starting in the Nora Dickie Hall. We warmly invite you to learn first-hand about the educational opportunities our school has to offer.

Term Two Calendar

15th May – Swimming

15th May – PTA Meeting, 7.30 pm

22nd May – Swimming

24th May – PTA Cheese Roll Making Day

27th May – Kids 4 Kids Concert

29th May – Swimming

29th May – Board Meeting

30th May – Rural Schools Cross Country

2nd June – Queen's Birthday (school closed)

5th June – Swimming

10th June – South Canterbury Cross Country

12th June – Swimming

13th June – Hillview Visit

19th June – Swimming

19th – 20th June – Life Education visit

24th – 25th June – Jump Jam Competition

26th June – Swimming

26th June – PTA Meeting

1st July – Reports sent home

3rd July – Swimming

3rd July – Board Meeting

4th July – Term 2 Ends

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BronzBeat Studio of Dance

Classes in Jazz and Hip Hop. From ages 3 and up. Syllabus and Non-Syllabus. Fun Classes, Awesome Teachers. Free Trial Lessons. Our students enjoy learning in a relaxed atmosphere. Mention this notice and get half price Hip Hop lessons for Term 2. Contact Bronwyn 021 155 9692 or bronwyn@bronzbeat.co.nz.

Maungati Trail Ride

Grange Hill. Sunday 18th May 9 – 3pm. Beaconsfield School PTA. Ph. Leanne 686 4796

Small Piano

Free to good home. Very good tune although condition is not perfect. Please contact Dougal on 688-8008 or 021-395-571.