



## From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau,

It is great to be back together again after a long break. I have really enjoyed hearing about the holiday adventures our students have had.

Welcome to Mr Pretorius who joins us as the Year 7/8 teacher and to a big group of new students who join us this year too. We are so excited to have you as part of our school family. Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

## Christ-centred School-wide Theme for the Term:



### PERSEVERANCE

#### Next week's memory verse:

Psalms 139:8-10

If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. (ESV)

## Reporting Changes

With National Standards no longer being reported on, we will be modifying our reporting timetable. We will continue to use many of the tools that helped us determine how students were progressing towards National Standards without actually measuring against the standards themselves.

Because students start school at different times of the year, we will still have 'interim' reports for junior students. When a child has attended school for 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 or 120 weeks, we will send home a written report at the end of that term. This means they will still have two written reports each year. The Year 4-10 students will continue to receive written reports at the end of Terms 2 and 4.

## Perseverance



Learners

## Servant Hearts



### Opportunities to serve

**Prayer Meetings** – one of the best things you can do for our school is to pray for it. A small group meets every Thursday from 9am to about 9:30am at school to pray for our school community. Everyone is welcome.

#### PTA AGM

Thursday 22 Feb 7.30pm, TCS staffroom. All welcome.

Nomination forms for elected positions available on the noticeboard or from the school office. Nominations close 3pm 21 Feb.

#### Art Resources Wanted

Mrs Z. is hopeful for donations of the following resources for some art projects in Teina Wha.

- empty cereal boxes
- blue or white wool



## Tonga Missions Team Sausage Sizzles

From next week, every Thursday we will be selling sausages and bread as a fundraiser for the Missions team. \$2 per sausage, orders taken outside the office before 9am.

## Servanthood



## Love



### Other important things to note:

**Chapel** – Our Chapel meetings will be held every second Monday (even weeks) at 2.30 pm in the school hall starting next week. Parents and family members are most welcome to join us.

**Swimming** – This starts next week for all students. Year 1-8 students will go on Thursday mornings, Year 9-10 students will go during their PE sessions (to be advised). Transport and pool entry costs will be put onto student activity expenses accounts.

**TeeBall** – all families involved in TeeBall in T4 2017, please be aware that the first game this season is on THIS Friday! See you all at Morrison Park at 4 pm.

## Grace



### Upcoming Events:

15 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Years 1-8; BoT Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Swimming Years 1-8; PTA Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 9-10 Camp
1 <sup>st</sup> March	TCS Swimming Sports
7-9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7-8 Camp
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Years 1-8
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Years 1-8
21 <sup>st</sup> March	PCT Challenge; Rural Schools Swimming
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Swimming Years 1-8
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Years 1-8
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming Years 1-8
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming Years 1-8
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 1 ends
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 2 begins

### Community Notices

**Gleniti Scout Group** - For girls and boys aged: Keas - 5 to 8, Cubs - 8 to 11 and Scouts - 11 to 14. There's something for every young person. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express your creativity and experience the wider world. If you think your child may be interested in Keas, Cubs or Scouts, please phone Rose ph 686 9888 for more information.

**Timaru School of Music** (Making music come alive) – We are offering these classes for 2018 Violin, Recorder, Viola, Oboe, Cello, Flute, Double Bass, Clarinet, Guitar (from age 8), Trumpet, Ukulele (from age 7), Cornet, Recorder Ensemble, Trombone, Orchestra. We provide free tuition for primary school aged children with experienced teachers and skilled musicians. Hire instruments are available at \$20 per term. A one-off enrolment fee of \$20 is payable plus the cost of tutor books. For enquiries email; timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com or phone Rosemary 022 405 2296 or Evelyn 615 5096.