



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau,

Our school is part of a Community of Learning called the Timaru South Kahui Ako. It consists of 8 of the schools in the Timaru area and a number of early childhood centres. The Timaru North Kahui Ako is similar in size and we will be working together on the same challenges as them. The aim is to encourage collaboration and sharing of knowledge across the centres, developing leadership opportunities for teachers and raising student achievement.

I was recently appointed to the role of Lead Principal for our Kahui Ako. This involves working on developing systems and liaising with others in the Kahui Ako for up to 2 days per week. I will aim to plan my visits to other centres on the same day each week in the interest of keeping consistency at TCS. My administrative tasks will be done here, at our school, one other day per week. When I am working on those tasks or off-site, Mr Phillips will be Acting Principal. He and I will be careful to ensure the school continues to run smoothly with no significant impact on the day-to-day running of TCS. We're looking forward to developing really positive partnerships with other schools as a result of this opportunity.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Christ-centred



School-wide Theme for the Term:

PERSEVERANCE

Next week's memory verse: James 1:2-3 (NIV)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Certificates – well done to the following students who received certificates this/ last week:

Edee Seifert and **Hyunu Lee** – welcome to TCS.

Emily Rentoul and **Tilly Chapman** for persevering with really tricky maths.

Evie Dalloway for her excitement and hard work in her self-portrait.

Annie Evans for stunning art work in her comic strips.

Petrah Samuela-Noa for awesome work on her homework tasks.

Anru Stoltz for being a helpful and caring member in the classroom.

Jean-Louis Rautenbach for a great start at TCS. Ka pai

Minu Lee - excellent imaginative story writing.

Jairus White - showing initiative and diligence with class work.

Congratulations to **Lupe Langi** who won a Tongan Speech Competition in Auckland last week. An outstanding achievement!

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.

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

Library – we have a number of new library books which are needing to be covered with duraseal. If anyone would like to volunteer their time to cover some books, please contact Mrs Nareki.



Tonga Missions Team Sausage Sizzles - 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.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE - The Tonga Missions Team has been busy cutting up trees to raise money for their mission trip in August. Now we need to sell it! Unseasoned pine 2 cubic metres for \$120 delivered within the Timaru town limits. Please message the school with orders, or email principal@timaruchristian.school.nz or phone 036881422. It's a great cause, please let others know to get the word out.

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. Parents and family members are most welcome to join us.

Head Lice: A head in Teina Toru has been reported to be harbouring lice. Please be vigilant in checking your child(ren)'s scalp(s) and treating immediately if found.

Timaru Christian School Community BYO Tea

Timaru Christian School's PTA invites all families to join for a BYO tea on Monday 12th March from 5pm - 7pm. A chance for you to get to know other families at school and enjoy tea together. The PTA will have a few games organized and will also provide coffee and tea.

Grace



Upcoming Events:

1 st March	TCS Swimming Sports
7-9 th March	Year 7-8 Camp
12 th March	PTA BYO Community Dinner
15 th March	Swimming Years 1-8
21 st March	PCT Challenge; Rural Schools Swimming
22 nd March	Swimming Years 1-8
5 th April	Swimming Years 1-8
12 th April	Swimming Years 1-8
13 th April	Term 1 ends
30 th April	Term 2 begins

Community Notices

Kids Rock & Hop Recycled Wearable Parts Competition – entries close 2nd March. See noticeboard for details or enquire at the office.

Chipmunks Timaru April Holiday Programme - \$40 Full Day, \$35 School Hours. Exciting trip days planned each day, including Blue Eyed Penguin visit, miniature train rides and Real Fruit Ice Creams. Of course free entry into Chipmunks Playland everyday. See our Facebook page or instore for our programme and more info. Enrol at <https://chipmunks.aimyplus.com> or email timaru@chipmunks.co.nz

Children's Day 2018: For families looking for fun activities on Sunday 4 March, the ever popular Children's Day event is the place to be, at the Caroline Bay hall from 10am to 2pm. There are many exciting activities planned for all ages, and many of the Caroline Bay rides will operate. This is a free event. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it.

Life Church is running a Youth Group called Young and Free for Year 7 - 9 students. There will be fun, faith and fellowship. All children in years 7-9 are welcome to join us. We meet each Friday night from 6:30 - 8:30 at Life Church, Morgan's Rd. Please contact Dougal Hunter-Sinclair for any further details on 021-395-571.

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 – We provide free tuition for primary school aged children with experienced teachers and skilled musicians. For enquiries email; timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com or phone Rosemary 022 405 2296 or Evelyn 615 5096.

HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO

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