



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau,

One of the challenges of parenting today, is working out how 'screens' (eg computers, tablets, smartphones etc) fit into our family lives. The programme 'Sunday' explained screens are hyper-stimulating and hyper-arousing for children so it elevates the adrenal response; addiction to screens effectively causes similar damage to the brain as heroin does. Addiction clinics that formerly focused on drug addiction are now working with screen addicts. This is of huge concern to those of us who are trying to ensure our children are growing healthy brains and living healthy lives. I encourage you to watch the episode (11th March) on TVNZ on Demand if you haven't already seen it, and discuss it with your children. Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Christ-centred



School-wide Theme for the Term:

PERSEVERANCE

Next week's memory verse: Mark 10:45 (NIV)

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates this week:

Matthew Withington for great work on his maths activities.

Alfie Chapman for super work on writing neat letters in handwriting.

Emmerlyn Nasalo for servanthood; always being willing to help others

Jeongeun Kim for perseverance; being brave to talk, pray and ask questions in class

Oli Seifert and **Rinah Bird** for amazing attitudes and diligence.

Swimming Sports – many thanks for all the helpers at our recent Timaru Christian School Swimming Sports. It was great to see such wonderful progress in the events. Well done everyone!

Bike day was held yesterday at School and the students had lots of fun. Many thanks for everyone who brought their bikes or scooters to school. Also a big thank you to the helpers at events.

These are some comments from Teina Tahia:

- Alfie enjoyed the bike race and getting together for the photo.
- Jean-Louis enjoyed riding his scooter.
- Juno enjoyed playing on her bike with Gloria.
- Zoey thought she was getting better on her scooter.
- Jackson enjoyed going around the cones with Jake.
- Anru rode his bike alongside Jairus.

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



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:

Reporting Timetable – In the holidays, the teachers will be working on developing our reporting since we will no longer refer to National Standards. While we will still be using many of the tools that were available to inform our assessment for National Standards reporting, it is important that we are clear on what specific information will be useful for parents to be told in a written report. For that reason, we will be delaying the writing of Term 1 reports for students who have been at school for 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 and 120 weeks until Week 4 of Term 2. With learning conferences being held next week, you will be given a verbal report of your child's progress and you are very welcome, at any time throughout the year, to speak to your child's teacher about his/her progress. Thank you for your patience in this.

Absentees – Please contact the office if your child is not attending school, by calling 688 1422 (leave a message if the phone is unattended), or e-mailing office@timaruchristian.school.nz or texting 027 751 2722. Kindly notify us before 9 am on the day of absence, and provide a reason for the absence so we can record it correctly.

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.

Grace



Upcoming Events:

15th March	Swimming Years 1-8	30th April	Term 2 begins
20th March	Rural Schools Swimming	4th June	Queen's Birthday – school closed
21st March	PCT Challenge	6th July	Term 2 ends
22nd March	Swimming Years 1-8; BoT Mtg	23rd July	Term 3 begins
30th March	Good Friday – school closed	24th Sept	South Canterbury Anniversary – school closed
2nd April	Easter Monday – school closed	28th Sept	Term 3 ends
3rd April	Easter Tuesday – school closed	15th Oct	Term 4 begins
5th April	Swimming Years 1-8	22nd Oct	Labour Day – school closed
12th April	Swimming Years 1-8	18th Dec	Term 4 ends
13th April	Term 1 ends		

Community Notices

U11 Rugby Girls - we are introducing JAB U11 grade for girls only. On the 28th of March we are hosting a Have A Go Afternoon at Alpine Energy Stadium from 4 – 5.30pm. We have trained coaches from Rugby Clubs joining us to help with coaching, ensuring a safe controlled environment.

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

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.

HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO

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