



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau,

I've been thinking about the world our children grow up in. There is so much excitement around what they can access via screens; touring museums overseas, looking at different parts of Earth in real-time etc. It used to be a 2D world, then it was 3D, now 4D and I recently saw a movie trailer that talked about 5D. But for all this 'interaction' with screens, how much do our children really retain in comparison to what they learn from experiencing life? You will be a far better skateboarder if you get out and try new tricks and fall over 100 times, than by viewing a youtube clip about skateboarding 100 times on your couch. Likewise, we will have a far better understanding of how to live and experience the life God has designed for us if we get out and put it into practice and experience it in our interactions with others. And so the challenge that lies before us is this: teaching our children how to live God-honouring lives by them experiencing it alongside us daily. Just something to think about.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Christ-centred



School-wide Theme for the Term:

PERSEVERANCE

Next week's memory verse: Luke 24:26 (NIV)

Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?

Wheels – On Fridays we invite students to bring along their scooters and skateboards to play on, if they would like. They need to be left on the court next to the preschool when they arrive in the morning. Anyone riding on scooters or skateboards must bring and wear their helmet too.

Swimming – There will be no swimming next Thursday, 12th April.

40-Hour Famine – We will be sending out parent consent forms next Thursday. If your child would like to participate, please return this form during the first week of Term 2.

Run 4 Bibles – Attached to this week's newsletter is a fundraising form. The event will be the school's Cross Country on 22nd May.

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.

WANTED: Swimming Volunteers – Thursdays between 11am-noon. We only have one week left of swimming this term which is Thursday 5th April. In Term 2 our weekly swimming lessons will be for Years 1-5. We would really appreciate some more volunteers to help us each week at the pool. As we have quite a big group of younger swimmers, it is really important to have more help with these sessions. Please leave your name with Mrs Clevely at the office or contact Mrs Thompson if you can help.

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.

Tongan Missions Update – The Board of Trustees recently discussed the Missions Trip that was planned for Tonga. Due to the living conditions following the recent devastating cyclone in Tonga, we felt it was not a safe position to put our students in. We are currently investigating a different place in which our students can serve. We'll let you know what will happen once a decision has been made.

Frooze Ball Fundraiser – The PTA is selling Frooze Balls (super yummy healthy bliss balls) as one of their fundraisers this year, and we would love your support. Please click on the

Servanthood



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below link, Organisation Supported: Timaru Christian School, and order some popular healthy snack alternatives for you and your family. There are also cookbooks available for sale. What's awesome about these is that it is easy to order online with delivery right to your home/workplace. Thanks for your support. **COMPETITION:** the student that gets the most sales by the end of May wins a surprise prize for their family.

[Alive Fundraising](#) (click here and it'll take you right to the ordering page), or access the link through the school's Facebook page.

Love



Other important things to note:

Leadership Conference – Next week, on Wednesday to Saturday, Mrs Rentoul and Mr Phillips will be attending the NZ Association of Christian Schools Leadership Conference in Rotorua. Mr Goulet will be Acting Principal during that time.

School Telephone Directory: extended time...this is a reminder to please return your school directory forms. We have extra forms at the school office if you are needing a new one. Please return your form with your details and whether you would or would not like to have your details published in the school directory.

Timaru Christian School Library – Our school library is opened on a Friday for classes to access. Below are the weeks that classes are allocated. During this time students are able to issue out 2 books for personal reading at home. These are loaned for a period of 2 weeks and need to be brought back to school on the week that their class is due to visit the library. If you get an overdue notice it is because the books that have been issued have passed the loan period and must be returned before students can get another book out. **Please note that we do not charge for overdue books. Unfortunately the system doesn't allow us to remove this cost from the overdue slip, so please ignore the price (as there is NO CHARGE).** However, if children lose books they are unable to get any further books out until that book is found and returned.

Even Weeks: Teina Tahī, Teina Rua, Teina Toru

Odd Weeks: Teina Whā, Teina Rima, Tuakana Tahī.

Netball Notice – Just a reminder of start dates for Netball Season.

Years 1-2: Tuesdays, 3.30pm-4.45 pm from 1 May. 10 weeks, inside the STEC Stadium

Years 3-4: Fridays, 3.30pm- 4.50 pm from 4 May. 10 weeks, at Netball Courts

Years 5-8: Saturdays, 9am, 10am, or 11am from 7 April at Netball Courts (practice times, locations and days will be advised by coaches.)

It's going to be a great season and we are looking forward to being part of the Rural Schools netball teams. If you have any questions about the upcoming season then please ask Mrs Thompson or Mrs Nareki.

Grace



Upcoming Events:

5th April	Swimming Years 1-8	23rd July	Term 3 begins
13th April	Term 1 ends	24th Sept	South Canterbury Anniversary – school closed
30th April	Term 2 begins	28th Sept	Term 3 ends
22nd May	Cross Country	15th Oct	Term 4 begins
4th June	Queen's Birthday – school closed	22nd Oct	Labour Day – school closed
6th July	Term 2 ends	18th Dec	Term 4 ends

Community Notices

OCEANS Grief and Loss Peer Support Programme

Oceans is a peer support programme for children, youth, and adults who have experienced loss in their life. The losses covered may come from the death of a close relative or friend, or the separation/divorce of parents. The focus of this programme is providing a safe environment for participants to talk about their loss/es and the change/s in their lives. We attempt to run a programme each term (eight-week children's programme and six-week adult's programme). We have seen many children go through the programme and have numerous success stories of how it has helped. Please visit our website for more information, including an Online enrolment form: www.anglican care.org.nz. Alternatively, email oceans.timaru@gmail.com or phone Matt Cameron on 0800 OCEANS (or text 0274 623267).

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Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

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Secondly, Oceans is helped by a number of volunteer facilitators and if you are a caring person, or know someone who may be interested in becoming an Oceans Grief and Loss Facilitator then we have our next two-day training workshop in TIMARU. July 5 & 12, 10:00am-4:30pm. Facilitators usually assist in one or two programme/s per year. We are looking to run the programme in different locations outside Timaru (eg Waimate & Geraldine), so your help is important, especially if you are from those areas. For applications or more information contact Matt Cameron: email oceans.timaru@gmail.com or phone on 0800 OCEANS (or text 0274 623267)

Methven Scarecrow Trail

The Methven Scarecrow Trail is an awesome school holiday activity for children and their families. 40 scarecrows with a Nursery Rhyme Character theme will be placed around Methven Village. People purchase a trail map/entry form from the Methven i-SITE Visitor Centre (\$10 per entry, cash only) and walk, bike, or scooter around the village finding the scarecrows and identifying the characters they represent. A great price for hours of family entertainment! There are prizes for the most correct answers and for the best scarecrow as voted by those taking part in the Trail. The Methven Scarecrow Trail starts at 10am Sunday 15 April and ends 2pm Saturday 28 April. All proceeds from this community event are donated to the Methven Primary School.

The free YMCA Youth Holiday Programme is back! APRIL 16TH – 27TH (Excluding ANZAC day). WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS NOW! Are you aged between 11 and 17? Keen to keep busy, meet new friends and have a load of fun? We are based at Mountainview High School with full access to the gym, turf and other facilities. This, along with visits to C'Bay will ensure, as one participant described, a "fun programme" that is "great for making new friends". Secure your place now by filling out application form at www.ymcasc.org.nz or Contact James at the YMCA on 027 808 4311 or email james@ymcasc.org.nz .

Todd Mudie Group Holiday Programme for Boys and Girls – 26th and 27th of April. This rugby holiday programme runs from 9.30am till 12.30pm each day, at Alpine Energy Stadium. \$15 per day. Please contact the school office for more information.

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

2 SHOWS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

Seussical Kids And **Hairspray Jr.**

Book by Mark O'Donnell, Music by Marc Shaiman, Lyrics by Scott Wittman
Thomas Meehan, Shaiman, Marc Shaiman

Music by **STEPHEN FLAHERTY**
Lyrics by **LYNN AHRENS**

Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY
Co-Conceived by LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY and ERIC IDLE
Based on the Works of DR. SEUSS
Music Supervised, Adapted and Produced by BRYAN LOUISELLE
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

12-14 April 2018
Theatre Royal, Timaru

TICKET PRICE \$20

MUSICAL DIRECTOR - Ella Thomas DIRECTOR - Alice Sollis CHOREOGRAPHER - Abigail Austin

TICKET
Book at www.ticketco.nz or phone 0800 TICKET (484-253) *service fee may apply

Newman's Music Works
117 Stafford St, Timaru
Hours: Mon-Fri 10.30am-6.30pm, Sat 10.00am-12.30pm

Timaru Visitor Centre
2 George Street, Timaru
Hours: Mon-Fri 10.00am-4.00pm, Sat-Sun 10.00am-3.00pm

Parker's Stationery, Waimate
103 Queen Street, Waimate
Hours: Mon-Fri 9.45am-6.15pm, Sat 9.45am-12.00pm

Seussical Kids and Hairspray: TCS's Josh Dalloway stars in the upcoming SCDL Juniors double billing production of 'Seussical kids and Hairspray Jnr', on stage at the Theatre Royal Timaru from 12- 14 April. He has been rehearsing all term and is now ready to blow you away with his talent on stage. Josh play the very smooth Link Larkin in Hairspray Jnr and does a great job singing 'It's a man's world'. Seussical Kids tells the story of *Horton hears a Who* and is full of colour fantastical creatures while Hairspray Jnr is non-stop energy and fun.

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