



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau,

Welcome to the end of Term 1. Mr Phillips and I are currently in Rotorua at the NZ Association of Christian Schools Leaders Conference. It is one of the best forms of professional development for Christian School leaders because we spend time sharing and getting inspired. A number of programmes, initiatives and practices have begun at TCS because of the things we have learnt from other leaders, international speakers and as a result of conversations to and from the conference in the past. We so want for TCS to be the best school it can be; by that I mean that we are providing an authentic, meaningful Christian Education for our students, one that will equip them to lead God-honouring lives as they grow and change. Looking forward to continuing on this journey with each of you next term too. Have a great break with your kids.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

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.

40-Hour Famine – Parent consent forms are attached to this newsletter. If your child would like to participate in the event on 8-10 June, please return this form during the first week of Term 2, or tomorrow if you would like to start fundraising during the holidays.

Netball Draw

Years 5-8 for Saturday 14th April

10 am – Court 13 – Rural Raiders v Pleasant Point Mystics (Year 5 – Mrs Phiskie)

9 am - Court 8 - Rural Rockets v Bluestone Thunder (Year 6 – Mrs Withington)

9 am – Court 6 – Rural Magic v (Year 7 – Mrs Bruning))

10am – Court 3 – Rural Mystics v Old Boys Cheetahs (Year 8 – B. Braddick)

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.

Talent Extravaganza – The PTA invites you to a Talent Extravaganza fundraiser on 7 July 2018 at Life Church on Morgans Rd. We would love to hear from you if you can contribute an item – if you or someone you know would like to sing, play a musical instrument, dance, perform a choral work, mime, read poetry, etc, please let us know! We are looking for a range of performances, both individual and group, from children and adults. Please email anne@uysfamily.net to book a spot in the evening's line up. More details about evening will follow but please put this date in your diary. This will be our main fundraiser for the year. Tickets will be \$10 per adult and free for children of primary school age and younger. Tickets will be on sale from next term, and we will be asking each family to sell some tickets.

Friends of School Fundraiser – thanks to everyone who wore mufti and brought a gold coin. We raised \$201 for the Friends of School fund!

Servanthood



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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 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:

Lunches in Term 2: Subway will still be available on Fridays next term but there will be no pie-warmer so please do not send along food that needs to be heated. Thanks.

Winter Uniform

Next term students wear their winter uniform to school.

Year 1-10 girls wear long (knee-high) navy blue socks or navy blue tights

Year 1-6 girls can wear long-sleeved white polos

Year 1-6 boys can wear long-sleeved school (TCS) polos

Year 7-10 boys and girls wear long-sleeved white shirts

Year 9-10 boys and girls wear the TCS tie.

Grace



Although it is not officially part of the school uniform, we do allow boys up to Year 6 to wear long navy trackpants in Terms 2 and 3. Please ensure they are plain trackpants, not cargo pants (they don't have large pockets) and not jeans. If your child feels the cold, we encourage them to wear a thermal top under their clothes but the thermals must not be visible under the uniform eg if they are long-sleeved thermals under a short-sleeved polo, students must wear their jersey over top. Students are encouraged to bring a jacket to school every day as the weather can change quickly before the end of the day and we do try to get them outside for fresh air at break times when appropriate. Slippers are a great way to keep feet warm in class too.

Upcoming Events:

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

Community Notices

Timaru Midlands Squash Holiday Programme

Date: Thursday 26th April at Timaru Squash Club, Brunswick Street, Timaru. Duration: 1.5 hrs, Cost: \$15.00

Participants ALL levels welcome:

- New players (Have a go) and 'J' Graders: 10.30 – 12 noon
- Secondary School Students: 12.30 – 2.00pm

Contact: Andrina Stoddart Email: sjdomidlands@hotmail.com Cell: 0273766881

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Timaru Christian School

Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

School Newsletter – Week 10, Term 1, 2018



South Canterbury Netball Holiday Programme

Session Times: Wed 18 and Thurs 19 April 9.30-11.30am Year 5 & 6 1-3pm Year 7 & 8

COST: \$5 per player. Register online by Tues 17 April via the link:

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/netballsouthcant/Juniors-1/Holiday-Programme>

All coaches are encouraged and welcome to come along to observe or assist. Please come to session with adequate sport shoes and drink bottle. Players are welcome to attend both days if they wish.

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.anglicancare.org.nz. Alternatively, email oceans.timaru@gmail.com or phone Matt Cameron on 0800 OCEANS (or text 0274 623267).

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

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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