

# Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



**Week 4, Term 1, 2013**  
**21<sup>st</sup> February 2013**

Dear Parents / Caregivers, Whanau,

Last night the PTA met for their AGM and we welcomed Anne Uys back as our Chairperson. We also talked about how we can work together to develop and maintain a greater sense of community within our school. We would love to see as many school families as possible at our School Community Meal next Friday evening (see notice below).

Yesterday we had our sandpit filled. We have been very blessed by local businesses, reducing the costs of the sandpit dramatically. Simon Waldron Earthmoving dug out the pit and Fulton Hogan filled it back up again with sand. Both companies did so at no cost to us. Once it dries out and the edging has been filled in (by Monday hopefully), we're looking forward to seeing the children being creative in it during break times, and watching students progress in their long jump skills now that we have a pit to jump into for athletics.

May you see wonderful glimpses of God's work in your life in the coming week.

*Ma te Atua koe e manaaki*

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul.

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES

### Cricket Team

Congratulations to our cricket team, under the leadership of Mrs Thompson, who competed in the South Canterbury Year 7/8 Boys Cricket Tournament on Tuesday. They won one game and lost the other. A great effort.

### PTA Nominations

We are calling for nominations for Secretary of the PTA. If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved in the PTA (meetings now on Thursday evenings, twice per term), please let Anne Uys or Bethany know.

### PTA Meeting Times

The PTA will now be having their meetings on **Thursday** evenings, twice per term, from 7:30pm. If you are free on a Thursday night we would love to have you come and get involved and share your ideas.

### School Community Meal and Fellowship

On Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> March from 5:30pm-7:30pm the PTA are hosting an evening for school families to come together to get to know one another. Bring along your own food for your family; drinks will be provided.

### Do you have any...

We are in need of some 'crafty' things for our art programme. If you have any of the following could you please send them along to the school office.

- \*Baby food jars, with their lids
- \*Newspapers
- \*Buttons
- \*Material Scraps
- \*Toilet paper rolls (without the toilet paper)

### Library Helpers

We would greatly appreciate help from two parents tomorrow, Friday the 22nd, to help for an hour in the library. If you are able to help please let Mrs Nareki know.

### Bike to School Day

This month is Bikewise month and on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February we'll have Bike to School Day. Bring along your bike and helmet and have some fun with your friends.

### Swimming Helpers

We are looking for some parents to assist with swimming coaching every Thursday morning from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you are available please let Mr Phillips know.

### Congratulations!

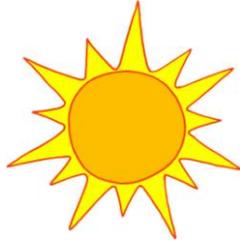
The following students received certificates this week:  
Rm 1: Hannah Rentoul – For being a responsible student  
Abby Hunter-Sinclair – for using her initiative  
Rm 4: Josiah Bruning – for being a responsible student  
Mikele Horne – for working well in Maths  
Rm 5: Nathan Pain – for being a responsible student  
Sarah Purcell – for working hard, concentrating on her work, and trying hard at Maths.

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## Sun Safety

With some amazing weather and very hot temperatures, we ask that you please ensure your child has his/her named sunhat at school every day. It must be worn throughout Terms 1 and 4.



## Pick-up and Drop-off

When you are picking up or dropping off your child in a car, please use the large car park next to the school gates or park on Quarry Road on the *same side* of the road as the school. There is much more risk involved when students have to cross the road to get to their car.

## **'OTHER' NOTICES**

### Can you help?

Do you have a small economical car or a scooter that is not being used and could be left at the school during the week? It would be used by our bus driver to get from home (Jellicoe St) to pick up the school van each day, eliminating doubling back in the mornings when doing the run.

### Adult Supervision Required

We need some parents who are willing to supervise several small groups of students at events over the next couple of weeks eg PCT Challenge on 28<sup>th</sup> February and Triathlon on 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you are willing to be contacted directly about supervising groups of students at these or future events, we would love to hear from you. Please let Bethany or Lynn know.

### Scholastic Book Club

We have the latest catalogues in the office – if you would like to place an order, please collect one from Mrs Clevely. Return date is 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

### Wonderful Stories and More Wonderful Stories

Richard Gunther has been publishing little Bible stories for little kids. All free to anyone who wants to use them. Check them out on [www.mightymag.org](http://www.mightymag.org).

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### Girls' and Boys' Brigade

**Boys' Brigade:** Meets Mondays 3.15-4.30pm at Trinity Hall, 22 College Road for Ages 5-16 years.

**Girls' Brigade:** Meets Tuesdays, Juniors (5-8 years) 3.15-4.45pm, Seniors and Pioneers (9-18 years) 6pm-7.30pm at Trinity Hall, 22 College Road.

Contact Fiona 688 0375.

### Keyboard and Singing Lessons

These are being taught through the music hub and are being run by Mrs Nareki. Contact her at school if you are interested, or through the school office.

### Worried about your child's reading and spelling?

#### ***We guarantee results!***

15 min lessons daily in your home.

Currently running our first independent "randomised control trial" with the Open University in the UK. The early indications are that the average child catches up around 12 months of reading age in the first 45 days.

Get started now and help your child shine!

**Call 0800 777 225 or email [info@easyread.co.nz](mailto:info@easyread.co.nz)**

### Children's Day 2013

For families looking for fun activities on Sunday 3 March, the ever popular Children's Day event is the place to be, at the Caroline Bay hall from 10am to 2pm.

This annual event will offer an array of events and activities that will keep families busy and will be a great opportunity for mums and dads to join in and do things with their children. They can play exciting games, test their skills in interesting activities or simply have a great time watching the selection of entertainment.

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it. The day's activities include water walking, music and movement, mini train rides, bouncy castles, free sausages and inter-active displays from emergency services. Many of the Caroline Bay rides will operate free between 10am and 2pm.

Children will have a chance to perform with a band, take part in outside games organised by Sport South Canterbury, or even try their hand at fly fishing. For the little ones under five years, there will be ride- on-toys and face painting, plus much more.

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## **Northern Hearts AFC Inc**

Aorangi Clubrooms  
Morgans Road, Timaru  
Junior Registrations  
2013 season

- Wednesday 27 February 2013 From 5 to 6 pm
- Saturday 2 March 2013 From 10 to 11am

Registration fees to be paid on day.

Any inquiries, contact Leonte Chambers on 6846335

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **Term One**

<b>Feb 27<sup>th</sup></b> -	Bike to School Day
<b>Mar 1<sup>st</sup></b> -	School Community Meal
<b>Mar 12<sup>th</sup></b> -	Parent-Teacher Interviews 2pm-5:30pm
<b>Mar 13<sup>th</sup></b> -	Parent-Teacher Interviews 6pm-8pm
<b>Mar 14<sup>th</sup></b> -	BOT Meeting
<b>Mar 26<sup>th</sup></b> -	SC Summer Tournament
<b>Mar 29<sup>th</sup></b> -	Easter Friday – School closed
<b>Apr 1<sup>st</sup></b> -	Easter Monday – School closed
<b>Apr 2<sup>nd</sup></b> -	Easter Tuesday – School closed
<b>Apr 10<sup>th</sup></b> -	SC Swimming
<b>Apr 11<sup>th</sup></b> -	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
<b>Apr 19<sup>th</sup></b> -	End Term 1
<b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b> -	Term 2 begins

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