



From the Principal's desk...

Welcome back to school. This term's focus is Truth. It is one of our school values and something that needs to be in the forefront of our children's minds. Why? Because they are being told by our 'post-modern' society that truth is different for every person, that we make our own truths and that if you believe something to be true, then it is. This contradicts the very core of what we know - that God is Truth, and that there is such a thing as right and wrong. When our children are hearing distorted messages in the media, from friends, in literature, it is crucial that we make a conscious effort to help them understand how to determine fact from fiction and truth from lies. As educators of your child(ren), we are committed to helping you do this in the time we spend with them at TCS.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations to Heidi Uys on the following achievements at the South Canterbury

Primary School's Swimming Sports:

3rd in the 12+ year Girls 25m Freestyle

2nd in the 100m Open Girls Freestyle

2nd in the 12 + yr 25 m Breaststroke

1st in the Open Girls 50 m Butterfly

2nd in the 12+ year Girls 50 m Breaststroke

2nd in the Open Girls 100m Individual Medley

Also a big well done to **Dinnay Phillips** who came 5th in the girls 25m backstroke.

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 went home at the end of last term. If your child would like to participate in the event on 8-10 June, please return the form to the office.

Netball Draw for Friday 4th May

Year 3/4 Rural Lightning 3:30pm Court 10. We are looking forward to our first game.

Could girls please wear their blue shorts and white polo tops.

Netball Draw for Saturday 5th May for Years 5-8

Rural Raiders have a bye this week. (Year 5 – Mrs Phiskie)

10 am - Court 9 - Rural Rockets v Waimataitai/Arowhenua (Year 6 – Mrs Withington)

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

9 am – Court 3 – Rural Mystics v Waimatatai Steel (Year 8 – B. Braddick)

Enjoy your games girls.

Cross Country: The Rural Schools Cross country is fast approaching (22nd May). All the classes have practices during class. Parents have asked in the past that they are given some warning so that they can do some practice during their own time to prepare their children. Remember every little bit helps ☺

Pasifika Day: On the 18th May all Pasifika students from Timaru Christian, Timaru South and Waimataitai Schools are joining together for a day of activities which celebrate their beautiful cultures. It will be hosted by our school.

Headlice: This continues to be an ongoing issue; please ensure you check your child's hair for signs of lice regularly and treat as appropriate. Thanks.

Perseverance



Learners





Class Library Times: This term we are trying something new with the Library. Students in Teina Tahi, Rua, Toru and Wha may come to the library on Friday lunch time (odd weeks) to return and issue personal library books. Books that are to be returned are to be put in the box outside the library on the Friday morning of their library day. Teina Rima, Tuakana Tahi and Rua may come on Friday (even weeks) at lunch time.

Please remember that students must return previously issued books before they can issue new ones. We still have a number of new books that required covering. If you are interested in helping please let the office know.

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.

WANTED: Baby formula mill tins. If anyone has some of these to dispose of, please drop them to the office. These are needed for pasifika day :)

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.

Servanthood



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.

Other important things to note:

Open Day: For families who are interested in enrolling their child(ren) at TCS, we are holding an Open Day on Thursday 24th May. At 1:30pm we will meet in the Library to share what it is we do in Years 1-8 at TCS before viewing the school in action. At 7:00pm we will be holding an Open Evening for prospective Year 9 and 10 students in

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Love



the senior class. If your child is currently attending TCS as a Year 8, please make a point of attending our Open Evening so you have a clear understanding of the Secondary School programme offered at our school.

Procedures Review: This term we are reviewing the following procedures: Homework, Reporting to Parents and the Wider Community, Protected Disclosure, Head lice, Visitors, School Expenses. They are available for viewing on our school website under the 'Important Documents' tab. If you wish to provide feedback on them, please email the office before the end of Week 3.

Grace



Winter Uniform: This 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.

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.

Lost Property: Just a friendly reminder to everyone that this is kept on the shelves outside the hall. Much time has been spent over the last few weeks washing and sorting through the many items still in Lost Property. These include togs and towels, jackets, shoes and socks, socks and more socks! (Even an almost brand new size 12 jersey - unnamed!) To prevent an ever increasing pile of items PLEASE name as much of your child's uniform as possible and check regularly for anything missing.

Upcoming Events:

7th May	Chapel, 2.30 pm	14th June	Swimming for Years 1-5
10th May	Swimming for Years 1-5 PTA Meeting, 7.30 pm	18th June	Chapel, 2.30 pm
10-11 May	Life Education Bus visiting	20th June	Jump Jam Extravaganza
17th May	Swimming for Years 1-5 BoT Meeting	21st June	Swimming for Years 1-5 BoT Meeting
18th May	Pasifika Day	26-28 June	Year 7-10 Technology Programme
21st May	Chapel, 2.30 pm	2nd July	Chapel 2.30 pm
22nd May	Cross Country, Years 1-8	2-4 July	Year 7-10 Technology Programme
24th May	Swimming for Years 1-5 Open Day (1:30pm Yr 1-8) Open Evening (7:00pm Yr 9-10)	5th July	Reports sent home
24-25 May	Cross Country postponement day	6th July	Term 2 ends
28-29 May	St Johns training at school	7th July	Talent Extravaganza
31st May	Swimming for Years 1-5	23rd July	Term 3 begins
31 May – 1 June	Year 9 and 10 camp (to be confirmed)	24th Sept	South Canterbury Anniversary – school closed
4th June	Queen's Birthday – school closed	28th Sept	Term 3 ends
5th June	Chapel, 2.30 pm	15th Oct	Term 4 begins
7th June	Swimming for Years 1-5	22nd Oct	Labour Day – school closed
11-15 June	Year 9-10 Exam Week	18th Dec	Term 4 ends
12th June	South Canterbury Cross Country		

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Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

School Newsletter – Week 1, Term 2, 2018



Community Notices

Digital Natives to Screenagers

Online Opportunities and Challenges

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP for parents/whānau and community members

WHEN: Monday 2 July 2018 , 7.00pm to 9.00 pm

WHERE: Room 1, Education Centre, Timaru Hospital

Enter through Main Hospital Entrance

Facilitated by Anjie Webster from Netsafe

For more information and to register go to www.wavesouthcanterbury.co.nz/news/professional-development/

Hair Princess - School uniform twirly ribbon, ribbon bows & fabric hair accessories - Pop Up Shop - 70 Church Street Central Timaru, 3 days only Thursday 10th May (Night Market 5-9pm with Coffee & Cakes) Friday 11th May 10am-5pm & Saturday 10am-2pm, 8 other local children's & mother's day gift idea craft market businesses will be joining us.

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