



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Cross Country is one of those things students either love or hate. The key is trying to find an incentive or motivator for them to get through it. The past couple of weeks, the classes have been setting goals and working towards achieving them as they run around the field. The perseverance has been outstanding particularly for the children who are running up to 5 km per day in training. We are hoping this will take away the fear around cross country for those children who have not enjoyed it in the past. Please encourage your child to share how they are progressing with their goals and perhaps even jog alongside them when you can. We look forward to seeing great results in 12 days' time.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates this week:

Cooper Halliwell and **Brooke Stewart** for an awesome first week at school.

Pippa Goodman for great progress with her story writing

Seraphina Hansen for trying really hard with her reading

Gabe Langi for a positive attitude to learning at all times

Ollie Jenkins for a wonderful start to Term 2

Xander Wilson for an excellent attitude to learning and always on task.

Rangi Sioasi for working hard to learn and understand new ideas and skills.

Ruth Ben-Canaan for being a responsible class member.

Netball Draw for Friday 11th May

3.30pm Court 4 - Year 3/4 Rural Lightning v Waimataitai Yellow

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

Netball Draw for Saturday 12th May for Years 5-8

9am – Court 9 - Rural Raiders v Gleniti Ferns (Year 5 – Mrs Phiskie)

10 am - Court 11 - Rural Rockets v Tka Primary Stars (Year 6 – Mrs Withington)

11 am – Court 5 – Rural Magic v Geraldine Stars (Year 7 – Mrs Bruning))

11 am – Court 1 – Rural Mystics v Geraldine Black (Year 8 – B. Braddick)

Enjoy your games girls.

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.

Scholastic: Please return forms for Book Club orders no later than Thursday 17th May.

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: Tomorrow, 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.

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.

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 would still 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 line-up. Tickets will be \$10 per adult and free for children of primary school age and younger.

Frooze Ball Fundraiser – The PTA is selling Frooze Balls, and we would love your support. Please click on the link [Alive Fundraising](#), and order some popular healthy snack alternatives for you and your family. There are also cookbooks available for sale. **COMPETITION:** the student that gets the most sales by the end of May wins a surprise prize for their family.

Servanthood



Love



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 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.

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! 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.

Grace



Upcoming Events:

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

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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