



From the Principal's desk...

For the past few terms, a team of Year 9 and 10 students have been fundraising for a missions trip to Tonga. The Board has discussed the situation in Tonga post-cyclone along with the challenges and risks to our students. They decided it was no longer a suitable destination for our children at this time and so an alternative destination has been arranged. The team will be travelling to serve in a children's orphanage near Suva, Fiji. They will be away for up to 10 days in August. In the meantime, there is plenty to work on including perfecting painting skills, running small group activities and learning some of the customs of the country. Thank you to Mr Phillips for all the work he is doing towards the trip in the background.

Thank you to all the supporters who came to Rural Schools Cross Country this week. We were very blessed that the rain held off and our skills were challenged by the tricky terrain. Students who qualify for the South Canterbury Cross Country will be notified soon.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates this week:

Annabelle Ayto for an awesome first week at TCS.

Matthew Withington for great progress in all writing tasks.

Kolo Langi for making great progress with her reading.

Hyunu Lee for trying really hard with his story writing and using his letter sounds.

Alyssa McGeough for working hard and giving her best at all times.

Gabe Langi for a positive attitude to learning at all times.

Polo Langi for a positive attitude to learning and giving 100% to all he does.

Sophia Withington for fantastic progress in Reading!

Gabby Wutama for asking good learning questions.

Genevieve Laursen and **Abby Hunter-Sinclair** for prompt work completion and overall good work ethic.

Chess – well done to our chess players who competed in a tournament last week. TCS came 5th overall in the Intermediate division, with individual standings: **George Beshara** 8th, **Bailey Gunther** 13th, **Leoné Rautenbach** 21st, and **Toa Dee** 24th. In the Rookie Division, TCS placed 2nd overall, with individual standings as **Blessings Itula** 3rd, **Josiah Coe** 6th, **Levi Wood** 7th and **Thomas McKenzie** 11th.

Netball Draw for Friday 25th May

3.30 pm Court 9 - Year 3/4 Rural Lightning v St Joes Falcons.

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

Netball Draw for Saturday 26th May for Years 5-8

10 am – Court 12 - Rural Raiders v Waimataitia Prisms (Year 5 – Mrs Phiskie)

9 am - Court 8 - Rural Rockets v Sacred Heart Magic (Year 6 – Mrs Withington)

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

9 am – Court 3 – Rural Mystics v Craighead Diamonds (Year 8 – B. Braddick)

Enjoy your games girls.

Rippa Rugby: On Wednesday a group of students from Teina Rima participated in the South Canterbury Rippa Rugby Tournament. The class completed a Rippa Rugby unit in Term One and it was great to see them putting those skills into practice. Well done for braving the cold and muddy field Teina Rima, you represented God, your Family and School very well.

Table Tennis: Table Tennis South Canterbury is running some coaching for Primary school students. TCS would like to offer this to Year 6-8 students. The next round starts on the 5th June until the 3rd July 2018. The coaching is every Tuesday night 6-7pm at our stadium at 96 Coonor Road, Timaru. The cost is \$20 per player for the block. This is an out of school event and therefore parents are responsible for getting students to and from the venue. If you would like to attend please let Mrs Nareki know by next Friday (1st of June). If you have questions regarding the nights etc, please ring Louise Sandri on 021 292-4539. Please note that this will not be put onto activity expenses and it is to be paid on the first night of attendance to Table Tennis South Canterbury.

Cross Country: Well done to the TCS students who competed in the Rural Schools Cross Country on Tuesday. It was great to see many who had set themselves some personal training goals over the term

Perseverance



Learners





and reaped the rewards come race day. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the students. We have a few children going through to South Canterburies and look forward to letting you know how they get on in the coming weeks. Here are some of our highlights from Cross Country yesterday, from Teina Tahi and Teina Toru:

I enjoyed running across the bridge by the muddy water. There was a little bit of grass in the water. The training we did, helped me run fast on the day. (**Anru**, Year 2)

I enjoyed running over the brown log and I tried my best. (**Juno**, Year 1)

I enjoyed going through the mud and running down the hill. I tried my best. (**Jean-Louis**, Year 2)

We started the race fast and ran around two hills. I didn't stop in the race. After the race we sat on a big blue mat. (**Matthew**, Year 2)

We went to Beaconsfield. I lost but it does not matter, we still had fun. We went over the big hills, we went across the plank. I slipped on slippery stuff then I got to the finish line. Go me!! (**Malachi**, Year 3)

Yesterday our school went to Cross Country. We had a short morning tea and after morning tea we went to Cross Country. We went on the bus. For morning tea I had one cookie and a banana. I was in the Year Three and Four girls race. The Year one and two's went first, both the girls and the boys. I was running one and a half km's. There were two really steep hills. There was a hill that went around a corner. It wasn't steep though. There was a pond I had to cross. You could walk on a plank or go through the water. I went on the plank. Then there were hay bales that you had to go through not around them. I came 21st and I was the second Timaru Christian girl. Levi was in front of me and she came second. (**Rinah**, Year 3)

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.

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 before 31st May to book a spot in the line-up. Tickets will be \$10 per adult.

Servanthood



Love



Grace



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 today, 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.

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.

Fire Safety Competition: Attached to this newsletter are pages to complete and enter in our competition. These may be returned to the office by next Friday, 1st June.



Upcoming Events:

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



Community Notices

Centennial Park Footbridge Replacement

The large timber footbridge next to the BMX track at the eastern end of Centennial Park has reached the end of its useful life and is being replaced. It will be closed from Monday 21 May and demolition will commence soon afterwards. The contractor will take about 16 weeks until 7 September to complete a new suspension bridge at the same location.

While the project is underway pedestrians and cyclists will use the road bridge and share the road in the vicinity of the two bridges. Please follow directions and signs on site. It is important to take extra care in this vicinity, especially with children and animals. Timaru District Council apologises for any inconvenience.

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