



From the Principal's desk...

As the staff continue on our journey delving into what grace is and looks like at our school, we are spending time together discussing Philip Yancey's book 'What's so amazing about grace'. In it he talks about forgiveness being an unnatural act. He explains, "...forgiveness is an act of faith. By forgiving another, I am trusting that God is a better justice-maker than I am." (p. 93). He also explains, "Grace...is not about fairness." (p. 81). Suddenly the enormity of what we are teaching our children sinks in that much further. As we fight against our children's (and our own) natural tendencies to hold grudges and seek our own form of justice, suddenly we click that we are not teaching them to be 'fair'. We are teaching them to show grace. Why would we do that? Because we need to love them in the same way God is loving us. What a challenge!

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Senior Sports: Congratulations to **John Harrison** who competed in the Aoraki School Athletics last Friday. He is the first person from TCS to represent us in this event. Well done to him on the placing he received.

Perseverance



Netball Draw for Friday 15th June

3.30pm Court 6 – Year 3/4 Rural Lightning v Gleniti Glitter

Netball Draw for Saturday 16th June for Years 5-8

10 am – Court 12 - Rural Raiders v Grantlea/Arowhenua (Year 5 – Mrs Phiskie)

11 am - Court 10 - Rural Rockets v Mackenzie Magic (Year 6 – Mrs Withington)

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

9 am – Court 1 – Rural Mystics v Waimataitai Steel (Year 8 – B. Braddick)

The Girls are now wearing our new Rural Schools uniforms and they look amazing.

Learners



Missing Jersey – Grace Ben-Canaan's named jersey has gone missing. Please check your child/ren's uniform items carefully to ensure they are wearing their own items.

Homework: Following a review of our homework procedure and after looking into the research, for Terms 3 and 4 TCS will be trialling a largely homework-optional programme. All children up to Year 8 will be expected to read every night but, apart from that, children in Years 1-6 will have no other set homework to complete each week. Students in Years 7-8 will have one research project to complete per term for homework and the Year 9-10s will continue with their homework and study regime.

We will set up a page on our website with some links parents can follow if they wish to do work at home with their children but there will be no expectations other than that reading is done.

As part of this, we will be putting collections of chapter books into 3 of the classrooms. We have purchased a large number of books for those rooms (and more are on the way) but we need parents to help us out because there are too many to read through ourselves before next term. If you are a parent who enjoys reading, we will have a range of chapter books at the office which need to be read by willing volunteers with a 2-3 question review to complete at the end, e.g. what age would this book suit etc? More details about everything related to this will be sent home by the start of next term.

**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 Clevly at the office or contact Mrs Thompson if you can help.

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Timaru Christian School

Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

School Newsletter – Week 7, Term 2, 2018



Plastic Bags needed – this is a call for plastic bags for the rubbish bins – if you have a spare stash, please let the office have them.

Talent Extravaganza Auditions: Any child/ren wanting to perform tap dancing, ballet, drama, speech, singing or playing an instrument for the extravaganza, need to please audition. Auditions will be held on Monday 25th June in the school library during the lunch hour. Parents please discuss this opportunity with your child. Contact Carolyn Purcell 0272206575 with any queries.

Servanthood



TCS Talent Extravaganza on Saturday 7th July 2018, is our main PTA fundraiser for 2018 and we are asking each of our TCS families to help support this event by selling tickets to this fun night out to your family and friends. We would really love it if you are able to sell all of the tickets which were sent home if possible. There will be extra tickets if you need more at the school office. All unsold tickets and money needs to be returned in the envelope provided by 30th June to the school office. Any questions or concerns please text Anne Uys on 027 299 0202. Thanks from our TCS Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

Love

Other important things to note:



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.

Grace



Stay warm! A reminder to parents to please ensure that your child has suitable warm clothing – a jacket may be worn over the green school jersey when children are outdoors.

Upcoming Events:

14th June	Swimming for Years 1-5	6th July	Term 2 ends
18th June	Chapel, 2.30 pm	7th July	Talent Extravaganza
20th June	Jump Jam Extravaganza	23rd July	Term 3 begins
21st June	Swimming for Years 1-5; BoT Meeting	24th Sept	South Canterbury Anniversary – school closed
26-28 June	Year 7-10 Technology Programme	28th Sept	Term 3 ends
2nd July	Chapel 2.30 pm	15th Oct	Term 4 begins
2-4 July	Year 7-10 Technology Programme	22nd Oct	Labour Day – school closed
5th July	Reports sent home	18th Dec	Term 4 ends

Community Notices

Ukefest Family Matinee

10am Saturday 21st July Geraldine High School Hall. The amazing One Man Band Shane McAlister from Wellington. A sing along, strum along tap dancing ukulele show and workshop. Join in - some loan ukes available or sit back and enjoy. Tickets \$5 at the door

Timaru Christian School
TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA
 SATURDAY 7TH JULY

LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED

6.30-8.30pm
 Life Church, Timaru
 \$10 per Adult
 FREE - School Age Children & younger
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