



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Next week, after a lot of preparation and fundraising, our Missions Team, led by Mr Phillips and accompanied by Mrs Pain and Mr Rentoul, leaves for Fiji. They will spend 10 days with residents at a girls' orphanage, doing arts and crafts activities and helping out around the place. I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed towards the costs through donations and purchasing things that have been on offer. The PTA generously donated money from a BBQ fundraiser and Mitre10 has also kindly donated items for us to take and gift to the children. Please pray for the team's safety, for guidance and for wisdom in the things they will be doing.

There has been a lot of sickness around; several days we have had up to 30 children away (about 25% of the school). We have also had quite a lot of days with staff away sick. It can be unsettling for children (especially in the junior classes) when their teacher is away but we have some wonderful relievers who the children know well and it's particularly at these times when we are reminded about just how fortunate we are to have these people in our school community.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Netball Draw for Saturday 11th August for Years 5-8

11 am – Court 8 - Rural Raiders v Gleniti Ferns (Year 5 – Mrs Phiskie)

9 am - Court 9 - Rural Rockets v Temuka Primary (Year 6 – Mrs Withington)

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

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

Enjoy your games girls.

Teddy Bears Picnic colouring competition winners

Congratulations to **Maggie Tafa**, **Emmerlyn Nasalo** and **Lorin Crooks** on their winning entries.

Absentees

A reminder to please contact the office **before 9 am each day** your child is absent. You can call 688 1422 and leave a message if the phone is unattended, or text 027 751 2722 or e-mail office@timaruchristian.school.nz. Kindly inform the office of the reason for the absence so that it can be correctly recorded.

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.

Missions Trip to Fiji

In less than a week our Missions team will be travelling to Fiji to spend time with children at an orphanage. Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards their trip through our fundraising efforts. Please pray for safe travels for the team and that they will have a positive impact on the children they are visiting.

Servanthood





Love

Other important things to note:



Scholastic Lucky Book Club – We are keen to encourage students to read, and the Scholastic Lucky Book Club is a simple and fun way to get books into homes. However, from time to time, the Lucky Book Club advertises books that do not align with our Christian Character. Please do not see our sending home of the brochures as an endorsement for all titles advertised.

Grace



Please return book club orders to the office by Friday 31st August.

Carparking - Just a reminder, with an increasing number of students on our roll, finding a carpark can be difficult after school. We ask that, out of consideration, parents or caregivers who are picking up older students please leave the parks closest to the walkway available for the parents of younger students. This is especially important when they have sleeping infants and toddlers in the car with them.

The roadway in front of the bus park can be used for quick pick-ups/drop-offs but please do not leave your vehicle unattended in this space as the buses do not always come at the same time and they need that space to collect students and turn around safely.

Thank you for your assistance with these things.

Upcoming Events:

9th August	BoT Meeting	19th Sept	School Photos
13th August	Chapel	24th Sept	South Canterbury Anniversary – school closed
14th-23rd Aug	Missions Trip to Fiji	27th Sept	Reports sent home
27th August	Chapel	28th Sept	Term 3 ends
6-7th Sept	Year 9/10 Leadership Conference	15th Oct	Term 4 begins
10th Sept	Chapel	22nd Oct	Labour Day – school closed
11th Sept	Rural Schools Technology Challenge	18th Dec	Term 4 ends
13th Sept	BoT Meeting		

Community Notices

Ace: A Horsey Tail of Courage

Kurt Snook from Bayleys Timaru visited the school this week to donate a book named *Ace: A Horsey Tail of Courage*. Ace is a young horse who has dreams of one day becoming a Crusaders Bayleys Horse; however, he is being bullied by his peers at the Clip-Clop School for Horses. Help is at hand, or hoof, in the shape of Holly from the Crusaders Bayleys Horses. She is Ace's hero and she knows exactly what to do to make the bullying stop. And so, just as with every great story with a powerful message, *Ace: A Horsey Tail of Courage* has a happy ending. If you wish to order your own copy for reading at home you can e-mail Kurt directly at kurt.snook@bayleys.co.nz. Proceeds to to Make-A-Wish New Zealand helping to normalise the lives of children all over the South Island living with a critical illness.