



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Over the past couple of weeks, the teachers have tested every Year 0-8 child in one-on-one interviews related to Maths Number Knowledge. The children have been asked questions about reading and ordering numbers, place value and basic facts. From there we have, as a staff, identified 'hot spots' where there are gaps in each child's knowledge. Gaps can occur because they are away from school for a while or because the class has had to move onto the next topic before it was stuck firmly in a child's mind. Because they can't work out difficult problems without instantly knowing what a number means and the basic facts around that number, we need to make sure that knowledge is fluent - accurate and fast. We are now going to spend the rest of the term focusing on 'filling the gaps' that we have found. It means children may be changing maths groups within their class several times over this period, working with students they haven't worked with before. This sort of targeted teaching approach is going to be of huge benefit to our children across the school and I would encourage you to regularly keep those skills at the front of your child's mind; adding, multiplying, subtracting numbers you see on the drive or walk to school, making them sort out maths problems in the supermarket etc. You might even have fun doing it! Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Next week's memory verse...Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all you nations;

extol Him, all you peoples.

For great is His love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord.

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.

Tuakana Tahi was asked to write an event from the Bible as if they were part of it. Here is one recount:

The Wall of Water

My limbs ached as I clambered over jagged rocks. My mouth desperately cried for water. Then there in front of us was WATER, a lot of it. My limbs no long felt weary, all I could think about was that water. Then it hit me, it wasn't drinking water, it was salt water, we had reached the sea. It smelt like dead fish. Suddenly I heard the sound of a trumpet, and thundering hooves, as Pharaoh's chariots came storming over the hill. I ran to my parents and joined the sound of screaming. Everyone turned to Moses and complained "It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than to die in the desert" Moses told us to trust in the Lord, and he will fight for us. I was panicking. My mother and father had told me to trust in the Lord, but right now it seemed impossible. Moses went to God for advice and stretched out his staff across the sea, and like that, with a strong east wind the waters rose and parted. The floor beneath it was clear and we ran across the sand to the dry seafloor. Moses lead us through the path, as everyone glanced nervously at the water as if it would swallow us up. I looked over my shoulder to see a pillar of fire defending us. As we neared the other side I could see Pharaoh's army pursuing us. My stomach tightened as I thought "Are we still going to die". Then my stomach finally dropped, we had reached the other side. Moses stretched out his staff again and the waters closed over the Egyptians. Then, everyone started celebrating and tambourines came out as we thanked the Lord with song. I couldn't feel my aches anymore, and my heart buzzed with excitement as we all continued on our journey.

EXODUS 14

Abigail Lang and Genevieve Laursen

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 – Our Missions Team is returning from Fiji today. We look forward to hearing their stories and giving a report back. Thank you for your prayers for them during this time away.

Servanthood



PTA School Community Dinner – The PTA would like to invite you to our School Community Dinner on 12th September 2018 from 5.30 to 7 pm. All food provided – we will be having soup and sausages. Please RSVP to the school office by Friday 7th September.

Love



Other important things to note:

Scholastic Book Club – Please return book club orders to the office by Friday 31st August.

Missing Jerseys – Seraphina Hansen's named jerseys have gone missing. Please check your child(ren)'s uniform items carefully to ensure that they are wearing their own items.

Grace



Lice – a parent has informed the office that nits are doing the rounds again. Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair...don't forget the boys!

Upcoming Events:

27th August	Chapel	24th Sept	South Canterbury Anniversary – school closed
6-7th Sept	Year 9/10 Leadership Conference	27th Sept	Reports sent home
10th Sept	Chapel	28th Sept	Term 3 ends
11th Sept	Rural Schools Technology Challenge	15th Oct	Term 4 begins
12th Sept	PTA Community Soup & Sausages	22nd Oct	Labour Day – school closed
13th Sept	Bot Meeting	18th Dec	Term 4 ends
19th Sept	School Photos		

Community Notices

Gleniti Scout Group – The Scout Section has a few vacancies for boys and girls aged between 11 to 14 years. There's something for every young person. Come along for new adventures, experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence with challenging activities. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, and experience the wider world. If you think your child may be interested in Scouts, please phone Rose ph 686 9888 for more information.

South Canterbury Mountainbike Club - Kids Race

Location: based around the main lake area in the Scenic Reserve, look for the MTB race signs.

Time: sign up from 12.30, race starts at 1pm.

Suitable for: ages 2-12.

Details: kids ride as many laps as they want around the track in 30mins - \$2 entry fee and every child gets a chocolate fish at the end.

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