



## From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

It's always a fun way to start a term; cooking and crafting new things in soft materials. That's how the week started for our Year 7&8s this week. A full term calendar meant we needed to swap things around a bit. Term 4 brings us Year 9/10 camp in Wellington, Rural Schools Athletics, a visit by the creator of Jump Jam, Top Teams event, Voice of the Martyrs visiting Year 7-10s, Year 7-8 and 9-10 Technology programmes, Swimming programme for Years 1-8, School Production and Prizegiving. Somewhere in between there will be lots of regular classroom learning too.

Our junior classes have continued to grow and so we are fortunate to have Mr Phillips work this term with Teina Tahī (1) and Teina Rua (2) for Literacy. The two classes will work together with the three teachers, giving each child more one-on-one time with a teacher.

Please remember that I and your child's teacher are available to discuss any questions or concerns you have; just get in touch.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

**Year 5/6 Boys Basketball Draw:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

6.30 pm Beaconsfield Breakers v Grantleadowns Hornets, Court 3

**Scholastic Book Club** – please return order forms to the office by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Young Poets** - Genevieve and Emily visited Ferrymead in Term 3, taking part in a Young Writers' Poetry workshop.

Perseverance



## How to board a train in the 1960s

When you smell smoke  
you know it is close.  
You sigh a deep sigh  
as your mother hurries you along.

Your hot bath last night  
surely helped you tie up your hair,  
now its fresh-flower smell all ruined.

You scurry through the jumble  
of councillors, families and sheep shearers  
who shut the dog-house doors.

A bell rings  
as the train arrives.  
The buzz of people stress your mum,  
you feel her grip tighten around your hand.

You scramble into the rusty black-and-gold train  
just as the conductor exclaims,  
"All aboard!"

**Genevieve Laursen**, Year 7, Timaru Christian School

## The Moorhouse Train Station

At noon, the train station  
opens, lets in all  
the human commotion,  
mums, dads and dogs.

Get your ticket, sit down and  
listen, to the sparrows chirp and  
children squeal..  
You hear the train  
toot toot toot.  
You board and take a seat by the food cart.

Arrive at the city destination  
and you realise you need a  
vacation.

**Emily Rentoul**, Year 6, Timaru Christian School

Learners



Congratulations to **Casey-May Watt** who placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the individual open level 2 and 6<sup>th</sup> in the open level 2 pairs at New Zealand Gymnastic Championships (aerobics) in Tauranga. Casey-May also recently competed at the South Island Gymnastic Championships where she gained the title of South Island Step 3 over vault champion. Well done!!



**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 Term 4** – we will be starting up our programme again for students in Years 0-8 from next Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. We are looking for volunteers to help us at the pool. Please let Mrs Thompson or the office know if you can help.

**Servanthood**



**Love**



**Other important things to note:**

**Carparks** – please park in the main car park for student pick-ups and drop-offs. This is a safety issue and so we have had to limit the parking next to the office to visitors and drivers with disability cards. Thank you for your understanding.

**Summer uniform** – now that we have reached our summer term, students are to be wearing their summer uniforms. For girls this means white ankle socks and a sunhat, and for boys this is navy shorts; long pants are no longer worn during this term.

**School Community Consultation**

This term the Board of Trustees is carrying out a School Community Consultation to assist us in developing our Strategic Plan for the next 3-5 years. We have put up questions in the office block hallway, inviting everyone to suggest the things TCS 'must do', 'mustn't do' and 'could dream of doing' in the following areas:

- How and what we teach in our school (Curriculum Delivery)
- The facilities at our school (Buildings and Grounds)
- The things we offer outside of our regular classroom programme (Extra-curricular)
- How and what we teach in our school about the Bible (Scripture and Apologetics Programme)
- How parents and teachers work together (School Community Partnerships)
- The types and ways we share information (Communication)
- How and what we share about student progress and learning (Reporting)
- Other thoughts and comments

We will also be hosting a Consultation Evening on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October in the School Library in which parents are welcome to come and share their ideas about these topics with Board Members between 5:30pm and 7pm.

**Upcoming Events:**

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	Labour Day – school closed	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Rural Schools Athletics
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Swimming	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	Swimming
<b>24 – 26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Year 9/10 Camp	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Swimming
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Swimming	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Swimming; Bot Meeting
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Swimming; BOT Meeting	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Swimming
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Swimming	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Term 4 ends

**Community Notices**

**Cardigan for Sale** – Brand new size 10 navy girls' cardigan – absolutely unworn. \$60. Please contact Viv Laursen on 021 214 7604.

**NAVIGATING the ADOLESCENT YEARS** presented by Kathryn Berkett

PARENTS - IF YOUR CHILD IS 10+ years old THIS IS THE PRESENTATION FOR YOU! Children go through BIG developmental changes when they transition to adulthood but do you know just how BIG these changes are and how much these changes can impact on your child? Parenting can become very challenging but take heart! This presentation will help you make sense of it all & give you some strategies to maintain a healthy relationship with your teen as you navigate the journey together.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 7–8.30pm @ Craighead Diocesan School Auditorium. Gold coin donation.

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