



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

You may have heard of the 'Hug/High five/Handshake' practice we started at school last week. It was something I had seen online a month or two back and was reminded of it by someone again in the past couple of weeks.

When a child arrives in their class, their teacher gives them an option of receiving a hug, a high five, or a handshake. The child chooses the action so that they feel comfortable and are in control, but the important element is that every child is 'visible' and knows that they have been seen and noticed. It may sound like a silly thing to some people but the reaction from the students has been wonderful; from the most reserved child who quietly offers a handshake, to those who come running up for a high five, to the seniors who insist on hugging their teacher just to make him feel uncomfortable.

This is a school where everyone should feel that they belong and this is one simple way to encourage that.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Year 5/6 Boys Basketball Draw: Tuesday 13th November

4:00 pm Beaconsfield Breakers v Point Rangers, Court 3

4.30 pm Beaconsfield Breakers Duty Team Court 3

Congratulations

Well done to the following students who received certificates this week:

Brooke Stewart for making super progress in addition problems in Maths.

Zoey Zwiigelaar for her awesome attitude and progress in Maths activities.

Glory Siaosi for following routines, working independently and great Reading!

Jaana Bird for consistently showing Servanthood and Grace.

Isabella Morris for doing work in a polite and friendly manner.

Evie Dalloway for listening attentively to instructions regarding work in class.

Isaiah Crooks for progress in Spelling. Keep it up Isaiah!

Jandre Visage for being a thoughtful and helpful member of Teina Rima.

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.

Swimming Term 4 – We are looking for volunteers to help us at the pool. Please let Mrs Thompson or the office know if you can help.

Wanted – Mrs Lee is looking for a piece of Perspex and would love some colourful old paints suitable for outdoors.

Missing uniform items – Seraphina Hansen's named hat and Aurelia Hansen's named drink bottle are missing – kindly check your child's uniform and other items to be sure that they are using only their own items.

School Photos – please have orders back to the office by tomorrow, Friday 9th November.

Servanthood



Love



Other important things to note:

We ask that students do not bring toys to school unless they have news day in their class. We also ask that students do not trade toys, cards or other items during school hours to avoid arguments, misunderstandings and distractions.

Just a reminder - With the strike action that is happening in schools in our region and across the country, please note that Timaru Christian School is an Area school so we are not

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Grace



affected by it. It is the Primary schools that are currently taking action. TCS will remain open until the end of the term.

Curriculum Review - Term 3, 2018

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts about how Scripture and The Arts are taught at TCS. Based on the feedback we received from students, parents and teachers, the following key points were made:

Key Findings re: Scripture and Apologetics at TCS

- We have a very comprehensive Scripture programme that the children enjoy working through.
- The Apologetics programme is designed to be relevant and flexible enough to allow and encourage discussions on current topics, in relation to what the Bible teaches us.
- As a staff, we are growing in our personal understandings of Scripture, encouraged through professional discussions/study.
- We are confident that our Scripture and Apologetics programmes are doing what they have been designed to do and are running effectively.

Key Findings re: The Arts at TCS

- The Arts (made up of Sound, Visual, Dance and Drama) make up one curriculum area and, combined, should get as much teaching time as other singular subjects eg Science, unless it is being effectively integrated into other subjects. This is a challenge to balance in a busy weekly programme.
- Our assessment needs to be more rigorous in these areas.
- We have some wonderfully creative students (and teachers) at TCS and it is important that their skills and talents are developed and extended in each of these strands.
- Space is a serious issue, especially when we don't want to paint or glitter or glue on carpeted areas. We do not have space for drying art works.
- We need to source an expert or upskill ourselves in Dance so our students are able to develop movement skills in this area, which will have pay-offs in other curriculum areas eg motor skills, logic, thinking and problem-solving skills etc.

Upcoming Events:

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| 8th Nov | Swimming; BOT Meeting | 6th Dec | Swimming; Bot Meeting |
| 15th Nov | Swimming | 13th Dec | Swimming |
| 20th Nov | Rural Schools Athletics | 14th Dec | Production and Prizegiving, 6.30 pm at TCS |
| 22nd Nov | Swimming | 18th Dec | Term 4 ends |
| 29th Nov | Swimming | | |

Community Notices

Waste Free Parenting Workshop – Kate Meads will teach you new ways to minimise waste, while introducing you to modern sustainable products for use in the home. Monday 12th Nov, 9-11.30 am at the Timaru District Council Chambers (2 King George Place). For a fee of \$25.00, those attending will receive a goody bag worth \$100, including some modern cloth nappies. Morning tea provided. More info on the school notice board.

Timaru Cycling Club Wednesday night racing program 2018-2019

Levels International Motor Raceway on Wednesday nights, starting 24 October until 12 December 2018 and 30 January 2019 to 27 February 2019. See school notice board for more info.

Television for Free! Panasonic 32" with HDMI plug. Contact Richard Gunther by e-mailing shamgar@callsouth.net.nz.

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

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