



## From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

On Tuesday we have the Rural Schools Athletics Competition. This year's Junior Athletics has been revamped to ensure more variety in the run, jump, and throw activities. They have been planned by our Year 9 and 10s who have been to each of the Rural Schools to run through the activities with the junior students so they know what to expect on the day. Through the feedback we've received, the activities have been tweaked over time, and it has been great to see the confidence our young people have developed in working with junior students as a result of this challenge. I would like to say a huge, 'Thanks, team!' to our Year 9 and 10s. I'm sure the 234 junior students you will be leading on Tuesday will be very grateful. ☺

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

**Year 5/6 Boys Basketball Draw:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
4:30 pm Beaconsfield Breakers v Bluestone Bouncers, Court 3  
5:00 pm Beaconsfield Breakers Duty Team Court 3

**Perseverance**



## Photo Orders

Any late orders can be dropped directly to the photographer at the address printed on the bottom of the envelope.

**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.

**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 still looking for volunteers to help us at the pool. Please let Mrs Thompson or the office know if you can help.

**Servanthood**



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

**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.

**Grace**



**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 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:

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## 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:

<b>15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Swimming	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Swimming; Bot Meeting
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Rural Schools Athletics	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Swimming
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	Swimming	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Production and Prizegiving, 6.30 pm at TCS
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Rural Schools Athletics postponement	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Term 4 ends
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Swimming		

## Community Notices

**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](mailto: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.