



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

This is the time of year when planning for the coming year gets into full swing. I'm currently working on our Strategic and Annual plans, using feedback we have been given by our school community to assist in determining the next steps for our school. One new aspect to our school which has been slowly ticking over in the background, is our involvement with the Kāhui Ako.

The Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) is a large group of schools and ECEs in Timaru who are working together to help our students achieve and learn, sharing our talents and resources across kura. The 36 schools and ECEs who are in our Combined North and South Timaru Kāhui Ako will select one or more of the focus areas 'Transitions', 'Well-being', and 'Priority Learners'. We will then each gather data about what we are doing in our own communities, research new ideas/innovations, trial new initiatives, and work out if they have actually made a difference for our students.

It's a collaborative inquiry model we are using so we will, during the year, be asking for your input and ideas about the area(s) we will be focusing on. Working together, as one body; what a great model to follow.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Year 5/6 Boys Basketball Draw: Tuesday 27th November
5:30 pm Beaconsfield Breakers v Gleniti Warriors, Court 2

Photo Orders

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

Year 6-10 Production Costumes

If your child is in Years 6-10, he/she will be on-stage performing 'The Bible in 30 Minutes' as part of our prizegiving. It is a simple set-up and costumes are to be simple too. We have asked students to choose something to wear from home that would be appropriate to their character. Plain dressing gowns and sheets are very useful for Biblical costumes and students who have more than one role to play are encouraged to simply add or change one part of their costume for each character e.g. a different head covering etc. They will need to have their costumes at school from the 3rd December.

Gardening Club Fundraiser

Popcorn, \$1 a bag

Morning tea tomorrow (Friday 23rd November) @ Hall door (Sports Shed desk).

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 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:

Grace



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.



Upcoming Events:

22nd Nov	Swimming	13th Dec	Swimming
27th Nov	Rural Schools Athletics	14th Dec	Production and Prizegiving, 6.30 pm at TCS
29th Nov	Swimming	18th Dec	Term 4 ends
6th Dec	Swimming; Bot Meeting	31st Jan 2019	Term 1 begins

Community Notices

The Free YMCA Youth Holiday Programme is Back!!!!!!

December 17th, 18th, 20th and 21st and January 14th to the 18th and 21st to the 25th.

WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS NOW!!!!!! Are you aged between 11 and 17? Keen to keep busy, meet new friends and have a load of fun? Then come and join us! We are based at Mountainview High School with full access to the gym, turf and other facilities. This, along with visits to C'Bay will ensure, as one participant described, a "fun programme" that is "great for making new friends". Secure your place now by filling out application form at www.ymcasc.org.nz or Contact James at the YMCA on 027 808 4311 or email james@ymcasc.org.nz.

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.

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