



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

I have been learning a lot about how the brain works over the past few terms. This week Mr Phillips and I attended a Family Harm workshop in Christchurch which talked about the effects of traumatic events on the brain and what that means for learning. Do you know what the most important thing to help a child develop resilience and to thrive in their learning is? It's relationship. When our 'survival' brain knows that someone is there who will care for us through all events (no matter how traumatic), it is able to relax and let the 'upper brain' do the rational thinking and connecting. Doesn't that just sound like everything the Scriptures have been telling us forever? We know that we need to live in community, to support and love one another; that's how we were designed and now the science is catching up.

Next year is one in which I believe we need to focus, in a deeper way, on relationships. Relationships between students and students, students and teachers, teachers and parents. We have some plans around this already but if you have any ideas around this, I welcome your suggestions.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Year 5/6 Boys Basketball Draw: Tuesday 11th December (Final)

4:00 pm Beaconsfield Breakers v Point Jets, Court 2

4:30 pm Beaconsfield Breakers Duty Team Court 2

Congratulations

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

Juno Phiskie for being a helpful member in the classroom and awesome work on Topic.

Lorin Crooks for trying really hard at subtraction problems from 10.

Seraphina Hansen and **Petra Samuela-Noa** - Teina Tahi Literacy time certificate.

Hyunu Lee for consistently making good choices and having a servant heart.

Edee Seifert for making great progress with her spelling and story writing.

Zandri Theron for wonderful progress in Spelling and Reading.

Jackson MacLeod for huge effort in Spelling and improvement in Writing.

Jordy Cooper for good progress in reading and writing in English.

Giulia Moraes for beautiful Art work and dedication in English and Maths.

Josiah Coe for willingness to help with class chores and flexibility when working with others.

Kenshin Middlemass for a focused mind set towards self-management and organisation of his learning time.

Well done to **Casey-May Watt, Jimmy Kitchen, Dinnay Phillips, Tapu Tuimana** and **Grace Coe** for the sportsmanship and effort they put into the South Canterbury Athletics this week.

Missing Uniform Item

Tiger Jiang's named hat has gone missing. Kindly check your children's items to be sure that they are wearing their own uniform.

Year 10 Leavers Dinner – We are looking forward to this time of sharing (and eating) with Year 10 students and their parents at Naruwan Restaurant tomorrow night at 6pm. Please note the slightly earlier time.

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.



Wanted – Mrs Anisy is looking for **empty spray bottles** (eg from cleaning products) and **plastic bags** for rubbish.

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:

School Buses

The last day that the school (Ritchies) buses will be running for 2018 is Wednesday 12th December. If your child is on a school bus, kindly make alternate transport arrangements for the last four days of term.

Grace



Muffi Day

Tuesday 11th December. Odd one Out day – wear bright colours, odd socks, wacky clothes and hair etc! Gold coin donation. Proceeds to Missions Trip to India. There will be games, balloons and bubbles at lunch time.

School Production and Prizegiving

On Friday 14th December we will present our school production and prizegiving at the school hall at 6:30pm. Please ensure your child is at school by 6:15pm so they can be ready to start on time.

Last Day of School

On the 18th December, we have planned some fun activities to finish the year with.

Year 1-5s are to be dropped off, by parents, at Chipmunks in the morning (at 9am). They will be playing there until 12pm, at which time a bus will bring them back to school.

Year 6-10s will be based at school where we will be running a Bubble Football Competition from 9:30am-11:30am.

At 12:30pm, parents are welcome to come join the staff and students for lunch (bring your own), and students can leave with their parents from 1:30pm onwards. There will be supervised activities for remaining students until 3pm.

School Uniform

A reminder that students should be wearing their correct summer uniforms every day. This means shorts for the boys, white ankle socks for the girls etc.

Timaru Bluestone Visit - next Wednesday, 12th December, students in Teina Toru will be visiting Timaru Bluestone to celebrate learning about different rocks in our local area. We would really like some parent help for our trip to assist with walking to and from the venue on Coonor Road and supervising students. Please join us if you can.

Upcoming Events:

6th Dec

Swimming; Bot Meeting

18th Dec

Term 4 ends

14th Dec

Production and Prizegiving, 6.30 pm at TCS

31st Jan 2019

Term 1 begins

Community Notices

Tots to Teens Magazine

Tots to Teens magazine is a free community parenting resource for Kiwi families. We focus on positive, well-researched parenting advice to support children's reading, learning, behaviour, nutrition, health, well-being, and resilience. Here is the link to the December issue: issue1812c.totstoteens.co.nz.

Timaru's Active Kids Holiday Programmes

Active Kids is an affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years. Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available from as little as \$15 per session. 21-25 January 2019 at the Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgan's Road, Timaru. Full details and to register on line go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751. Limited Spaces available – Registrations close Monday 14th January 2019.

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