



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

In our last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank everyone who has taken time to come and contribute to the teaching and learning programmes at TCS. I have appreciated, again this year, hearing comments from visitors who are new to our school about the 'family' and 'loving' atmosphere when they have walked through the classrooms. It is the children, the staff and the families who make it the school it is and I consider it a huge blessing to be part of this school community.

We have some exciting things planned for next year and we look forward to sharing in the lives of your children once again.

May the hope, the joy, and the peace of Christmas overwhelm each one of us as we remember the true reason for the season.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Missing Uniform Item

Ryno de Beer's named jersey (size 8, name on side label) has gone missing. Kindly check your children's items to be sure that they are wearing their own uniform.

Muffi Day

Thank you all very much for the recent donations at the Odd One Out muffi day at school. The money raised will help towards buying sewing machines and other equipment for workers in Kolkata, India. It was a very colourful and fun day. Well done organisers.

Perseverance



Learners



Servant Hearts



Opportunities to serve

Swimming

Thank you to all our wonderful swimming volunteers this year. Your help at swimming has been much appreciated and your support in supervising students or taking swimming groups has been awesome.

Mrs Thompson

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.

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

Wanted – Mrs Nareki is looking for empty jars, newspapers and ice-cream containers. These items are for the art room next year but we would love to have them before the end of term.

Servanthood





Love Other important things to note:



School Production and Prizegiving

Tomorrow, 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.

Grace



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.

Upcoming Events:

14th Dec	Production and Prizegiving, 6.30 pm at TCS	31st Jan 2019	Term 1 begins
18th Dec	Term 4 ends		

Community Notices

OCEANS Grief and Loss Peer Support Programme

Oceans is a peer support programme for children, youth, and adults who have experienced loss in their life. The losses covered may come from the death of a close relative or friend, or the separation/divorce of parents. The focus of this programme is providing a safe environment for participants to talk about their loss/es and the change/s in their lives. We attempt to run a programme each school term (eight-week children's programme and six-week adult's programme). We have seen many people go through the programme and have numerous success stories of how it has helped.

Please visit our website for more information, including an Online enrolment form: www.anglican care.org.nz. Alternatively, email oceans.timaru@gmail.com, phone Matt Cameron on 0800 OCEANS or text 0274 623267.

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.