



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

It has been great getting to see so many smiling faces returning to school over the past week. I'm really looking forward to a positive and exciting year ahead at TCS.

There are a few 'tweaks' and changes to our teaching staff this year. We welcome back Mrs Nareki and Mrs Zwies to our teaching team again this year. Mrs Nareki is our Arts Teacher and continuing with PE/Sport in Years 9/10, and Mrs Z is working with Teina Rua (our new entrants) in the afternoons.

Mrs Lovely has returned to teach Teina Toru (Year 3-4) this year. She was a Release teacher at TCS in the past and so is fitting back into our school very quickly and easily.

The Senior Management Team consists of myself, Mr Phillips as Deputy Principal (responsible for classes from Years 0-4) and Mr Goulet as Assistant Principal (responsible for classes from Years 5-10). Mr Phillips will also continue as Acting Principal while I am carrying out Kahui Ako Lead Principal responsibilities on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons.

This year we have established a new role - Mrs Hamilton is our Manaakitanga Co-ordinator. Her role is to find ways to ensure kindness and support is shown to members of our school community. If you know of someone who could do with some extra support eg prayer, meals etc, or if someone has something wonderful they are celebrating eg new baby, wedding etc, please get in touch with her either in person, via phone or via (mrshamilton@timaruchristian.school.nz).

Tomorrow is our first Enrichment Day. We have some wonderful parent volunteers who are leading activities as well as those led by the teachers. Our students in Years 1-8 have selected 3 activities to do during the day so they will be working with children from other classes. Our Year 9s will be assisting to lead activities as their Community Service this year. If you are free on a Friday and would like to come along to watch or help out on an informal basis, please feel free to do so. We are hoping for the day to be one in which we develop our creativity, problem-solving and technology skills, and build positive relationships with one another.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Welcome to the following new students at TCS:

Teina Rua: Arona Itula, Cameron Law, Danru Meyer, Gabriella Brits, Joseph Ben-Canaan, Neev George, Yong Jie Boon

Teina Toru: Wan Jun Boon

Teina Wha: Wan Hui Boon

Congratulations to the McGeough family on the arrival of baby Leo over the holidays.

T-Ball starts this week. First game for the season is on Friday afternoon at Morrison Park. Please try to be there by 3.50 ready to play at 4 pm.

Whanau Education Action Plans / Learning Conferences

Hopefully everyone has received a time for Learning Conferences next week, and a Whanau Education Action Plan (sent in the post). Please bring the plan, with the first page completed, to your child's learning conference next week. The second page will be completed with your child's teacher as we work together on common goals.

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.

PTA

PTA AGM and first meeting on the 14th February. All welcome. Election forms are being sent home today with the newsletter. Kindly return by next week Thursday.



Lost Property – there is currently a large number of uniform and non-uniform items on our lost property shelves at school. Much of this is from last year and it would be wonderful to see these go to their correct homes. Sadly, the majority of these items are not named which makes it difficult to sort. Please come and look through these items to see if anything belongs to your child. Anything still unclaimed by the end of this term will be distributed to homes where they can be used.

Servanthood



Love



Other important things to note:

Wheels Days

If your child enjoys riding his/her bike, scooter, roller blades or roller skates, this term they can bring them along to school to ride at lunchtimes. They are to put their 'wheels' alongside the preschool fence on the court closest to the preschool. That is where they will be riding. Anyone on wheels must wear their own helmet.

Grace



Stationery Sales

We will no longer be selling stationery at the school office so if your child needs a pencil, pen, book etc, you will receive a note from your child's teacher. (This will be after the supplies you have sent to school have run out.)

Upcoming Events:

7th Feb	Swimming	19th Mar	Rural Schools Swimming Sports
11th -14th Feb	Learning conferences	21st Mar	Swimming, BOT Meeting
14th Feb	Swimming, PTA Meeting	28th Mar	Swimming
21st Feb	Swimming, BOT Meeting	4th April	Swimming
28th Feb – 1st Mar	Swimming, Year 9/10 Athletics Camp	11th Apr	Swimming, Term 1 Ends
7th Mar	Swimming	12 Apr	Teacher Only day
14th Mar	Swimming	29 Apr	Term 2 Begins

Community Notices

Music Tuition

Looking for a new challenge this year? TIMARU SCHOOL OF MUSIC offers free tuition, in small groups, in guitar, ukulele, violin, cello, flute, clarinet, oboe, recorder, trumpet, and trombone. Hire instruments are available at \$25 per term and a one-off fee of \$40 is charged. Lessons are held after school at Oceanview Heights School. Enrolment day is Wednesday February 13 from 4-5.30pm in the Hall at Oceanview Heights. Enquiries to timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com.

Hadlow to Harbour Fun Walk/Jog/Run

Sunday 3rd March, Family fun event | Great prizes | Fancy dress | Proceeds to charity

Free buses leave from Caroline Bay skate park for 10k Hadlow starting point at 8.30am for the start at 9.30am. For 3km start at Countdown Supermarket, Church Street, buses leave Caroline Bay from 9am for the start at 9.30 am.

Organiser: Noel Crawford, Timaru North Rotary Club Phone 6861717, Email: noelncrawford@hotmail.com

Children's Day 2019

For families looking for fun activities on Sunday 3rd March, the ever popular Children's Day event is the place to be, at the Caroline Bay hall from 10am to 2pm. This free annual event will offer an array of events and activities that will keep families busy and will be a great opportunity for mums and dads to join in and do things with their children. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it. The day's activities include music and movement, mini train rides, bouncy castles, free food and inter-active displays from emergency services. Many of the Caroline Bay rides will operate free between 10am and 2pm. Children will have a chance to perform with a band, take part in outside games, or even try their hand at fly fishing or obstacle courses. For the little ones under five years, there will be ride-on-toys, face painting and a lot more. There will also be great activities for the older children, organised by the YMCA.

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