



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

If you've had a chance to pop into school in the mornings, you will have seen Mrs Janet Pain in the office as you've walked past. Janet is our Receptionist until 9:30am and again from 2:30pm-3:15pm each day. We wanted to make it easier for parents to leave messages and purchase uniform items etc, and so we extended the hours the office is open. Janet has been part of our school community for many years so will be a familiar face to lots of people. :)

Last week was our first Enrichment Day. It was a fantastic day and the atmosphere was humming. The parents who have volunteered to lead activities did an amazing job and we're looking forward to doing it all again tomorrow. If you are free during the day, please feel welcome to come and see what is happening.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Learning Conferences this week. Basing them on the Whanau Education Action Plans was a new process for us and we have really appreciated getting to hear what is important to our school families so we can work together more effectively for your children.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Scholastic Book Club – return date for orders is next Friday, 22nd February. Please have all orders in before 9 am on that day.

Cellphones and Tablets at school

At TCS we provide the technological devices for our students' learning and we have phones in every class. Our students who bring devices (phones, tablets etc) are required to hand them in to the teacher at the start of the day and collect them at the end of the day. (Year 9s and 10s keep them in their bags.) They are not allowed to turn them on until they leave the school (or after 3:15pm if they are waiting at the bus stop). As you can appreciate, this is a safety issue. If you need to get hold of your child or their teacher, please contact the school office between 8:30am and 12:30pm or 2:30pm-3:15pm. Outside of those hours the answerphone is on and messages are sent directly by email by a staff member who is monitoring them.

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 – The AGM and first meeting are tonight, 14th February. All welcome.

Swimming Sports

Years 1-8, Thursday 28th February at C-Bay pool, from 11am-12.30pm

You are all welcome to come and watch. We would really appreciate some volunteers to help us with timekeeping on the day. Please see Mrs Thompson if you can help or leave your name at the office

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





Timaru Christian School

Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

School Newsletter – Week 3, Term 1, 2019



<p>Love</p> 	<p>Other important things to note:</p> <p>Wheels Days</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Grace</p> 	<p>Stationery Sales</p> <p>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.)</p>

Upcoming Events:			
14 th Feb	Learning conferences	21 st Mar	Swimming, BOT Meeting
14 th Feb	Swimming, PTA Meeting	28 th Mar	Swimming
21 st Feb	Swimming, BOT Meeting 6 pm	29 th Mar	SC Swimming Sports
28 th Feb – 1 st Mar	Swimming, Year 9/10 Athletics Camp	4 th April	Swimming
7 th Mar	Swimming	11 th Apr	Swimming, Term 1 Ends
14 th Mar	Swimming	12 Apr	Teacher Only day
19 th Mar	Rural Schools Swimming Sports	29 Apr	Term 2 Begins

Community Notices

The Developing Brain – Nathan Wallis

Feb 18 - Timaru Boys High School, Timaru

Host of the TV documentary "All in the Mind" and co-host of the TV series "The Secret Life of Girls", renowned Neuroscience Educator, Nathan Wallis takes his talk "The Developing Brain" on the road. In his unique "tell you how it is" style, Nathan Wallis provide an informative narrative on how our day-to-day interactions with children and young people, significantly the younger years, plays a critical role in defining later outcomes for our children and for our future. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Nathan Wallis speak. For more information and to get your ticket go to eventfinda.co.nz.

Interactive Art

Wayne Patrick is a professional artist/tutor with many years' experience working with children and adults. Art is the perfect medium to connect with children and adults. It is natural, peaceful and relaxing, therefore an ideal tool to help heal and bond. Team building, or private lessons are available. Contact Wayne on 027 6060 833 or www.waynepatrickfineart.com.

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

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PTA needs you

7 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN US...

all welcome... **Thurs 14th Feb** 7.30pm TCS Staffroom

1. It's a great way to meet other families with children the same age as your own.
2. It's a hour or so off each term from your hectic household routine.
3. By simply joining PTA you are advocating on behalf of ALL children (including your own!).
4. You can help raise money for a great cause-your children's education!
5. You'll get to know the teachers at school and to understand their needs and ideas.
6. You can create, plan, and execute fun events for the whole family!
7. And finally it's fun and ...WE NEED YOU!

HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO

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