



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

I love the cultural diversity at TCS, with over 14 different cultures represented by our 135 students. We learn so much about the world around us through interacting with and caring for one another, valuing the diversity that God has created. Last Saturday most of our teachers went to training in Christchurch around Cultural Responsiveness (learning about other cultures' values and traditions) so that we can ensure our interactions with our students are respectful and sensitive to their own culture. We still have a lot to learn and so welcome anything you can share about what your family does or values that would help us to know and teach your children more effectively at school.

Today I'm away on our first Year 9/10 camp of the year, focusing on PE/Sport. Thursday is spent competing in the Christian Schools Year 9/10 Athletics Competition and Friday will be a day of challenges as students take on the high ropes course at Adrenalin Forest and then go kayaking on the Avon. Prayers for safety and courage for our students would be much appreciated as many of them step outside their comfort zones.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations to Mrs Taylor (part time teacher at TCS 2018) on the birth of Eve, daughter number 3, and congratulations to the **Harrison family** on the recent arrival of baby Joel.

Beginners Basketball

Six sessions teaching the basic skills of basketball to current or prospective players from the ages of 5-8 years old. Wednesdays 4-5 pm at the Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgans Road. Dates: March 6,13,20,27 and April 3,10. Cost is \$40,00 for all six sessions. Registrations close March 4th. If you haven't already a notice with the details of registration or payment then please see Mrs Thompson for more information.

Rural Schools Netball 2019

Thank you to those people that have returned Netball Registrations to the office already. If your child is still wishing to play this season, then please return Netball registrations and money by Monday the 4th March to the office. If you have any questions then please ask Mrs Thompson or Mrs Nareki.

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 – we are in need of some volunteers to help with our weekly swimming programme on Thursdays from 11am - noon. Please see Mrs Thompson if you can help.

Lost Property – we are nearly halfway through the term and so far it looks like the collection of items in the lost property has *increased* rather than decreased. Please check for anything that may belong to your family (as much of what is there is left over from last year). Anything left at the end of this term will be cleaned and re-distributed.

Servanthood



Love



Other important things to note:

Procedure Reviews

This term we are reviewing the following procedures:

- LR1 Enrolment
- LR2 Attendance
- O1 Parent Helpers
- O2 Uniform

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Timaru Christian School

Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

School Newsletter – Week 5, Term 1, 2019



Grace



- HS18 Administering Medicines
- HS2 Supervision of Students
- RPR1 School Planning and Reporting

If you would like to share your thoughts on any updates/changes/amendments, please email your ideas to Bethany on principal@timaruchristian.school.nz. Copies can be found on the school website under the 'Important Documents' tab.

Lost jersey – Rebekah Purcell's named jersey is missing. Please check your children's uniform items carefully to ensure that they are wearing their own uniform.

Upcoming Events:

28th Feb	Swimming	28th Mar	Swimming
4th Mar	Chapel 2.30 pm	29th Mar	SC Swimming Sports
28th Feb – 1st Mar	Year 9/10 Athletics Camp	1st April	Chapel 2.30 pm
7th Mar	Swimming	4th April	Swimming; PTA Meeting 7.30 pm
14th Mar	Swimming	10th April	School Community BBQ Dinner
18th Mar	Chapel 2.30 pm	11th Apr	Swimming, Term 1 Ends
19th Mar	Rural Schools Swimming Sports	12 Apr	Teacher Only day
21st Mar	Swimming, BOT Meeting	29 Apr	Term 2 Begins

Community Notices

TCS PTA INVITES YOU TO OUR

SCHOOL COMMUNITY BBQ DINNER

All Food Provided

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 5.30-7 PM

Food, Fun & Fellowship

Timaru Christian School
10 Quarry Road
Timaru

Please RSVP to the SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 8th APRIL with Numbers Attending

childrensday.org.nz
#ChildrensDayNZ

Childrens Day

Sunday 3rd March 2019
10:00am - 2:00pm
Caroline Bay

TE PŪ KŌHĀRIKI
FIRST

TE PŪ O NGŌA TĀMARIKI
CHILDREN'S DAY

GO MEDIA ORANGA TĀMARIKI
Ready for Children

OPEN HOME FOUNDATION
TE WHĀNUA KŌHĀRIKI

Have you considered being a Foster Parent

"Supporting Families Caring for Children"

Do you have a passion to make a difference in the lives of children/tamariki and young people/rangatahi in Canterbury? We are hosting an Information Evening to share our needs for Foster Parents; short term relief, 12-18 month care to permanent placements. Our most urgent need is for a child aged 10-16 and supporting a young person to learn independence skills. Full training and 24/7 support provided.

OHF is committed to mobilising the mainstream Christian community to serve children/tamariki and familywhānau in Aotearoa NZ.

To register, please contact:
Debra Victor at our Canterbury Service Centre
e: Debra.Victor@ohf.org.nz or p: 03 366 5977

www.ohf.org.nz A Christian Community Response

our Timaru Christian School

PTA needs you

7 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN US...

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!

Thursday 4th April 7.30pm
TCS Staffroom

all welcome...

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