



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Over the past few weeks I have listened to the Tomorrow's Schools Taskforce Review team and the National Party Education Spokesperson sharing their thoughts about the proposed changes to the Education system in New Zealand. There are some ideas that are extremely different to the way things are done now and our own Board of Trustees is compiling their response to it.

The changes will affect our school community so I encourage you, if you feel led, to read through what has been suggested and submit your thoughts. If that is not something you feel comfortable with, please pray that the leaders in our country will be wise and discerning in their decision-making. For more information, go to <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations to **Mrs Ratjens** on the birth of her baby boy William this week!

Perseverance

Use of ICT/Cybersafety School Community Consultation

Attached to the newsletter is a survey asking for your thoughts about the use of ICT and Cybersafety at our school. Please return it to the school office by 13th March. Thank you.



Enrichment Day - Term 2

We have had some wonderful parents sharing their time and talents with our students on Enrichment Days every Friday this term. We are already thinking ahead to Term 2's Enrichment Days. If you have 1½ hours every Friday and are happy to lead a small group of students in an Arts, Craft, Music, Creative play or Technology activity, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Bethany on principal@timaruchristian.school.nz, phone the office or speak to her in person.



Learners



We are asking all families to please look at home for any readers that may have accidentally been left at home over the last few months. There are a number of readers that have not been returned to school and it severely affects our daily Reading groups. Thanks.

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



What does Love Look Like in The Classroom?

We would love to hear your ideas on what a 'Loving Classroom' would look like. Please send your thoughts to Bethany (principal@timaruchristian.school.nz) so the staff can talk through what we could do better at our school.

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.

Grace





Upcoming Events:			
7 th Mar	Swimming	29 th Mar	SC Swimming Sports
14 th Mar	Swimming	1 st April	Chapel 2.30 pm
18 th Mar	Chapel 2.30 pm	4 th April	Swimming; PTA Meeting 7.30 pm
19 th Mar	Rural Schools Swimming Sports	10 th April	School Community BBQ Dinner
21 st Mar	Swimming, BOT Meeting	11 th Apr	Swimming, Term 1 Ends
25 th Mar	Closing date for bulb orders	12 Apr	Teacher Only day
28 th Mar	Swimming	29 Apr	Term 2 Begins

Community Notices

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. Your link to the new MARCH ISSUE digital magazine is issue1902c.totstoteens.co.nz/.

Northern Hearts AFC Inc

Junior registrations for 2019 season. Any existing or new junior players wanting to play for our Club, please go on our Junior Northern Hearts Facebook page and register your child/children as per the instructions. Registrations close 15 March 2019. Any queries, please email nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com

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

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!

all welcome... **Thursday 4th April 7.30pm** TCS Staffroom

OPEN HOME FOUNDATION
TE WHARE KAIAPUA FOUNDA

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 family/whānau 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

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