



## From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

There are a number of schools who run a 'Play, Eat, Learn' programme which involves modifying the traditional break-time structure. Basically, the children run around and play for the first part of morning tea and lunch and then finish their break-time with eating food before going back to class. This enables children with lots of energy to run it off and, for those who race through their food so they can go and play, there is a more settled time for eating after they have worked up an appetite. The research carried out in those schools has shown extremely positive effects and so we have decided to trial it at TCS for the next 4 weeks. Morning tea break will be extended slightly and lunch will be reduced slightly. We have made a plan for students who take longer than the usual 15 minutes to still have time to eat what they need. While it may take a little time for students to adjust, they will never be without a food break for more than two hours, as they are now.

We'll let you know how it goes.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

## Congratulations

Well done to the following students who received certificates last week:

**Emily Christina Joshua** for awesome work in reading.

**Edee Seifert** for outstanding effort in all curriculum areas.

**Nina Kerr** for amazing learning and recall of our sign language.

**Arona Itula** for great progress in his letter sounds.

**Gloria Manson** for showing love and grace towards others.

**Malachi Bruning** for making good choices and being ready all the time, to do his best.

**Levi Wood** for displaying a Servant Heart in the classroom.

**Israel Dee** for great work with Scripture activities as well as Title pages.

**Abby Hunter-Sinclair** for consistent dedication to quality in her writing and research in English.

**Lupe Langi** for working well individually and in a group to complete tasks on time.

**Jimmy Kitchen** for his perseverance in understanding fractions.

**Faith Bruning** for her pleasing progress and positive attitude in Mathematics.

Congratulations to **Ernest Pilgrim** and **Rachel Harrison** who both recently qualified in the Javelin event, to represent TCS at the South Canterbury Athletics, where Rachael went on to gain 4th place.

## Netball

Thank you to all girls who have registered for our upcoming Netball season and for the parents that have offered to coach. The Rural Schools Netball committee are in the process of registering teams. More details will come to you over the next week regarding teams and practice times.

## 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](mailto:principal@timaruchristian.school.nz), phone the office or speak to her in person.

## Perseverance



## 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.

**Wanted**

Mrs Lovely is looking for old t-shirts to be used for upcycling projects. Any size or colour accepted!

**Lost Property**

We are over 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.

**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.

**Servanthood**



**Love**



**Paid Union Meeting**

The Teachers' Unions have initiated bargaining for the Area Teachers Collective Agreement which is the agreement our teachers are employed under. On the afternoon of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, the first Paid Union Meeting will be held. Union members are entitled to attend the meeting and will be doing so. However, we have enough teachers to cover the classes for the duration of the meeting so school will remain open and students can be collected at 3pm as usual.

**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.

**Grace**



**Upcoming Events:**

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



## 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/](http://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](mailto:nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com)

TCS PTA INVITES YOU TO OUR

# SCHOOL COMMUNITY BBQ DINNER

All Food Provided



**WEDNESDAY  
10<sup>TH</sup> 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

Register TODAY to secure your placement

## 2019 Parenting Programmes

The Incredible Years  
Parents, teachers, and children getting better

# The Incredible Years Toddler Programme

Family Works will deliver the Incredible Years Toddler Programme in Timaru.  
20 parents committed to attending is essential to ensure delivery of this incredible programme!

**For parents of:** children 1-3 years:

**Beginning:**  
Thursday, 28 March to 27 June  
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Childcare provided if required**

This 12 week programme will focus on practical step-by-step suggestions and support to help in handling the every day situations parents face.  
Sessions are held once a week for 3 hours  
(excluding school holidays)

**Family Works**  
PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT SOUTH CANTERBURY

To enrol or for further information call Liz  
**NOW** at Family Works  
**03 688 5029 / 0274 688200**  
email: [liz.munro@pssc.co.nz](mailto:liz.munro@pssc.co.nz)

**VENUE:** Family Works, 26 North Street, Timaru  
[www.pssc.org.nz/family-works](http://www.pssc.org.nz/family-works)

**Free** FW21z

HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO

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