



## From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

How much can our worlds change in one week? The impact of the Christchurch Terror Attacks is only starting to be felt right across the country and everyone, to varying degrees, has their own reaction to what was done.

For us, as a school, we can see the ways children of different ages have reacted to it; the younger students largely don't comprehend it, the middle school students generally want to ignore it or just know bits about it, and many of the senior school students process it by finding out all the facts and talking about it with their friends.

I'm sure many of you will have heard your church leaders reminding us that this is a time for us to live out our Christian faith, to show love to one another. We would hope that is something we were already doing but the question is, 'What does showing love to one another in this sort of situation look like?' Does it look like donating money, or being angry at the right people, or praying for specific groups? Or perhaps our love can be shown through an increased urgency for spreading the gospel of Jesus. If ever there was a need for the love and grace of God, through His Son, to be shared, it is now.

If your child or yourself need support in dealing with what has happened, please speak to your pastor or to us at school and we will try to get you that support.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

## Congratulations

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

**Juno Phiskie** for making great progress in reading and being a helpful member of the class.

**Emmerlyn Nasalo** for creative story writing and all round effort in Teina Tahi.

**Jong jie Boon** for excellent sentences in his story writing.

**Blessings Itula** for always being keen to lead Teina Wha in prayer.

**Lea Battiss** for settling into Teina Wha and TCS with a positive, can-do attitude.

Congratulations to **Minu Lee** who will be representing us as part of the Rural Schools Swimming Team in the 50m backstroke at the South Canterbury Swimming Sports. A great effort!

**Muffi Day** – Tomorrow we will have a muffi day to raise money for the families affected by the events in Chch. Come dressed in lots of colour and bring along a gold coin.

**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.

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

**Servanthood**



**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.

**Love**



**Swimming** – Thank you to all the parents that helped with our TCS swimming sports and Rural Schools swimming sports recently. Your help was much appreciated at these events. It was great to see so many spectators supporting us as well.

**Year 9-10 Uniform** – Ties are compulsory for all Year 9s and 10s in Terms 2 and 3. These will be available to purchase from the office from next week. \$20, cash only.

**Grace**



**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.

**Uniform Procedure**

Thank you to those who submitted suggestions for our procedure reviews this term. They have all been updated. Attached is the Uniform Procedure in its updated form. Please take time to read through it. We have had an increasing number of students not wearing the correct uniform (particularly shoes and socks) and so I have asked the teachers to do regular uniform checks. How we present ourselves is seen by the community and so it is important we take pride in our school uniform.

You will note in the procedure that if a child does not have the correct uniform, a note must be sent to the office and they will have two weeks to source the item. If they simply 'forget' (as many of them claim to do), they will be given a second-hand item from our uniform shop to wear for the day. The school is also able to assist families where accessing the uniform is causing financial difficulty. Please contact me (Bethany) if this is the case. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Mar BOT Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar Mufti Day (Colour Your Day)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mar Closing date for bulb orders
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mar Swimming
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mar SC Swimming Sports
- 1<sup>st</sup> April Chapel 2.30 pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Mufti Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> April Swimming; PTA Meeting 7.30 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> April School Community BBQ Dinner
- 11<sup>th</sup> Apr Swimming, Term 1 Ends
- 12 Apr Teacher Only day
- 29 Apr Term 2 Begins

**Community Notices**

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 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL with Numbers Attending

Register TODAY to secure your placement  
**2019 Parenting Programmes**  
**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/holiday)  
 Family Works SOUTH CANTERBURY  
 To enrol or for further information call Liz NOW at Family Works 03 688 5029 / 0274 688200 email: liz.munn@pssc.co.nz  
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