



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

The teachers of TCS will soon be starting their journey through a Collaborative Inquiry process as part of our role in the Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning). Doing 'inquiries' (where we look into what is happening and trying new things to produce better outcomes for our students) is not a new thing; we've done that for years. The difference is that we will be doing it in a 'collaborative' way where we are working in groups to make improvements and trying to incorporate the many wonderful voices we have in our school community. The focus of our first inquiry will be 'Priority Learners'. The Ministry identifies Priority Learners as Maori/Pasifika students, and those with additional learning needs. However, we believe that if we make positive changes for any one 'group' of students, the same changes can have positive effects on other students, so we will be looking for things that will benefit all learners at TCS. At the start of next term, we will be asking for thoughts and ideas about what you have seen or experienced that will help us to build a bigger picture as we 'hunt and gather' the data about our students.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations

We are very excited to announce that **Maisy Chapman, Jimmy Kitchen, Shayna Jang, Katelin Frear Hanson** and **Gabby Wutama** have also been selected to represent the Rural School Cluster at the South Canterbury Swimming sports tomorrow, along with **Minu Lee**. All the best, team.

Perseverance



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.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated money during mufti last week. We raised \$237.50 for the people affected by the Christchurch attacks.

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

Servanthood



Love



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

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 Uniform Procedure



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. 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 Bethany if this is the case. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Upcoming Events:

28th Mar	Swimming	10th April	School Community BBQ Dinner
29th Mar	SC Swimming Sports	11th Apr	Swimming, Term 1 Ends
1st April	Chapel 2.30 pm	12 Apr	Teacher Only day
3rd April	Muffi Day	29 Apr	Term 2 Begins
4th April	Swimming; PTA Meeting 7.30 pm	18 May	Cheese Roll Making

Community Notices

Youth Bible Camp – Organised by Firm Foundation NZ

Studying Acts 13-28 – “Paul, Jesus’ witness to the Gentiles” for ages 8-16 years. Sunday 14th April to Thursday 18th April (first week of school holidays) at Raincliff Youth Camp. Come along and study God’s word with other children and young people and also enjoy fun outdoor activities. For more information or to register, contact Jeff Coleman on 027 557 93114 or mail@firmfoundation.org.nz.

Active Kids Holiday Program

15-18 April 2019, Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgan’s Road, Timaru

Sign up your child to experience a huge range sports & fun heaps of activities!!! Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills and offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years. Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available from as little as \$15 per session. Full details and to register on line go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751. Limited Spaces available. REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 8th April 2019

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

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April School Holiday Programme

Timaru Children’s Library
* Tuesday 16 & 23 at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm
* Thursday 18 at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm
* To book your session, email: anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz or phone 03 687 7498

Temuka Library
Wednesday 17 & 24 at 10:30 am
Friday 26 at 10:30 am
Any enquiries, please ask at the desk or phone 03 687 7591

Geraldine Library
* Wednesday 17 & 24 at 10:30 am
* Friday 26 at 10:30 am
* To book your session, ask at the desk, email: libger@timdc.govt.nz or phone 03 693 9336

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Te Kaitiaki o Te Tihi o Maru

International Antarctic Centre Holiday Programs

- “Experience Antarctica” \$69.00 (6 – 12yrs)
 - “Be a Penguin Keeper for a Day” \$79.00 (10 -13yrs)
- Limited number of places each day. Details available on the school’s noticeboard.