



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

A British report was cited in our news this past week saying, "80% of all persecuted religious believers in the world are Christian." An Open Doors 2019 report found, "...approximately 245 million Christians are at risk of high, very high or extreme levels of persecution."

We tend to think we are safe in NZ because the persecution isn't usually explicit but hostility towards God's Truths are pervading so much of our society; through the media (what they choose to report on or ignore), through the rejection of Bible in Schools in many state schools, through the elimination of the name of Jesus from the Parliamentary prayer, and through a curriculum in which theories are taught as fact and fact reclassified as theory.

Our children are increasingly at risk of confusing God's Truth with what they are hearing and seeing around them. And that is why we need to work together to ensure they are getting the same message at school, church and home.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due back tomorrow, 17th May.

Congratulations

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

Gaius Uhrle for making great progress in reading.

Brooke Stewart for an excellent effort and progress in spelling.

Tiger Jiang for a great start to Term 2, always being focused on his learning.

Matthew Withington for settling to work quickly and trying his best.

Maggie Tafa for being a shining example of God's love.

Joshua Jefferis for settling into Teina Wha and TCS with a polite, positive and inquiring attitude.

Hikaru Middlemass for a great start to Term 2.

Bailey Gunther for actively seeking and responding to feedback on his writing.

Nathan Marriot-Macdonald for writing in a logical order and providing all the necessary information.

Bianca Andrews for her precision when drawing angles in Maths.

Netball Draw

Friday 17th May

Years 3 and 4 - coach to advise court. 3:30pm Netball Stadium

Saturday 18th May

11 am Court 10 Rural Schools v Pleasant Point Tactix (Mrs Phiskie)

9 am Court 7 Rural Schools Rockets v Bluestone (Mrs Withington)

Tuesday 1st May

3:30pm Inside the Stadium (Morgans Road) Rural Schools Stars (Years 1 and 2).

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.

PTA Cheese Roll Fundraiser

We are needing volunteers to help us make the cheese rolls on Saturday 18th May at Life Church. We are asking our TCS community if they would consider volunteering for a 1-2

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hour slot between 8.30-3pm on this day as we are needing 12 workers at a time - students are able to volunteer too but only Years 7 and above please. If you are able to help us, that would be amazing, please contact Liza on 0275492534 to book in your preferred time. Thanks!

Servanthood



Love



Board of Trustees Elections

A reminder that if you would like to nominate yourself or a member of the community to stand in the upcoming BoT elections, to please have the signed nomination form to the Returning Officer (Lynn Clevely) by no later than 12 pm (midday) next Friday, 24th May.

Grace



Strike Action

Primary and Secondary teachers across the country are preparing to strike on the 29th May after negotiations failed in their Collective Agreement bargaining. TCS is an Area School and our teachers have a different agreement which is in the initial stages of bargaining. Our teachers who are union members are being asked if they want to also strike on the 29th. Our Board of Trustees is responsible for deciding whether or not the school will close, if the teachers vote to strike. Their next meeting is on the 23rd May. We will keep you updated.

Upcoming Events:

17 May	Pasifika Day, Timaru South School	7 June	Cross Country pp date
18 May	Cheese Roll Making	7 June	Chapel
21 May	Open Day, 1.30 and 7.00 pm	11 June	SCPSSA Cross Country
23 May	BOT Meeting	14 June	Hillview Visit
24 May	Chapel	20 June	BOT Meeting
27-29 May	Learning Conferences	21 June	Chapel
29-31 May	Life Education	27 June	Jump Jam Extravaganza
5 June	Rural Schools Cross Country	1-5 July	Year 9/10 Exam Week
6-7 June	Year 9/10 Camp	5 July	Chapel; Term 2 Ends

Community Notices



Waimataitai Skids Oscar

News Flash News Flash: Holiday Programmes from the 8.7.2019 will now be accepting children from outside schools. Contact Kim Macdonald, Manager on 0212899229 or waimataitai@skids.co.nz.
New enrolment registration www.skids.co.nz.

Mountain Bike Race

Sunday, 26 May. Location: based around the main lake area in the Scenic Reserve, look for the MTB race signs. Time: sign up from 11.15am, race starts at 12.00pm. Suitable for: ages 2-12. Details: kids ride as many laps as they want around the track in 30mins - \$2 entry fee and every child gets a chocolate fish at the end.

Free Fire Fuel

Richard Gunther has about 200 paper logs to give away to a needy family. Anyone would like to have some of these amazing logs (they burn for 2-3 hours) can contact Richard at shamgar@callsouth.net.nz to arrange collection from his place.