

Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



Week 2, Term 1

5th February 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau
We have had an amazing start to the term – lots of positive, smiley children

(and adults) and we are looking forward to a great year.

Welcome to the new students and their families.

We're glad to have you as part of our school community.

During the holidays, the teachers spent time on their retreat talking about Christian Education as we work through the revised edition of Richard Edlin's *'The Cause of Christian Education.'* We are aiming to summarise each chapter and produce a pamphlet to produce a greater awareness in our community about the importance of Christian Education. When I started my training as a teacher, I knew I was here to teach children and 'prepare them for life'. But the focus of Christian Education reminds us that we, as teachers, are here to help prepare them for eternity. Changing the focus from life to eternity creates a whole new kind of preparation they will require with a greater purpose and urgency. Their understanding of God and His purpose for them isn't something that can be left to chance. I know I, personally, can't risk that what I teach my children at home in the few hours I get with them each week will be countered or contradicted by a secular worldview which doesn't see God as being vital to and interested in every aspect of our lives. So I join with every other parent at TCS as I provide my children with the best possible start they can get - one based on a Christian worldview.

May God open our eyes to the many blessings He has in store for us in the coming year.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations

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

Israel Dee – using clear words and expression to share news

Zach MacMillan – showing awesome leadership skills

Lettie Waldron – awesome start to the year

Benjamin Coronado, Jenna Tomkinson, Renee Tomkinson and **Josh Cameron** – super start to the year; settling in well and adapting to change.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Change of Class Meeting

Over the past year we have been re-investigating the possibility of applying for a Change of Class so that we can teach up to Year 10 at TCS. It has been great to hear that people have been praying about it for us and it is now time to meet together with our parent community to determine if we submit the application, which has to be in by the end of March, for a 2016 start date.

We will be hosting a **Parents Meeting in the School Library on Tuesday 24th February at 7pm**. During this time we will share with you all what a Year 9/10 class would look like at TCS and we would be asking for a list possible enrolments which we can then take to the Ministry of Education to show that we have the support we need. If we don't have enough enrolments we won't be proceeding with the application. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to discuss it further with me or if you would like to put your child's name down for enrolment in Years 9/10 in the future, please do so before the end of February. We are looking forward to meeting with you.

Prayer Meetings

The Thursday morning prayer meetings continue (9 am in the staffroom). If you have any prayer items or requests, please let us know and we can write them into the book.

Bike to School Day

Next Wednesday, 11th February, it is Bike to School Day. There will be obstacle courses, games and prizes to be won at lunch time. Students can bring their scooters or bikes to school.

Spelling App

There is a useful spelling app available in which you type in your child's spelling words for the week and it has games and activities for your child to do using those words. It is called **A+ Spelling Test** and it is free for iPhones. (There is a similar one for \$1.33 for androids but we haven't tried it yet.) Thanks to Mrs Caspritz for the tip ☺

If you know of a useful educational app, please let us know so we can share it with our school community.

Water Restrictions

LEVEL 4 Water Restrictions **STILL** apply to all urban and rural water supplies.

Who is affected by water restrictions?

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All consumers on Timaru District Council water supplies must comply with water restrictions set by council. Please note water from private bores is not subject to these restrictions.

Affected areas:

Timaru, Geraldine, Orari, Temuka, Pleasant Point, Peel Forest, Te Moana, Winchester, Rangitata, Orari, Seadown, Beautiful Valley, Rangitata Huts, Downlands (the entire scheme).

Remember to use water wisely and ensure run off is minimised.

Unless demand is reduced further restrictions are likely to be imposed.

Please contact Timaru District Council should you have any questions with regards to this notice on 687 7200.

Term One Calendar

5 th Feb	Swimming
6 th Feb	Waitangi Day (School Closed)
12 th Feb	Swimming
13 th Feb	Timaru Junior Band performing
17 th Feb	PCT Challenge (Senior team)
19 th Feb	Swimming PTA AGM at 7.30pm PTA meeting at 8.00pm
24 th Feb	Change of Class: Parents Meeting
26 th Feb	Swimming BOT Meeting 6pm
5 th Mar	TCS Swimming Sports
11 th Mar	Fire Education Officer visiting
12 th Mar	Swimming
19 th Mar	PALs Training Workshop Swimming
24 th Mar	Rural Swimming Sports Parent-Teacher Interviews
25 th Mar	Parent-Teacher Interviews
26 th Mar	Swimming BOT Meeting 6pm
27 th Mar	SC Swimming
1 st Apr	Rural Schools Yr 4-6 Hockey Tournament
2 nd Apr	Swimming End of Term 1
20 th April	Start of Term 2

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Timaru School of Music

...offers a unique opportunity to learn a musical instrument at little cost. We teach Brass, Cello, Clarinet, Flute, Guitar, Oboe, Recorder, Violin and Ukulele. We also run a music appreciation class for 5

& 6 year olds. Enrolments take place on Wednesday February 11, Waimataitai School Hall, 4 -6 pm. Come join us for a new challenge. Enquiries to timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com

South Canterbury Gymsports Inc

is now to accepting enrolments for the 2015 Recreation Gymnastics season, beginning 18th February. An exciting Incentive Awards Programme is now being offered (from age 6/7 years on), as well as Kiwi GymFun (ages 5/6 years) and Pregym classes (under 5's). Further enquiries to Nicole Wilson 6862200 or 0272645515.

BronzBeat Studio of Dance

Classes in Jazz and Hip Hop. From ages 3 and up. Syllabus and Non-Syllabus. Fun Classes, Awesome Teachers. Our students enjoy learning in a relaxed atmosphere. Classes for Grown-Ups too. Contact Bronwyn 021 155 9692 or bronwyn@bronzbeat.co.nz.

3rd Timaru Girls' Brigade

Meets during school term, Tuesdays at Trinity Presbyterian Hall, College Road, Timaru
Tuesday Juniors, 5-8 years old, 3.30pm to 4.45pm
Tuesdays Seniors & Pioneers, 9-17 yrs, 6pm to 7.30pm
Activities include: swimming, music, drama, devotions, games, church parades, national camps, badges, Duke of Edinburgh award, leadership opportunities, fun, fellowship and friendship.
All most welcome, contact Fiona 021 170 2930

Catzart

To help with the development of drawing
And Acrylic paints; To teach drawing of movement 3D, still life; Pencil drawing, Charcoal Drawing, Oil Pastels;
To teach painting with mixing and using colour
And to ensure students have fun while learning.
All inquiries welcome. Art classes for term 1, start soon. Book now!
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