

Timaru Christian School - Honouring God in all we do



Week 7, Term 1 **12th March 2015**

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau
We are looking forward to our first
TCS Swimming Sports this afternoon.

It will be a great opportunity for all of our children to put the skills they have been learning into practice and show our families what we can do. Our swimming programme is unique in our area in that we swim throughout the year and it has been going for so long. Swimming is a vital life skill in NZ. There is no way we could do what we do without the faithful helpers we have who come every week to help by teaching groups or assisting children with changing. Thank you to those people.

May our eyes be opened to see God's many blessings in our lives.

Ma te Atua e manaaki
Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations

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

Amya Bird and **Scout Phiskie** – for thinking through Maths problems carefully and trying to find solutions.

Gabby Wutama – neat bookwork

Faith Bruning – being helpful

John Pain and **Michelle Andrews** – working hard to improve the outcomes of their final tasks.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Swimming Sports

This year we are excited to hold our own school swimming sports! It will be at C-bay next Thursday 12th March from 1:00-2:00 pm. Events will be held from 1:05-1:30 pm in the Learn to Swim pool and from 1:30-2:00 pm in the Programme pool. Students who will compete to qualify for the Rural Swimming Sports will do so for the whole hour. We would love to see parents and friends come along and support our children on the day.

Change of Class Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who took time to complete our recent survey which helped us to determine the level of support for our Change of Class Application from our school community. Out of 53 families, 51 provided feedback. 48 families supported our application, 2 did not and 1 did not comment. Out of our current student population (from those who

responded) 39 out of 81 students would be continuing to Year 10 at TCS, 26 students are undecided and only 16 would be going to other schools. We believe this indicates strong support for our Change of Class Application from our school community. It will be submitted to the Ministry at the end of the week and we will eagerly await their response. Please pray that the best outcome for our school will be achieved.

Contact Information Updates

If your family is new to the school or if you did not previously return a form with your child's and your contact information and permissions, then you would have received a new form last week. Kindly check your details, make any corrections, tick permissions accordingly, sign and return the form to the office.

School Camp

Our school camp will be at Gunn's Bush Christian Camp near Waimate this year, from Wednesday 28th October to Friday the 30th October. Students in Years 2-8 will be staying for the two nights and Year 1s will be doing a day trip. We are also inviting parents to come as helpers for the three days and/or sleepover on the Thursday night, if they would like to. We will be sending home more details about the camp at a later date.

Procedure Review

This term we are reviewing the following procedures: Homework, and School Fees. They are available for viewing on our school's website or you can ask Lynn to email you a copy. If you have any suggestions for improvements or changes, please let Bethany know by the 20th March.

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.

Scholastic Bookclub

Please note that the return date for orders is Thursday 19th March.

Subway

A reminder to all that Subway is available for lunch on Fridays. A footlong costs \$9 and a six-inch is \$5; various filling options are available. Students wishing to order may come to the office before 9 am on a Friday morning.

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Triathlon

Well done to the Triathlon teams who competed at the South Canterbury Triathlon last Friday. You all performed really well with Josh achieving first place! Thank you to Mrs Uys and Mrs Cameron for supervising and transporting the teams.

TCS PTA Phone Directory

Can anyone who is wanting to advertise in the 2015 TCS Phone Directory please get their business card / relevant information to Dougal Hunter-Sinclair by emailing dougal01@clear.net.nz before 23rd March. Any queries, please phone him on 021-395-571.

TCS Bus Driver

Due to our current bus driver getting a new job, we are requiring a new bus driver from the beginning of Term 2. If you are able to help out - either mornings or afternoons or both - please get in contact with Dougal on 021-395-571 or 688-8008. You do not need a special licence and there is a small amount of remuneration offered, and it is a great way of serving the school.

Missing Jersey

Jacob Roscoe's named jersey has gone missing – please check your child's uniform items carefully.

Netball

This year we are aiming at having a year 5-8 netball team. We are in need of a coach and manager. Practices would be during lunch time on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. If you are interested please contact the school office and leave your details.

Basketball Draw – Monday 16th March

4.45 pm – TCS Girls vs Craighead 2, Court 1

5.30 pm – TCS Girls Duty Team Court 1

5.30 pm – TCS Boys vs Waihi A, Court 2

6.15 pm – TCS Boys Duty Team Court 2

Results: 9th March

The TCS girls basketball team won 48:18 against Gleniti. This was a great team effort.

The TCS boys basketball team were beaten 29:22 by Waimataitai Lakers in what was a thrilling game.

Mala McGoon came back from injury and was player of the day, running tirelessly.

Term One Calendar

12th Mar TCS Swimming Sports (1 pm)

19th Mar PALs Training Workshop
Swimming

24th Mar Rural Swimming Sports
Parent-Teacher Interviews

25th Mar Parent-Teacher Interviews

26th Mar Swimming
BOT Meeting 6pm

27th Mar SC Swimming

1st Apr Rural Schools Yr 4-6 Hockey Tournament

2nd Apr Swimming
End of Term 1

20th April Start of Term 2

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Shepherding the Heart Tour

World-renowned author and speaker **Tedd Tripp** will be running a seminar aimed at Christian parents, young adults, and teens.

Fri 27 (evening) - Sat 28 March, 2015

Bishopdale Reformed Church; 90 Highsted Road, Chch

For more info: www.shepherdingthehearttour.co.nz

SPCA South Canterbury Pet Day

Bring your pet out to our place and join in the fun!

Enter the Pet Parade or bring out your favourite Pet Photo and enter the Competition, watch the dog obedience and agility displays, meet the Husky dogs with their sleds. Lots of displays and stalls to see.

Meet and talk to the experts! Face painting for the children and pony rides available too!

119 Hedley Road, Seadown Timaru

Sunday 22nd March, 1-4 pm. Free entry!

EXCITING NEW VENUE

**Have you got your
kids sorted for
the holidays yet??**

7th-17th April 2015

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8.30 – 4.30 Monday Friday both weeks.
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