



TERM ONE, WEEK THREE, 2016

Dear TCS family and friends,

In Year 9 we are trialling a move towards a paperless classroom. Every child has a Chromebook on which they can research, record and present information which they store on the cloud. Not surprisingly, children pick up these devices and run with them very quickly. That is mostly because they are exposed to the internet from the very early years. Two year olds navigate apps on Mum's smartphone or Dad's iPad with ease.

We use these devices as tools but we increasingly see them used as weapons. And so, as we work towards developing a cybersafety programme throughout the school which aligns with our Christian worldview, we ask that parents assist us by having an ongoing conversation with your children about using technology in a God-honouring way. We need to create an environment in which children can feel safe reporting things that make them feel uncomfortable and ask questions about the items they see and read.

If you have any tools or suggestions parents can use with their own family in this way, please share them at the school office and we'll pass it on so we can work together in this positive way.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul.

Congratulations

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

Jonathan Withington – settling into some great routines

Jordy Cooper – working well in class

IMPORTANT NOTICES



School Community Event

Meet the Timaru Christian School family. Bring your own picnic or takeaway tea and meet other families from TCS. Friday 26 February from 5.30pm. School Hall if wet. Tea/Coffee provided.

School Uniform

Thank you to everyone for your patience as we have transitioned to selling most of our uniform through The Warehouse. The process has taken longer than expected and we are still awaiting arrival of the jerseys.

TCS Swimming Sports

Thursday 3rd March 2016
11am- 12pm

Come along and watch. We need 6 parents to help with time keeping. Please let Mrs Thompson or Mrs Clevely know if you can help.



T-Ball

This Friday 19th February
Diamond 7 Temuka Ravens v TCS



Basketball Year 7/8

Competition starts next Monday night. Players will be notified time when draw comes out.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Subway

Subway sandwiches are available to all students on Fridays. Orders need to be in at the office BEFORE 9 AM. Order bags are available at the office. Cost is \$5 for a 6"; \$9 for a footlong.

Headlice Treatments

Available from pharmacies:

LICEGONE is an effective **treatment** for Headlice. Safe and not expensive.

LICESTOP is a **preventer** ensuring heads remain clear before Headlice infestations occur. Use after treatment with LICEGONE to prevent re-infestation.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

18th Feb – Swimming
23rd Feb – PCT Challenge
25th Feb – Swimming
3rd Mar – TCS Swimming Sports
9th Mar – PALs workshop
17th Mar – Swimming
22nd Mar – Rural Swimming Sports 12pm-3pm
25th Mar – Easter Friday – School closed
28th Mar – Easter Monday – School closed
29th Mar – Easter Tuesday – School closed
1st Apr – SC Swimming Sports
6th Apr – Parent/Teacher interviews
7th Apr – Swimming
7th Apr – Parent/Teacher interviews
8th Apr – Year 4-8 Kiwisport tournament
15th Apr – End Term 1
2nd May – Start Term 2
9th May – Teacher Only Day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Art Exhibition

The BIG PICTURE, brought to you by Anglican care SC. Exhibition of children's art: Drawing attention to Child Poverty Solutions. 10 am – 3 pm, 2-11 March, free entry. St Marys Church Hall, 24 Church Street.

Artworkz (Children's Art Programme)

After school and holiday programmes available. Professional artist Wayne Patrick, will teach your child to develop concentration, communication skills and build confidence; improve hand-eye co-ordination and fine motor skills; learn about and develop empathy. Also adult tutoring and weekend and team building classes available.

Contact 027 606 0833 or go to
www.waynepatrickfineart.com.

Timaru School of Music

We provide free tuition, by specialist teachers and experienced musicians, for primary school aged children. Hire instruments are available at \$20 per term. A one-off enrolment fee of \$20 is payable plus the cost of tutor books.

For inquiries call Rosemary 684 8479 or e-mail
timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com.

Celtic JAB Rugby Club

Registration Days

Tuesday 23rd Feb 2016 - 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Sunday 28th Feb 2016 - 10:00am to 12:00pm
Celtic Clubrooms, Craigie Ave
Please bring birth certificate for age verification for new members only
Any queries to Dan Gallagher - 027 668 8001