



TERM THREE, WEEK TWO 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

Last week we started designing a new aspect of our Scripture programme that will be starting next year. We currently teach a programme that runs over 4 years and covers all the key events and people in the Bible. It includes a key concept and a memory verse for each week. It has been running for 4 years now and it is great to see and hear our children growing in their understanding of the truths in God's word. As of next year, that programme will continue to be taught up to Year 6. In Years 7-10 we will be teaching an Apologetics programme. In Years 7 & 8 we will focus on the 'how' and 'why' in the Bible and share scientific evidence and historical documents which support everything we know from the Bible. Then, as they move into Years 9 & 10, students will learn about what other groups believe and be equipped to explain why those things don't stack up against the Bible. They will also discuss relevant issues facing our society and consider them from a Christian Worldview. This will enable them to leave TCS at the end of Year 10 with an ability to explain to others what they believe and why, using evidence and strong arguments. We are excited about this programme and hope that it will provoke some positive discussion at home too.

Enjoy your weekend – here's hoping for snow. ☺

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul.

Congratulations

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

Olivia Weaver and **Charlie Crooks**: Super work in Maths

Abby Hunter-Sinclair: For a well-structured review of her reading text in Literacy.

Toa Dee: For producing quality writing as a result of his effort and focus.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Multicultural Day

On the 16th of September we are planning to hold a Multicultural Day to celebrate the diversity of our school community and God's creation. If you

are able to share something of your culture (with a teacher as your assistant) we would like to hear from you. Please let Bethany know as soon as possible.

Yoghurt Pottles needed

The "Seedlings" students are growing plants for spring planting. Please send in any spare (and clean) yoghurt pottles to the office. These will be much appreciated!

Picture Frames wanted

We are still after photo frames that people no longer want - all shapes and sizes. We are happy to tidy them up if you have something that is a bit worn or tired. If you have anything you can donate, please drop them in to the school office..

Cleaning materials wanted

If anyone has old towels or flannelette sheets to donate for cleaning and rags etc, please drop them to the office.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Netball Draw

Years 5-8 for Saturday 6th August 2016

11 am - Court 11 - Rural Black v Geraldine 7C
(Mrs Goodger Years 7&8)

11 am - Court 5 - Rural Mighty Magic v Geraldine 7B
(Miss Phillips Years 7&8)

10 am - Court 8 - Rural Mystics v Gleniti D
(Mrs Waldron Year 6)

11 am - Court 14 - Rural Magic v Temuka Transport
(Mrs Bruning Year 5)

Duty Club this week: Rural Schools Cluster - Some teams have already helped with a duty at the beginning of the season.

Enjoy your games girls.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

4 th August	PTA Meeting
9 th August	Rural Schools Cultural Extravaganza at TCS
10 th August	Discoverers Starts in Room 2
11 th August	BOT Meeting
25 th August	Year 4-6 Basketball Tournament
31 st Aug-2 nd Sept	Year 9 Camp in Christchurch
2 nd Sept	SC Gym Comp

Our Vision: Christ-centred learners with servant hearts

Our Values: Love and Grace through Servanthood, Truth and Perseverance

HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO



13th Sept Year 5-6 Technology Challenge
 15th Sept BOT Meeting
 19th – 22nd Sept TCS Art Exhibition
 20th–21st Sept Parent-Teacher Interviews
 22nd Sept PTA Meeting
 23rd Sept End of Term 3

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fuel Your School

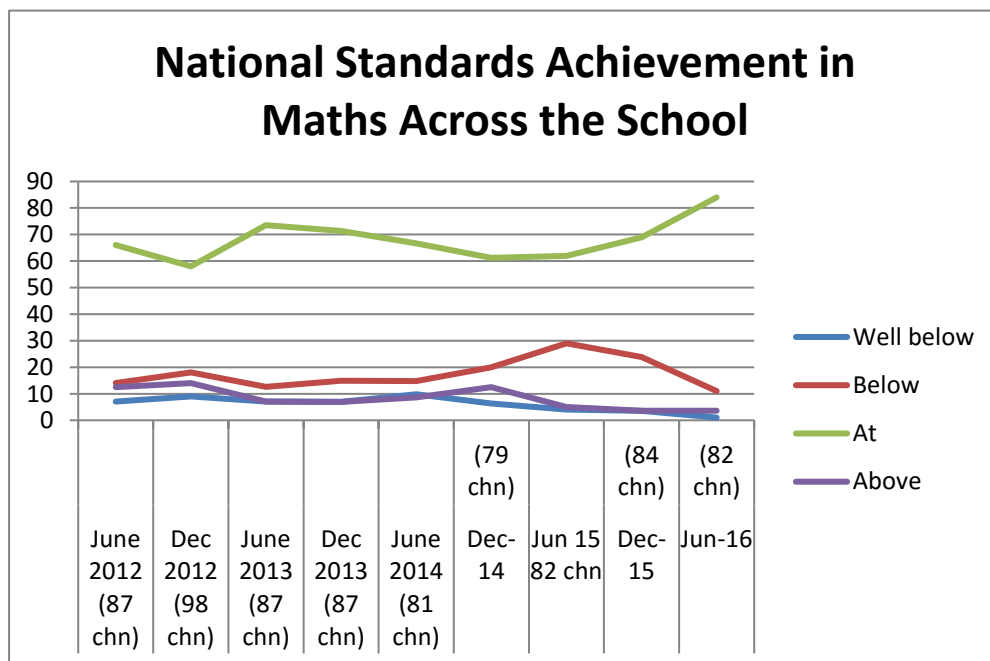
From 1-28 August 2016, Caltex will donate \$0.25 for every applicable AA Smartfuel savings accumulation at participating Caltex service stations, up to NZ\$100,000 to help support school education across the country. Visit your participating neighbourhood Caltex, accumulate your AA Smartfuel savings and help support our school.

NATIONAL STANDARDS REPORT

Timaru Christian School National Standards Progress / Achievement as at June 2016

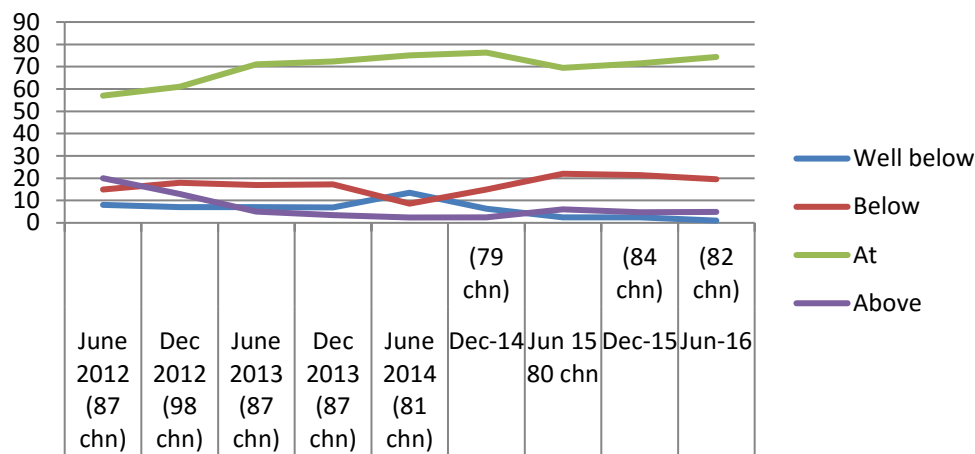
In the middle of the year we look at how students are progressing towards the national standard in Years 4-8. We also look at how those in Years 1-3 have achieved at the end of each year of schooling. Below are graphs to show achievement in Maths, Reading and Writing from June 2012 to June 2016

The results below show achievement for students who have been at school for 40, 80 and 120 weeks of school and predictions of achievement for children who have been at school for 20, 60, 100 weeks or who are in Years 4-8.

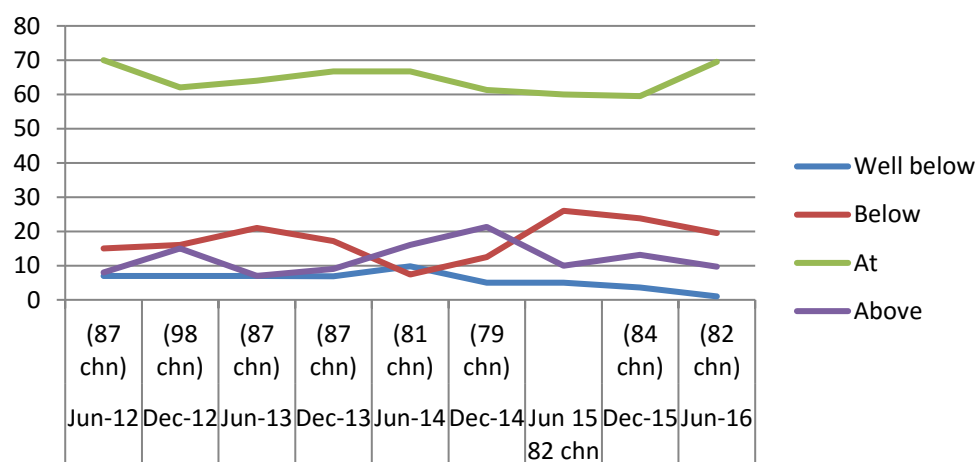




National Standards Achievement in Writing Across the School



National Standards Achievement in Reading Across the School



Discussion/Analysis:

In Reading, students achieving at or above their expected level has increased, or is predicted to increase, by 6% in comparison to last year. In Maths, students achieving at or above their expected level has increased, or is predicted to increase, by 15% in comparison to last year. Boys and Girls are similar in terms of their achievement in this subject. In Writing, students achieving at or above their expected level is similar, or is predicted to be similar (within 3%) compared to last year.