



## TERM THREE, WEEK FOUR 2016

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

There have been some very interesting discussions in classes and the staffroom this week as we look at the commandments 'You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God' and 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy'. The acronym 'OMG' (and all it stands for) is heard everywhere in the media and around social and sporting groups. Meanwhile, how do we reconcile what society does on a Sunday with the command to keep it holy and what exactly that means. These are two more things that we, as parents, are responsible for modelling to our children as we determine our own family culture and practices. While these things are fresh in our children's minds, I would encourage you to talk with them about what they have learnt and what they understand those commands to mean within their own world and family contexts.

Attached to this newsletter are two important pieces of paper; one is an information sheet about Cybersafety and the other is around our school's visions and values. We encourage you to read through the Cybersafety sheet with your child if they are in the middle to senior classes so you can answer any questions your child may have around keeping safe on the internet. On the other page, we have created indicators for each aspect of our vision and values qualities and we would love to see our parents and wider school community have input into before we finalise and publish it. Please do share your ideas with us. Have a great week.

*Ma te Atua koe e manaaki*

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul.

### Congratulations

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

**Rory Andrews:** Super work on maths problem solving and completing maths homework ahead of time.

**Timothy Lang:** Creative work on the class story.

**Kenshin Middlemass:** Choosing to be extra helpful in class.

**Sophia Withington:** Creative writing during poetry.

**Heidi Uys** and **Amane Middlemass:** Excellent measurements and calculations in Geometry.

### Contacting the School

As part of our Cybersafety Procedure Review, we have discussed social media as a way of maintaining contact between teachers and parents. We ask that if you wish to discuss something with your child's teacher or office staff, that you either please write a note in your child's communication book, call the office, text the school mobile (027 751 2722), or e-mail Lynn ([office@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:office@timaruchristian.school.nz)) who will forward that message on. Alternately, you can use the message function on the school's Facebook page, which is checked daily. Please do not contact staff regarding school matters on their personal cellphones or Facebook pages.

### Paid Union Meeting

On the 9<sup>th</sup> September, NZEI and PPTA Teachers' Unions are holding paid union meetings to discuss the proposed bulk funding which the government is looking at. All teachers who are union members are entitled to attend this, and while we will have some teachers away for the duration of the meeting, school will still remain open. Please send your children to school as usual.

### Fencing Changes

Over the next few weeks, a fence is going to be erected along the roadside from the school gate to the office block. As heavy machinery will be used, different areas will be cordoned off during this time. Please respect those areas and avoid going near them with your vehicle.

### Multicultural Day

On the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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

### Financial Liaison Officer

Just a reminder that Michella Brosnahan, Trust Board Financial Liaison Officer, is available to speak to you at any time regarding payment options or budgeting assistance. She can be contacted on 022 606 8575.

### Procedure Review

This term we are reviewing the following procedures. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please let the office know: Cybersafety, Appraisal, School Security, Asset Register, Disaster and Crisis Management and Pandemic Management.

### Subway

Please note that Subway orders are collected shortly after 9 am. Any orders not put in before 9 am may be missed – please ensure that your children arrive to school on time.

### Scholastic

Book club orders should be returned to the office no later than tomorrow, 19<sup>th</sup> August.

### Ready, Steady, GO!

I can run very fast.  
The wind blows in my  
messy golden hair.  
Splat! Splat! I fell in a  
muddy deep wet puddle.  
And now I will be last.  
Sometimes I don't think it very fair.



I trained and trained really  
hard to run like the wind  
and be fast like a Cheetah.  
Up I get and start again,  
Ready, Steady, Go!

*A Poem by students from Room 1*

### Netball Draw

#### Years 5-8 for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016

10am - Court 6 - Rural Black v St Joseph TU  
Raptors (Mrs Goodger Years 7&8)  
9 am – Court 5 – Rural Mighty Magic v Old Boys  
Diamonds (Miss Phillips Years 7&8)  
10 am – Court 8 – Rural Mystics v Pleasant Pnt C  
(Mrs Waldron Year 6)  
10 am – Court 14 –Rural Magic v Old Boys  
Sapphires Coaches to umpire this game.  
(Mrs B Year5)

Final game this week – Could all players please attend the prize giving at noon at the Netball Pavilion. If you play at an earlier time, then please come back to prize giving in your netball uniform. Thank you to all the Netball Coaches, Parents and Supporters this season. It has been awesome to see the girls develop in their skills and enjoy being part of the Rural Schools Netball teams.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

25<sup>th</sup> August Year 4-6 Basketball Tournament  
31<sup>st</sup> Aug-2<sup>nd</sup> Sept Year 9 Camp in Christchurch  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sept SC Gym Comp  
13<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 5-6 Technology Challenge  
15<sup>th</sup> Sept BOT Meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept TCS Art Exhibition  
20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Sept Parent-Teacher Interviews  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sept PTA Meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sept End of Term 3

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### "Fusion" Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Intermediate age youth group for Years 7,8 & 9. Come along to Connect HQ Level 1 Cantec House [4-5:30pm](https://www.connecthq.org.nz/) would love to see you there! Further Details please contact Sel on [0274222903](https://www.connecthq.org.nz/)

**The Art of Worship:** Bringing creativity into our worship of God.

Malcolm Gordon will be helping participants to discover different ways to use song writing, written word and visual arts into our conversations and worship with God. There will be workshops in the afternoon and a concert in the evening. 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at Wilson Street Baptist Church. Cost: \$20 per person. To register, go to [www.wilsonstreet.org.nz/arts-in-worship](http://www.wilsonstreet.org.nz/arts-in-worship).

### Winter Lights – 5-9pm, 20 August

Come and experience a little bit of magic this winter at Aigantighe Art Gallery. Wrap up warm and bring the whole family. We hope to have you enchanted. Food stalls, craft tables and beautiful lights on show. Free and for one night only.