



**TERM THREE, WEEK FIVE 2016**

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,  
This week's focus for Scripture is the command to 'Honour your father and your mother...'. That can be an interesting discussion to have with your children and it seems it can be interpreted in different ways as they get older. As parents, ourselves, we need to train our children in a way which is God-honouring and deserves their respect too. In Ephesians 6:4 it says, 'Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.' (NLT). That's a huge responsibility and a challenge as they grow and develop along the way. Something that we can help one another with too.  
May God give us the strength and wisdom, patience and perseverance needed to train our children in the way they should go in the coming week.

*Ma te Atua koe e manaaki*  
God bless,  
Bethany Rentoul.

**Congratulations**

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

**Fletcher Hill:** for tidying the class, great reading and mathematics.

**Rinah Bird:** for awesome writing and reading.

**Amya Bird, Maisy-Jane Chapman and Malakai Harris:** Awesome work on Jigsaw activity in Topic - learning about other Cultures.

**Gabby Wutama:** for doing well with learning her spelling words

**Oscar Hill:** for doing well with learning his spelling words

**Jimmy Kitchen:** for doing well in our geometry unit  
**Anuscka Zwiigelaar and Abby Hunter-Sinclair:** For team work in Science.

**Viliami Sau and Clarabelle Strauss:** for working hard to learn and understand new ideas and skills in maths.

**Daniel Deam, Daniel Kitchen, and Hannah Rentoul:** For putting in effort to learn new ideas and achieving great test results.

Congratulations to **April Omelvena** for being awarded a prize at Artarama. Well done!

**IMPORTANT NOTICES**

**Contact details changes**

Please let the school office know if your address details or telephone numbers have changed. It is important that we have current information, and especially important that we can reach either a parent /guardian or emergency contact should there be some sort of emergency while your child is at school.

**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 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.

### **Rural Schools Netball 2016**

Netball season has finished and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with coaching and supporting the teams. It was the first season of Rural Schools' Netball and they are looking forward to developing the way it is run next year, hopefully with new uniforms included. A big 'thanks' to Mrs Thompson for overseeing our TCS' teams too, and to Mrs Bruning and Miss Phillips for coaching. Congratulations to **Rural Mystics** (Heidi Uys and Jenna Tomkinson's team) who scored the most goals in their section AND the Netball Smart Dynamic Warm up.

## **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**

### **Science Alive Holiday Programmes**

There are some fantastic programmes run in Christchurch, designed to inspire, excite and challenge - students interested in Astronomy, Robotics, Computer Science and Engineering will love these classes!

Introductory Robotics (8 - 13 years) - \$11 per child  
Cultural Constellations (5 -13 years - children must be accompanied by an adult) - \$5 per child and adult

For more details and for booking tickets, go to <http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/user/sciencealivenz>

**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).