



TERM THREE, WEEK SIX 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,
Last week I attended a workshop which focused on how to engage learners of all cultures. A big part of the learning was around neuroscience to which our staff was introduced last year. Some of the key messages involved the importance of meeting our basic needs e.g. food, water, shelter etc, and then our need for rhythmic movement e.g. rocking, tapping your fingers or an object, and finally a sense of emotional well-being e.g. having a special relationship with another person such as mum or dad, and knowing that we are valued and capable of achieving. It is only once those things are catered for that we can focus on learning.

We also learnt that a child who can read at age 3 and always feels they need to do better, will not achieve as much in the future as the child who couldn't read till age 6½ but believed in themselves, that they could learn and do well. Statistics show that by age 8 years most students plateau and are achieving at around the same level. We see that in our national standards results across different schools.

So what can we do that will help our children learn and achieve to their potential? Help them to eat and sleep well, encourage them to move, spend time with them and let them know that they are loved and you are proud of what they have achieved and can do *right here and now*. There's your homework.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul.

Congratulations

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

William Crooks – neat bookwork.

Alyssa McGeough – working hard.

Rebekah Purcell and **Ayla Grumball** – great improvements in Handwriting.

Isaiah Crooks – great effort in maths

Katelin Frear Hanson – great effort with rhyming poetry.

Jordy Cooper – Super progress in gymnastics.

Bianca Andrews – being a kind and caring member of the class.

Finley Andrews – excellent participation in working out rhyme schemes in poetry.

Daniel Kitchen – great participation in Bible discussions.

Well Done and All the Best!

Well done to **Katelin Frear Hanson** for being awarded 'Most Improved Player' in her hockey team this year.

All the best to **Genevieve Laursen** who is representing our school in the Timaru District 2016 Year 5/6 Speech Competition tonight.

All the best to our gym team who will be participating in the competition tomorrow:

Lilou Caspritz, Genevieve Laursen, Emily Rentoul, Amane Middlemass, Leone Itula, Heidi Uys, Lettie Waldron, Abby Waldron, Tilly Chapman, Trissy McEwan and **Hannah Keen**. Give it your best, girls!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Sports Uniforms

Please return any sports uniforms to the office ASAP (eg basketball, netball).

Art Supplies Needed

If you have old newspapers to spare, the art department would like to have them. Please drop them to the office.

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) 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 9th 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 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.

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

Blue (a Poem by Toa Dee)

Blue is like the water in the Pacific Ocean with the octopus gliding side to side.
Blue tastes like the salt water flying over the light yellow sand.
Blue is like the smell of an octopus's skin.
Blue makes me feel like I'm surrounded by the water and sea creatures in the deep blue sea.
Blue is the sound of waves crashing onto the grey solid rocks of the mountain side.
Blue is everywhere you go even above you but it's also the water we use to survive and live a happy life.

Attendance Procedure Update

Please note our Attendance Procedure has been updated. It includes the following statement: If a child is away due to sickness for more than 3 days in a row, a medical certificate must be sent to the school upon their return.

Medical certificates can be obtained from your child's doctor with a free visit.

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Memory Walk

This year we are again walking around the Park Centre in the Botanic Gardens, starting at 11am on Saturday 17th September. We will then have a sausage sizzle, \$1 each, and musical entertainment and an opportunity to look around the Park facilities. Reuben Thorne will be taking part in our annual walk so come along and meet him. We have free T-shirts for those participating. Contact us at Community House to make arrangements to pick up your T-shirt prior to the event. Registrations can be made at www.alzheimers.org.nz/memorywalk.

Give it a Go Day - Softball and Teeball

Sunday 4th September 10am – 12 pm
Morrison Park, Seadown Road Washdyke
Meet NZ and Canterbury players
Give-aways and spot prizes
Fun for the whole family.