



TERM THREE, WEEK SEVEN 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,
Well, this has certainly been an amazing week of achievement for a number of our students. Last Thursday evening Genevieve was awarded 2nd place in the Timaru District 2016 Year 5/6 Speech Competitions. Then, on Friday, our Year 5/6 B Grade Gymnastics Team won their division at the South Canterbury Gymnastics Competition. And yesterday, Ashley gained a Gold Award for her Science Fair exhibit at the Regional Science Fair. All of these students had put in lots of time and effort into their tasks and activities and it paid off. Well done everyone!

On Thursday and Friday of last week, Mr Goulet and I took our Year 9s to the Christian Schools' Young Leaders Conference which had the theme 'Leading with Compassion'. It's a concept that can be tricky for children (and adults) to grasp. Often leadership is seen as just 'being bossy' or 'organising everyone'. But we know, as our school focuses more on servant leadership (which is modelled to us by Christ), that leadership is about seeing a need and stepping up to meet that need by serving others. With that being modelled, throughout our school by students of all different ages, we often get to see leaders of all sizes leading with compassion and kindness. One of the definitions of compassion, used at the conference, was 'Mercy and Grace = Compassion'. May we be able to model to our children mercy and grace in our daily lives over this coming week.

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



Year 5/6 B Grade Gymnastics Team

Congratulations

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

Rangi Siaosi: great perseverance and improvement in Reading.

Rinah Bird: awesome Reading and Writing.

Micah Goodman: settling well into class and great work on writing activities.

Luke Bloomfield and **Annie Evans:** being creative in their artworks.

Abigail Lang: creative thinking in Poetry.

Apologies to **Faith Bruning** and **Abby Hunter Sinclair** whose names were left off the list in last week's newsletter as competitors in the C-Grade gym competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Swimming

We will be running a Swimming Programme next term from 7th to 18th November for all year groups.

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.

Multicultural Day

Next week we are looking forward to holding Multicultural Day with the help of some of our many talented parents. During the day all students will move around 'countries', learning interesting things and experiencing something of each culture. It is also a mufti day. Students are asked to come dressed in something that represents their country/culture they identify with. It may include a symbol or the colours which are special to their culture. (No donation necessary.)

Our Vision: Christ-centred learners with servant hearts

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

HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO



Paid Union Meeting

Tomorrow there is a Paid Union Meeting which teachers can attend from 9am to discuss recent proposals by the government. TCS will be open, as usual, to all students all day and classes will be covered by the staff who will not be attending the meeting.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pie-warmer

Today is the last day for the pie-warmer for the year. We look forward to the lovely smells wafting out from there in Term 2 next year.

Basketball Draw for Years 3&4

Our first game will be Monday 12th September. 4:00 TC Rural Wildfire v Barton Rural Green, Crt2 Please be at the Stadium at 3.45pm.

Tee-Ball (under 7's)

T- Ball starts again on Friday 21st October. There will be a break over the Christmas holidays and the games start again in February. Mrs Hamilton will be coaching our team this season. If your child is interested and is under 7 years old then please ask Mrs Hamilton for more details. We will need about 9 players for the team and hopefully fees will be no more than \$10 per player. Games are played at Morrison Park, Washdyke. This is a fun game to play and watch.

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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
10 th Oct	Start of Term 4

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Junior Tennis Open Days

Ages 5 - 16years, Saturday 10th & 17th Sept 2016, 10:00 – 11:30am and Tues 12th Sept 3:15 – 4:00pm
We will have balls out and some rackets available if you want to bring a friend. For more information please email: waiiti.tennis@gmail.com
Phone/Text Matt on 027 684 4071

Active Kids Holiday Programme

3-7 October 2016

Active Kids is a fun holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years. Register on line www.sportcanterbury.org.nz or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751
Registrations close Mon 26th Sept 2016

"Fusion" Friday 9th September

Intermediate age youth group for Years 7&8. Come along to Connect HQ Level 1 Cantec House [4-5:30pm](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz) for the funnest afternoon of your week! Would love to see you there! If you play an instrument and are keen to stay for a jam from 5:30-6:00pm please bring your instrument along :) Further Details please contact Sel on [0274222903](tel:0274222903).

Cricket Holiday Programme

South Canterbury Cricket will be running a programme for Year 2-6s at the Graeme Blanchard Indoor Cricket Centre from Tues to Thurs, 27-29 Sept. Sessions will run from 10am - 12pm (Yr 2-4) and 1pm – 3pm (Yr 5 & 6)

Cost: \$35 for all 3 sessions.

Cost includes giveaways/gear to take home.

Registration essential. Register and info at: <http://www.southcanterburycricket.co.nz/holiday-programmes/>

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.