



## TERM THREE, WEEK EIGHT 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,  
This weekend, on Saturday, is the Memory Walk for Alzheimer's. We, as a school, have supported this for the past two years and the Alzheimer's Society has been very grateful for our participation. I would really encourage everyone who is free for an hour on Saturday morning to head to the Botanic Gardens at 11 am for the walk. It is a way of serving and supporting a worthy cause in our society. I have told students, as we have done in the past, that if they attend in their school uniform, they can wear muffi on Monday to thank them. I hope to see you there.

I have enjoyed working with the Year 9s this week as we have focused on Hard Materials. They have been creating resources for younger students and building a chicken coop with Mr Rentoul. It will be a welcome addition to our garden area which we are developing, and brings more outdoor learning experiences for our students. They are also assisting with setting up our Art Exhibition for next week. There are some beautiful creations which parents and the school community are welcome to view next week. These are more great, practical ways our Year 9s can serve others as we focus on this important school value.

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

### Congratulations

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

**Oliver Seifert** for being prepared to share and so showing grace and servanthood.

**Malachi Bruning** for managing his feelings and persevering in Reading and Writing when it is difficult.

**Rhys Tomkinson** and **Leone Itula** for being helpful members of the classroom.

**Levi Woods** for super work on creative story writing.

**Abby Hunter-Sinclair** and **Anuscka Zwiigelaar** for demonstrating a servant heart in Gardening Club.

**Clarabelle Strauss**: thinking through problems carefully and trying to find solutions in Maths.

Well done to our children who attended the Rural Schools' Technology Challenge at Cannington yesterday. **Tapu Tuimana** and **Toa Dee** were in

the 3rd placed team and **Abigail Lang** was in the team placed 2nd. Thanks to Mrs Bloomfield for taking them.

Well done to **Matthew Lang** for being placed in the top 30 of the Year 9 and 10s in the University of Otago Problem-Solving Challenge.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### BYOD

At TCS we do not allow BYOD (Bring your own device) for use at school. There are a number of reasons for this including the fact that information can be brought into the school and shared across devices that we have not monitored, potential for loss or damage, risks to other students whose parents do not wish their children to be exposed to certain things eg social media. We are well-resourced in that we have a ratio of one laptop/chromebook per two students so there is not a need for additional devices to be brought to school. If you feel strongly that your child needs to bring a cellphone to school, it must be handed in to the teacher at the start of each day and students can retrieve them before they leave school. They are not to be kept in their bags. To assist us in monitoring this, please email or phone the school office if you wish for your child to bring a cellphone to school so we can maintain a record and ensure we are all aware of what our children are sent to school with each day. Thank you.

### Multicultural Day

Tomorrow we 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 muffi 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.)

### Swimming

We will be running a Swimming Programme next term from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Nov for year 1-8 students.

### 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.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

## **Attendance Dues**

These are being posted out this week. If you haven't received yours by mail within three or four days, please contact the office.

## **Seedlings Stall**

On Friday the Seedlings will be selling vegetable seedlings they have been growing for 50 cents per plant. Choose from a wide variety of plants for your veggie garden. Flower plants also available for \$1.50 so you can add colour to your garden. They will have a table at the school gate from 3pm.

## **Basketball Draw for Years 3&4, Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Sept**

6:00 pm Cr1 TCS v St Josephs Thunder Court 1  
Please be there at 5.40pm.

## **Tee-Ball (under 7's)**

T- Ball starts again on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

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  
10<sup>th</sup> Oct Start of Term 4  
27<sup>th</sup> Oct School Photos

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

## **Artfull Crafts Holiday Programme**

Come and join Artfull Crafts for cardmaking fun during the holidays, Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Sep, 1:30pm - 3:30pm, \$15. Bookings can be made online at [www.artfullcrafts.co.nz/classes](http://www.artfullcrafts.co.nz/classes). Phone 688 8566, or email [info@artfullcrafts.co.nz](mailto:info@artfullcrafts.co.nz) Artfull Crafts, 24 George Street, Timaru.

## **Living Springs Kids Camp**

4 nights from Monday Sept 26 - Friday Sept 30. A fantastic fun way to have your child fully supervised during the school holidays. A four night/five day sleepover camp, packed with adventure activities and an opportunity to get out and explore nature in beautiful Allandale, at the head of Lyttelton Harbour, only 20 minutes from Christchurch. A sample programme is available on the website. Camp includes a daily 1 hour 'sesh' which includes music, games and stories based on Christian principles and values. Excellent and well trained leaders and qualified staff. Book now online at [www.livingsprings.co.nz](http://www.livingsprings.co.nz). Early bird payment \$265 for registrations before Sept 18, includes accommodation, food, activities and memories that are priceless! For more information phone 03 329-9788 or email [info@livingsprings.co.nz](mailto:info@livingsprings.co.nz).

## **Commander Claire and the Pirates of Provence**

Here is a great school-holiday activity! This free pantomime is brought to you by Siemens, in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Royal New Zealand Navy.

This fast-paced, funny show has lots of audience participation, puppetry, songs and over-the-shoulder cardboard ships. Commander Claire and the Pirates of Provence is a perfect school holiday fare that will not just appeal to children from age 5 upwards but will also have grown ups chuckling.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 11am and 2pm  
Theatre Royal, Timaru  
Both performances are **free**.



### **Plant Sale**

St Stephen's Church, 349 Wai-iti Road. 9am Saturday 17 September. Also Cake stall and South School Kapa Haka performance.

### **Old Boys Touch Rugby**

**Seniors** Thurs 13th Oct (entries close 7th Oct)

**Primary & Secondary Schools** Thurs 20th Oct (entries close 14th Oct)

For more details go to [www.timaruoldboys.com](http://www.timaruoldboys.com) or contact Marissa McAllister, 027 273 4463 or [oldboystouch@gmail.com](mailto:oldboystouch@gmail.com).

### **Junior Tennis Open Days**

Ages 5 - 16years, Saturday 17th Sept 2016, 10:00 – 11:30am. 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](mailto: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](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz) or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751

Registrations close Mon 26th Sept 2016

### **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](http://www.alzheimers.org.nz/memorywalk).