



**TERM FOUR, WEEK ONE 2016**

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,  
Welcome to Term 4. We have had a wonderful start to the term with lots of smiling faces, which is great to see. The 'Chicken-naming' contest is running in the classrooms this week and we hope to have some names for your next week. A huge 'thanks' to Mr Rentoul and the Year 9s for the many hours put into constructing the chicken coop, and to Mrs Lee for finding our chickens and looking after them. She has many willing volunteers to collect eggs. I wonder if there will be as many when it comes time to clean the coop!  
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We are looking forward to another great term with lots of things to do each week. Mrs Nareki started our school choir yesterday and a senior coding group begins on Friday. German, Art, Gardening, Seedlings, Music Team, Library and weekly sports tournaments will also continue in our lunchtimes. There is no pressure for students to take part in these activities (although the sports tournaments are compulsory), but we do encourage them to develop their talents in these areas if they are interested.

This week's memory verse is, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."  
Joshua 1:9. A wonderful promise for the coming term.

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICES**

**Roadworks and Plumbing**

If you have been in to the school office this week, you will have noticed a significant amount of plumbing and roadworks going on across the car park and through the field. We hope for this to be completed within the next week.

**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.

**Health Programme**

On Mondays and Fridays of Weeks 7-9 we will be running our Health Programme – Changing Bodies, Changing Lives. If you wish to view the programme to see what will be taught, please contact the office.

**Swimming**

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

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Scholastic Book Club**

If you would like to order from Issue 7, please have your info and payment to the office before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**Uniform Repairs and alterations**

If your child has a uniform in need of minor repairs or alterations (eg hems to be let down etc), please contact Carolyn Purcell on 686 0895 or 027 220 6575.

**Basketball Draw Year 3&4 Team, Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct**

5:00 pm TCS v Timaru South Thunder, Court 3  
Please be there at 4:40 pm to warm up.



### SCHOOL CALENDAR

20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Labour Day (school closed)
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photos
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	BoT Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Top Teams (Years 5-8)
7 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming (Years 1-8)
15-17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 9 Camp
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Rural Schools Athletics
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Year 9 Exam Week
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rural Athletics postponement day
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kiwisport Tournament
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	BoT Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SC Athletics
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Prizegiving 5 pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fun Day and last day of term
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2017	First Day of Term 1

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### Irlen Syndrome Screening

Irlen Syndrome is not an optical problem. It is a problem with the brain processing visual information. Irlen lenses improves concentration, reading speed and helps those with light sensitivity and behaviour difficulties. Contact Sally McKerchar – qualified Irlen Screener ph. 036939101 or 0272224835

#### Spring Garden Fundraiser

When: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 8:30-12:30

Where: Wilson Street Baptist Church Carpark, 17 Wilson St. Timaru

For Sale: Premium grade Organic Compost (bring own trailer); \$25 per 1/3 c. metre - 20 litre bags \$5  
Bags of lime available

100s of garden plants from \$2 each  
(Cash sales only)

#### Mrs A's Music School

Do you want to learn an instrument? (Drums; piano; guitar; ukulele or singing)

What about joining a Christmas Choir?

Make contact with Mrs A 0276864877 or

email: [jannette@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz](mailto:jannette@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz)

#### Old Boys Touch Rugby

##### **Primary & Secondary Schools**

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct (entries close 14<sup>th</sup> 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).

Registrations close Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016