



TERM FOUR, WEEK TWO 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

Last week I was speaking with a Christian School principal who went to Finland last term as she had always wanted to visit the country and their schools. Finland is often referred to for best practice in education. The principal said there wasn't a lot they did differently in terms of practice in the schools but one thing she was told was the highest performing schools have around 250 students. I have looked further into this and there is a lot of research to show that a primary or elementary school's optimal size is around 150, a place where the teachers and leaders know all of the students' names. I believe this has to be balanced with ensuring there is a wide range of learning opportunities available to the students and, after compiling a report for the board this week about our sporting achievements and participations, and as I look towards some exciting things we have planned for next year, I know that children who come to TCS get the best of both worlds. This is especially so when we consider that our children are learning about themselves and the world around them from a Christian Worldview, supporting what they are learning at home and church.

So thank you to everyone who works hard behind-the-scenes, helping our children to get the most out of their learning opportunities.

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 continuing to do his best and good results with spelling and writing.

Minu Lee for great writing and keeping on and persevering when it is difficult.

Luke Bloomfield and **Charlie Crooks** – awesome work on science topic.

Thomas McKenzie for working well on his Maths

Bianca Andrews for putting good effort into her Maths work

Trissy McEwan – working well during writing time and taking great notes on Space

Bailey Gunther for always being keen to share his artwork and great critiquing of others' artwork at the exhibition

Toa Dee for showing a servant heart in the design and creation of our class garden

Abby Hunter Sinclair for being dedicated to mastering her times tables

David Keen for consistence in Maths.

Well done to all of those who participated in the Australian Maths Competition earlier this year.

Benjamin Coronado, **April Omelvena** and **Ashley Earl-Goulet** all achieved Merit, **Abigail Lang** achieved Distinction and **Matthew Lang** achieved High Distinction.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Timaru Christian School
Car Wash & BBQ
THIS SATURDAY 22ND OCT
10-3PM**



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 7th to 18th Nov for year 1-8 students. Permission slips for students in Years 3-8 are going home today and need to be returned to the office by **Wednesday 26th October**.

Wooden Desks and Chairs

In an effort to make space for a Science Lab upstairs, we have had a big 'clear-out'. We have some wooden desks and chairs for sale (very limited stock) and ask for a \$5 donation for each

Our Vision: Christ-centred learners with servant hearts

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

HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO



set. If you would like a set, please contact the school office.

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 28th 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 24th Oct

No game this week due to Labour Day holiday.

Teeball Draw Friday 21st Oct

No game this week as TCS has a bye.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Staff needed for the Autism New Zealand January Holiday Programmes

It's that time again – Christmas School Holidays coming up! We require more staff to work on our

January Holiday Programmes. If you know of any friends, family, teacher aides, university students etc that may be interested in working for our programmes then please let them know we are looking. Even if they are only available to work for one day this makes a huge difference and helps us enormously.

Autism New Zealand Canterbury/West Coast Branch currently run 7 Holiday Programmes for children and youth with ASD between the ages of 5 – 21 years.

We operate 2 Programmes in Timaru and 5 in Christchurch, at various venues. These programmes are designed to allow children/youth to take part in activities that help them develop social skills and self-management skills whilst at the same time having lots of FUN children during the school holidays. This also provides valuable respite care for parents. These programmes are staffed on a 1:1, 1:2 or 1:3 basis (adult: children) to ensure the right level of care is provided.

This January 2017 Programme is operating From Monday the 9th of January until Friday the 20th of January 2017.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you are keen to work on our programmes.

We would love to hear from you even if you can't work these holidays but would be interested in becoming involved with future Holiday Programmes please contact Sarah Jack on 03 343 2225 , 027 464 1538 or e-mail holidayprogramme.canterbury@autismnz.org.nz

Early Years Toolbox course – Timaru

Starts October 26 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm, \$30.00 pp
In six sessions over six weeks, the Early Years Toolbox is designed to give you the skills to set appropriate boundaries for your child and develop a strong and loving bond with them. No-one will influence your child's future more than you will. The course will end on 30/11/16. See <http://www.theparentingplace.com/event/early-years-toolbox-course-timaru/> for more info and to book.

South Canterbury Basketball

Year 2 Skills Clinics

SCBA are presenting fundamental basketball skills development sessions for year 2 students on Wednesdays 4pm until 5pm at the STEC beginning November 2nd for 5 weeks. Limited to 60 participants: Cost \$2.00 per session-Registrations essential. For further information and enquiries contact: 03 686 2906 or scba.gm@xtra.co.nz