



TERM FOUR, WEEK FIVE 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,
This is my favourite time of year at school. This is when we get to look back at all the things we have done and I especially love the challenge and possibilities in planning for the coming year. We have just appointed two staff members to the junior school for 2017 (see the notice below) and this allows us to have smaller classes with a Year 1, a Year 2, a Year 3/4, Year 5/6, Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 rooms. The junior school will be using what we know about neuroscience, how we learn, and cultural inclusiveness as they join to start each day together. The new entrant class programme will be modified to focus more on foundational skills required for learning, and the senior classes will enjoy a stronger focus on Science and Technology. We are also developing a music programme so every child will learn an instrument as part of the classroom programme throughout the year. All of this is possible because of God's provision in regards to staffing and resources, the talents of our staff and the ability to build upon a lot of ground work that has taken place over the past few years. Definitely an exciting year ahead!
Ma te Atua e manaaki
God bless,
Bethany Rentoul.

Congratulations

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

Gabriella Langi for terrific spelling
Kade Sturgess for great efforts in story writing
Alyssa McGeough for efforts in finishing her work.
Polo Langi for great work and with spelling and storywriting
Ayla Grumball for helping others in Reading and Mathematics
Rebekah Purcell for patience, perseverance and helping others
Charlie Crooks and **Jonathan Withington** for awesome work on narrative story.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Year 9 Transition Meeting

We invite parents and students who will be attending Year 9 at TCS in 2017 to a Transition

Meeting in which we will discuss what your child can expect next year. We will cover everything from workload, to curriculum, to communication with parents, to camps etc. We are also happy to answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be held in Room A at 7pm on Monday 21st November.

New Entrant Transition Meeting

Parents of students who will be starting school as new entrants in the first 6 months of 2017 are invited to a Transition Meeting to learn about the classroom programme, meet the teacher, find out about what you and your child can expect as they start their schooling at TCS. The meeting will be held in Room 2 at 7pm on the 5th December.

Classrooms for 2017

We have finalised staffing for next year. It will be as follows:

Mrs Wendy Hamilton – New Entrants / Year 1
Mrs Yvonne Cochrane – Year 2
Mrs Linda Thompson – Years 3 & 4
Mrs Lorne Lee – Years 5 & 6 Literacy & Maths, Years 9 & 10 Food Technology and Community Service
Mrs Toni Nareki – Years 7 & 8 Literacy & Maths, Years 7-10 Visual and Sound Arts, Years 5-10 PE/Health
Mr Robert Goulet – Years 9 & 10 Literacy, Maths, Te Kura & Social Sciences, Years 7 & 8 Social Sciences
Mr Grant Phillips – Years 7-10 Science and Apologetics, Specialist Teacher

Trophy returns

If your child received a cup or trophy at the 2015 prize-giving, please return it to the office asap.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

How Healthy Are Our Students?

Over the past few weeks, the B Minus maths group from Room 5 has been collecting and analysing data from all students across the school to find out who is the healthiest. We know that 'healthy-ness' can be measured in many different ways so they chose to focus on the amount of water drunk, the number of servings of fruit consumed, the time spent outside, amount of time spent exercising, amount of time spent reading, amount of time spent praying and



reading the bible, how happy each person felt and how much sleep they get. We discovered the Year 3s were the healthiest group of students, achieving in the top 3 in 6 out of 8 areas, followed closely by our Year 4 and 5s. Good job B Minus' and well done to our Year 3s.

School Shoes

Please note that school shoes must be ones that can be polished. Sneakers and canvas shoes are not acceptable as part of the uniform. Examples of acceptable footwear:



If a child does not have the correct footwear, a note must be sent to their classroom teacher and a new pair purchased as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure our students are well-presented.

Rural Athletics Day BBQ

TCS will be running the BBQ at this year's Athletics Day on 22nd November. Items for sale as follows:
Juicies \$1
Sausages and bread \$2

Basketball Draw Year 3&4 Team, Mon 14th Nov

Unavailable at the time of going to print. Well done to TC Rural Wildfire. A draw 16-16 to Waimataitai Breakers on Monday 7th Nov. A good game and some excellent defence and dribbling skills.

Teeball Draw Friday 4th November

4 pm at Morrison Park, Diamond 6.
BBQ duty for T-Ball is 18th November from 4pm to 5pm.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Kaye Blackham Dance Studio

FREE WORKSHOPS! I am offering children aged 5yrs to 9yrs Boys & Girls - TWO FREE WORKSHOPS to attend through the week of 5th to 9th Dec 2016 - NEW BEGINNER CLASSES to open 2017 - I am a local passionate Dance Teacher with 43yrs experience, the success of my Studio is not only based on many Dance Awards the Studio has won but also the opportunity the Studio offers children to believe in themselves, reach their full potential as a performer, skills and confidence to achieve their goals. They will learn Tap mainly, but also some Jazz and also Song & Dance/musical theatre.....interested - for more information contact - kaye4dance@gmail.com - if your child loves to perform this is for them.