



## TERM FOUR, WEEK EIGHT 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,  
This week is traditionally the time for putting up the Christmas tree. I know there are a number of different opinions as to whether or not Christians should take part in this tradition but one thing it does is gets us thinking about the upcoming celebration. It instils a sense of excitement and anticipation about what is ahead in the coming weeks. What a shame we don't have symbols like that around us throughout the year; ones that remind us to be excited about what is ahead for those who follow Christ. Imagine if we lived with that constant anticipation of the joy we will have to the point that the 'little' things we face became strangely dim. And imagine what that would teach our children as they looked to us and mirrored that hope. We would possibly live very differently to how we do now.

*Ma te Atua e manaaki*

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul.

### Congratulations

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

**Clayton Stewart** for making big improvements with his reading.

**Jake Roberts** for trying hard to listen and follow instructions.

**Minu Lee** for meeting his goals in writing, with more information and sentences

**Ayla Grumball** for persistent reading and being ready to pray and help.

**Luke Bloomfield, Annie Evans and Jordy Cooper** for super work on reading activities.

**Scout Phiskie** for awesome work on Statistics and presenting information on graphs.

**Zach Macmillan** for trying hard at 2 and 3 digit addition and subtraction equations.

**Joshua Tang** for showing perseverance with his storyboard planning and design.

**Kie Middlemass and Gené de Beer** for perseverance and hard work their Maths this year.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Fun Day

On Tuesday 13th December we are finishing the year with a Fun Day. We ask that children are

dropped off at C-Bay with their togs and towel at 9am. At 10:45am we will head to Caroline Bay for a range of activities. They are to be collected at 2pm from the playground. Students are welcome to wear mufti clothes and will need to have a jacket and long pants in case it gets cold. They will also need their sunhat, a packed lunch and water bottle. If the weather is unsuitable, students are still to come to Cbay and we will transport them back to school for activities. If this happens we will post a message on our Facebook page.

### Ritchies Bus Children

If your child is on one of the Ritchies buses to outlying areas, please note that Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December is the last day for these buses to be running for the year. Kindly make alternate arrangements for the Monday and Tuesday.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Icons

We are pleased to share with you our new values icons which have been developed over the past year in consultation with our school community. They incorporate symbols from a variety of cultures to reflect the wonderful diversity at TCS. Thanks to Viv Laursen for digitally enhancing them.



Perseverance



Grace



Love



Servanthood



Servant Heart



Truth



Christ-Centered



Learners

### Eggs for Sale

Fresh, organic eggs available from outside the office; \$5 per dozen; \$2.50 per half dozen.

Our Vision: Christ-centred learners with servant hearts

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

**HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO**



## Jersey Missing

Abby Hunter-Sinclair and Oliver Seifert's named jerseys have gone missing. Please check your child's uniform items carefully to ensure that they are wearing their own things.

## Procedures Review

We are currently reviewing our procedures on EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) and HIV and Infectious Diseases. If you would like to share some thoughts or make some suggested changes, please let us know at the office by the end of next week. Copies can be found on our website.

## Muffi Day

Thanks to all who donated so generously to the earthquake appeal on last week's muffi-day. We raised \$237.50.

## Lost and Found

There is a fantastic array of items at the office, including but not limited to: a baby car seat headrest, one cellphone, a sapphire ring, 3 pairs of glasses, scissors, six watches, a USB drive, chapstick, hearing aid, golf ball, calculator, inhaler, keys, RUC licence, gloves, jewellery, wallet, and most recently three more pairs of goggles to add to the other two pairs. If you feel you have lost any of these items in the car park, on the street outside the school, or at the pool, please come to the office.

## School Photos

If you still have school photo orders, please send them to the office asap. We are still accepting late orders.

## Basketball Draw Year 3&4 Team, Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

4:00 pm TCS vs Grantlea Downs Red Crt 3  
Please be at the court at 3.40 to warm up.  
This is the final game of the season.

## Teeball Draw Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

4 pm at Morrison Park, Diamond 3.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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

### Fusion Friday!

This Friday 4pm-6:30pm (please note later pick up time) at Cantec house level 1. Come along for an awesome time with great people, fun games and experiencing more of our great God! Year 6's welcome to join us from 4-5:30, more details contact Sel on 0274222903.

### Cinderella Pantomime

The traditional pantomime is back for another sensational year with plenty of sparkle and fun! We are delighted to announce that this Christmas 'Cinderella' is coming to Aidan Theatre and you are invited to join us at the ball.

#### Dates and Times

Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1pm Show and 7pm Show  
Sun Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1pm Show and 7pm Show  
Tues Dec 20<sup>th</sup> to Fri Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>: 7pm shows  
Sat Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1pm and 7pm  
Running time 1hr 30min - including interval  
Cost: Children and Students (18 (with ID) and Under) \$12:00; Senior Citizens \$16:00; Adults \$19:00  
Tickets are available from Newmans:  
<http://nmw.co.nz/book-now>

### Gifts of Christmas Holiday Programme

Tuesday 20 December, Wednesday 21 December, Thursday 22 December  
9am to 12 noon for 5 - 12 year olds. Cost \$5 per day at St Stephen's, 349 Wai-iti Road, Timaru.  
Games - Activities - Fun - Friends - Craft  
Register early - Limited numbers  
Phone 686 0981 or Email: [oneoffice@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:oneoffice@timarupres.org.nz)

### Free YMCA Holiday Activities

The YMCA holiday programme is back! If you are aged 11 – 17, this is for you! Get active before Christmas from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> of December and for two weeks 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January at Mountainview High School. For booking forms, call 6883682, go to [www.ymcasc.org.nz](http://www.ymcasc.org.nz) or find us on Facebook.  
YMCA South and Mid Canterbury

### YMCA Holiday Programmes

*Christmas Holiday Programme*  
21, 22 and 23 December, 8.15am – 5.00pm  
Christmas Themed fun filled pre-Christmas  
*January Summer Fun Holiday Programme*  
Monday 9 January – Friday 27 January 2017  
8.15 – 5.00pm. Register with Jo. 688 3682