



TERM FOUR, WEEK NINE 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

We made it! Another year full of adventure and growth for the students at TCS has come to an end. Over the past week we've seen students (and teachers and some parents) working hard to find the energy to reach the end of term. Fair enough too - they've all been busy.

I'd like to thank the two teachers we are farewelling - Mr Coppens and Mrs Bloomfield. They have both been extremely dedicated to their roles and students this year and it has been great to see the input they have had into our children's lives. We wish you both all the best in the places God is preparing for you to go.

From Wednesday next week the school office will be closed but if you have any questions or need to get hold of a staff member, please leave a message on the answerphone or email me on principal@timaruchristian.school.nz. I'll be clearing these messages every few days.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas break as we celebrate the hope we have in Christ.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul.

Congratulations

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

Gabby Wutama for creative thinking when writing similes.

Malakai Harris for good effort when working on his statistical investigation in Maths.

Leone Itula, Isaiah Crooks, Malakai Harris, Bianca Andrews for awesome work on Solar System topic.

Blessings Itula for making great progress on reading.

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.

Prizegiving

On the evening of Monday 12th December we will be holding our school prizegiving. We are starting off with a community tea at 5.00 pm – bring your own picnic tea and we will sit down and enjoy time together. The PTA is also organising some activities for during this time. Prizegiving will begin at 6.30 in the school hall. All students are expected to attend in their school uniform.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Eggs for Sale

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

Jersey Missing

Abby Hunter-Sinclair and Oliver Seifert's named jerseys have gone missing. Please check your child's uniform items carefully over the holidays 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.

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 CALENDAR

12th Dec Prizegiving 5 pm
13th Dec Fun Day and last day of term
2nd Feb 2017 First Day of Term 1

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 17th 1pm Show and 7pm Show
Sun Dec 18th 1pm Show and 7pm Show
Tues Dec 20th to Fri Dec 23rd: 7pm shows
Sat Dec 24th 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>

Christmas from the 19th – 21st of December and for two weeks 16th-27th January at Mountainview High School. For booking forms, call 6883682, go to www.ymcasc.org.nz or find us on Facebook. YMCA South and Mid Canterbury

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

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

Heritage Alive!

Christmas Market Day and Heritage Party

Saturday 17 December 10am – 4pm

Join with South Canterbury Museum and St Mary's Church as we celebrate the Museum building's 50th birthday and the end of another great year. There'll be: Christmas market stalls, Musical performances, fun competitions, free refreshments, vintage cars, Museum competitions, church tower climbs. Heritage games and more!

Come and celebrate downtown heritage with us!

All welcome, bring a friend, **free admission.**



Free YMCA Holiday Activities

The YMCA holiday programme is back! If you are aged 11 – 17, this is for you! Get active before

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Drive-Thru

134 Morgans Road
Timaru

December 21 - 24
9pm – 11pm

Nativity Scene ~ Animals ~ Face Painting
Carols ~ Photo Booth ~ Hot Drinks ~ Treats

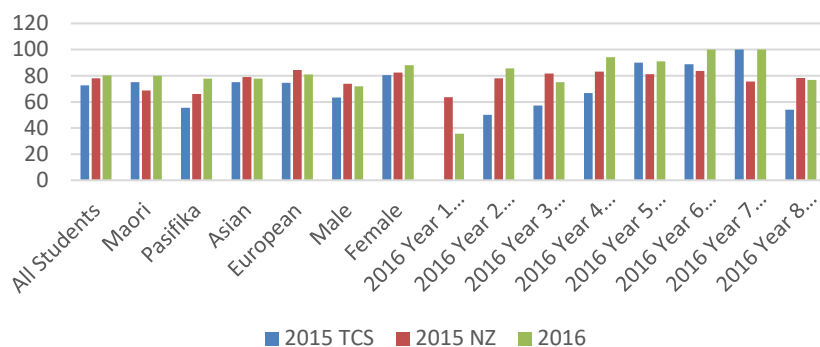
You're also invited to our
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
10am - 10:40am



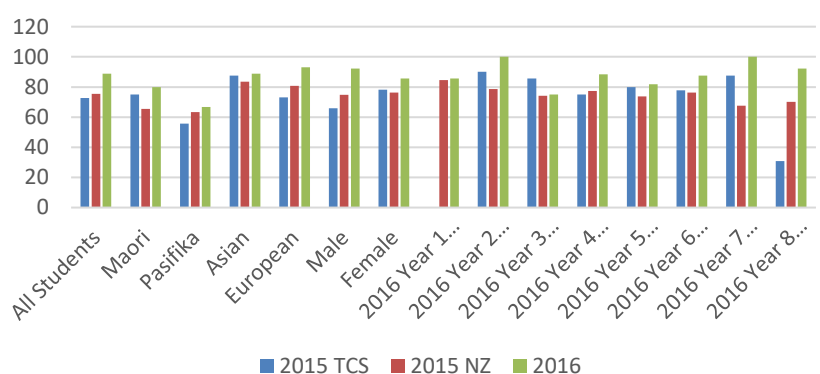
National Standards End 2016

Below are the results for our student achievement in relation to National Standards. The blue line shows the percentage of TCS children achieving at or above their expected level in 2015, the orange line shows the percentage of children across NZ achieving at or above their expected level in 2015, and the grey line shows the percentage of TCS children achieving at or above their expected level at the end of 2016. You will see your own child's achievement in relation to National Standards written in their school report.

Comparing National Standards Achievement in Reading



Comparing National Standards Achievement in Maths



Comparing National Standards Achievement in Writing

