



## TERM ONE, WEEK THREE 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

In the holidays the teachers did some professional development with the Young Writers School in Christchurch. They reminded us about the importance of writing often and freely, having the opportunity to express ourselves in any written form we choose and then working and reworking texts, 'add, subtract, change, rearrange' what we have written. We are only in Week 3 and I have already heard of some amazing writing coming out of the senior classrooms. This year we want children to be writing because they enjoy it, not just so they can meet some criteria and mark their abilities off a checklist. Writers influence the world – for good and bad. Wouldn't it be wonderful for our children to be able to write what they know, what they believe and share God's word with others in creative, inspiring ways in the future.

Have a great week, everyone.

*Ma te Atua e manaaki*

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul.

### Congratulations

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

**Petra Samuela-Noa** for a great start to school

**Matthew Withington** for great listening and following instructions.

**Ryno de Beer** and **Milarke Kleynhans** for a great start to school.

**Blessings Itula** for super work on great ideas about the holidays.

**Maisy-Jane Chapman** - Awesome work on story writing.

**Karla de Beer** - for a super start to school.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Lunch boxes

There is an abundance of unclaimed lunchbox/containers in the lost property. Please check whether any of them belong to you. Any remaining by the end of next week will be rehoused in the school.

### Swimming Sports

Our swimming sports will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> March from 12.15 – 1.15 pm at CBay. Parents and supporters are welcome to attend. More information will be sent home in due course.

### Absentees

If your child is going to be absent from school, kindly inform the office before 9 am each day. You can do this by phoning 688 1422 (leave a message if the phone is unattended), by e-mailing [office@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:office@timaruchristian.school.nz), or by texting 027 751 2722. Provide a brief reason or explanation of your child's absence. Please note that the responsibility lies with the parent to inform the school.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### PTA annual General Meeting

Thursday 23 Feb

7.30pm

School Staffroom

All welcome

Nomination forms available from the school office for Committee roles.

### Pinafores

Our stock of pinafores has finally arrived. If your daughter is needing a new pinafore, please come to the office any weekday between 8.30 am and 12.30 pm.

### Scholastic Bookclub

Please have all order sheets returned to the office by tomorrow, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### TBall

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, Diamond 4.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Swimming
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	PTA Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 9/10 Athletics
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 9/10 Athletics postponement
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Swimming
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Aoraki Athletics
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Rural Swimming
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Swimming
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	SC Swimming
3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Visit to Ashburton Christian School
6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Swimming
12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Aoraki Swimming
13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Swimming
13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Last Day of Term 1



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Mandarin Classes**

Classes for Mandarin are beginning this week. They are as follows:

Beginners will be on a Monday at Timaru Girls' High School from 4 – 5 pm.

Intermediate: Tuesday from 4 – 5 pm.

Advanced: Friday 4 – 5 pm.

Adult classes will be held at ARA and will be as follows:

Beginner adult: Wednesday 6 – 8 pm

Intermediate adult: Thursday 6 – 8 pm.

There is no cost.

### **Children's Day 2017**

For families looking for fun activities on Sunday 5 March, the ever popular Children's Day event is the place to be, at the Caroline Bay hall from 10am to 2pm.

This annual event will offer an array of events and activities that will keep families busy and will be a great opportunity for mums and dads to join in and do things with their children. They can play exciting games, test their skills in interesting activities or simply have a great time watching the selection of entertainment.

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it, last year many hundreds of people took part.

The day's activities include music and movement, mini train rides, bouncy castles, free food and inter-active displays from emergency services. Many of the Caroline Bay rides will operate free between 10am and 2pm.

Children will have a chance to perform with a band, take part in outside games, or even try their hand at fly fishing or obstacle courses. For the little ones under five years, there will be ride-on-toys, face painting and a lot more.

As last year there will also be great activities for the older children, organised by the YMCA. These will include an archery base and confidence course.

Put this date in your diary now.

### **Mrs A's Music School**

Mrs A is a trained teacher who runs a music school at 10 Quarry Road. Individual or group lessons: singing, piano, guitar, bass, drums, violin, brass, recorder, ukulele, theory. Programs and lesson details available on request. Contact Jannette Aldridge [jannette@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz](mailto:jannette@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz) or 027 686 4877.

### **Mackenzie County A&P Show, Fairlie**

Easter Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017. This year's show features Craig Smith, author of The Wonky Donkey. Sections and classes to suit all ages: Wearable Art, Photography, Crafts, Art, Hobbies, Fruits/Vegetables, Floral Art, Cooking, Animals, and many more. The full schedule can be viewed on [www.showdayonline.com](http://www.showdayonline.com) or you can download it from [www.mackenzieshow.co.nz](http://www.mackenzieshow.co.nz) or contact the secretary Jodi Payne [mackenzieapsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzieapsociety@gmail.com) or phone 685 8977 or by email. Entries close 10 March 2017. Entries can be dropped off prior to the show by arrangement.

### **Children's Choir**

Learn to sing, have fun, meet cool kids! Join our thriving St Mary's Anglican Church Children's Choir. Ring Adrienne Wood for an information sheet on 688 1768 or 021 105 1290.

### **The Dance Barre**

Taking enrolments for 2017. Jazz, hip hop, open and performance for all ages. Preschool classes (Jitterbugs) also available from age 3. For more info, Email: [k.mehrtens@windowslive.com](mailto:k.mehrtens@windowslive.com). Phone/txt 0274528626 or send us a message on Facebook.