



TERM ONE, WEEK SEVEN 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,
This week we surveyed our Year 5-10 students about their Christian beliefs and practices. It was very interesting to read the results. One of the questions asked them 'What do you think stops many people going to church?' Another was 'What do you think stops many people becoming a Christian?' There were some very thoughtful responses. It was sad to see that only 51.7% of them read the bible more than 3 days per week. That's something we need to encourage more as a school as it's the number one source that can be used to answer many of the questions they asked at the end of the survey. As children get to the age of those we surveyed, they start to ask more questions about what 'we believe' and start to work out if it is something they will make a personal commitment to. The Apologetics programme we have started this year is encouraging our senior students to think about the how and why's and engage with the evidence we have for what we believe. All in the hope that they will be equipped to go out into the world in Year 11 with a faith they can articulate to others. What an exciting challenge this is!

Have a great week.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul.

Congratulations

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

Alyssa McGeough and **Milarke Kleynhans** for excellent writing about their bugs.

Oliver Jenkins for fantastic efforts with writing and spelling.

Jairus White for fantastic efforts with adding more to his story writing.

Polo Langi for wonderful work in Mathematics.

Oliver Seifert for wonderful story writing and taking leadership in class.

Levi Wood for a super story about animals.

Timothy Lang and **Jonathan Withington** for awesome work on adding three numbers.

Genevieve Laursen for sharing a very creative and well prepared presentation.

Thomas McKenzie for sharing a well prepared presentation with a confident and clear voice.

Merric Manson for diligence with homework.

Dinnay Phillips for showing perseverance and seeking advice on how to improve work.

Well done to **Daniel Kitchen**, **Peter Tafunaina** and **Tafu Tafunaina** for the effort they put into representing our school at the Aoraki Athletics yesterday. Tafu qualified for the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Competition in javelin. Fantastic job, Tafu!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Basketball Draw

4.45 pm: Girls vs Gleniti Globetrotters Crt 1

5.30 pm: Girls Duty Team

6.15 pm: Boys vs Point Panthers Crt 2

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Thank you

Thank you to all the many helpers that we had at our TCS swimming sports. The children enjoyed their events. Well done to **David Keen**, **Merric Manson**, **Clarabelle Strauss**, **Dinnay Phillips**, **Abigail Waldron**, **Heidi Uys**, **Katelin Frear Hanson**, **Tilly Chapman** and **Lilou Caspritz** who will be competing in the Rural Schools Swimming Sports next Tuesday.

Thank you to Martine Lagesse for her donation of a book to the parent library. Good Pictures Bad Pictures is a book which helps parents to address the challenges our children face with viewing inappropriate material on-line. Books may be borrowed from this library just inside the main entrance.

Missing jersey

Faith Bruning's named jersey has gone missing. Please check your children's uniform items carefully to ensure that they are wearing their own things.

Poetry

Teina Toru has been focusing on Writing, Reading and Phonics (as well as Maths of course!) Here are some top picks from the class for you to enjoy.

*The tot is in the cot, the tot felt hot.
It was in a pot. The pot was hot.
The hot pot is in that spot.
The pot liked to be hot with the tot.
The tot is hot!*

Rebekah Purcell



*Kiwi is a bird. Kiwi is brown.
Kiwi walks instead of flying.
Kiwi has eyes, Kiwi has black and white
eyes.*

*Kiwis have feathers.
Kiwis don't like the daylight.*

Alyssa McGeough

*Kiwi eats worms.
Kiwi goes out at night time.
Kiwis live in a cave.
Kiwis have feathers.
Kiwis have big eggs.*

Malachi Bruning

SCHOOL CALENDAR

21 st Mar	Rural Swimming
22 nd Mar	PAL Leader Training
23 rd Mar	Swimming
30 th Mar	Swimming
31 st Mar	SC Swimming / Have a Go Day (Year 7/8)
3 rd Apr	Visit to Ashburton Christian School
6 th Apr	Swimming
12 th Apr	Aoraki Swimming
13 th Apr	Swimming
13 th Apr	Last Day of Term 1

COMMUNITY NOTICES

South Canterbury Rugby Junior Academy Holiday Programme

April 19th & 20th 2017. Application forms available from your school office.
Applications close on Monday 3rd April.

Market Day

St Stephen's Church, 349 Wai-iti Road
18 March 9 am

Plants, cakes, retro, toys, puzzles, books, manchester, -- many more stalls, and -- featuring Timaru South School Kapa Haka group and the Pasifika group.

Rural Schools Netball Trials

Trial information has now changed. Trials will be on 22 March @ NSC courts 3.30pm start. Please be there as early as possible to sort positions.

Cambridge Hockey Club

If any students are interested in playing hockey this year for the Cambridge Hockey Club, please contact bjmason0@gmail.com or text 0272038684.