



## TERM ONE, WEEK ELEVEN 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

It's very tempting to say 'Congratulations – we made it' as we greet the end of Term 1, it's something that I'm guilty of. But, upon reflection, that makes it sound like we have been enduring our time and our learning together and that's not the feeling myself and our staff have at all. We are privileged to be called to our work in God's school and, once again, we have some amazing things to look back on this term. Our students have had some wonderful successes in swimming and athletics, we have completed our first Year 7-10 technology block onsite (Soft, Hard and Food Technology, and Coding), and our junior PMP programme has been very successful with Timaru Christian Preschool children joining us too. Teina Time sessions in the mornings have been a great way to help our students have a good start to the day, developing leadership and relationships across levels, encouraging children to share prayers in their first language, and using what we know about how we learn to set them up for the rest of the day. And there have been opportunities for learning outside of school too – Year 9/10 Electronics camp in Christchurch, whole school trip to Ashburton, Teina visit to the Scenic, Year 9/10 weekly community service, Student Coaching and PAL Leadership Training, etc. Next term we look forward to focusing on 'Words' as our school-wide topic. We also have ERO coming to visit in June so we look forward to sharing with them the many things we have done since their last visit.

Over the holidays, if you need to get hold of anyone, please leave a message on the school answerphone. It will be checked every few days. You can also email the school office on [office@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:office@timaruchristian.school.nz).

May we each be blessed with a deeper understanding of Christ's sacrifice as we celebrate Easter this weekend.

*Ma te Atua e manaaki*

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul.

### Congratulations

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

**Jake Roberts** for trying hard with reading and writing

**Hikaru Middlemass** for trying hard to do the right thing

**Polo Langi** for amazing work in mathematics

**Clayton Stewart** for making wonderful choices at school

**Rinah Bird** and **Ryno de Beer** for excellent,

consistent work in homework over the term  
**Samuel Noakes** for showing Leadership in class and improving in his reading and writing.

**Rynal Lal** for writing an amazing story about his weekend

**Karla de Beer, Amya Bird, Maisy-Jane Chapman** and **Timothy Lang** for awesome work on homework tasks for Term One.

**Gabby Wutama** and **Sophia Withington** for diligence and perseverance in their work.

Well done to **Tafu Tafunaina** for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Aoraki Athletics, and **Dinnay Phillips, Clarabelle Strauss, Viliami Sau** and **Kieran Campbell** for participating in the PCT Challenge.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Parent Teacher Learning Conferences

Thank you to everyone who met with us to discuss their children's learning at our conferences this week. If you were unable to make it, please contact your child's teacher to arrange another time.

### Winter Uniform

Year 9 ties are available to purchase from the office. \$20, cash only.

Next term we change to our winter uniform – for girls this means they wear long navy blue socks or tights. For boys, there are long-sleeved green polos which can be purchased from the uniform shop (open every morning, 8.30 to 12.30). These are optional. No sandals to be worn in the winter months please. Year 9 and 10s wear long-sleeved white shirts and ties. The shell jackets for Year 9s will be provided to them next week, and these will be to activity expense accounts.

### Pie Warmer

Next term the pie warmer will be available for heating lunches on Mondays. Subway will still be available on Fridays, and we hope to organise sausages sizzles or noodles for one other day per week.

### Updated procedure

To avoid confusion regarding hairstyles, we have been more explicit and detailed about our description of what is and isn't allowed. Please check the uniform procedure on the website for an updated version. Thank you to those people who contributed their ideas.

### Rural Schools Netball

Year 3/4 Competition: This will be every Friday afternoon 3.30pm -4.45pm starting with a 15-minute skill session followed by a 5 v 5 game



made up of four 8 minute quarters. Children will be in teams of 7. The cost is \$50 per player for 10 weeks. Starts Friday 5th May.

Years 5- 8 Competition will run for 15 weeks and be played Saturday mornings starting on the 6th May.

Year 5/6 Competition: This is a modified game of 6 v 6 made up of four 8-minute quarters. The cost is \$75 per player.

Year 7-8 Competition: This competition is traditional 7 v 7 netball. Players must rotate positions. The game will be made up of four 10-minute quarters. The cost is \$80 per player.

Fees will be charged onto activity expenses accounts.

Please ask Mrs Thompson or Mrs Nareki if you are unsure about how our teams will work.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Prayer Meeting

We have a weekly prayer meeting on Thursday at 9 am in the staffroom. If you have any prayer items or requests, please let us know and we can write them into the book. All are welcome to attend the prayer meeting, including pre-schoolers.

### Immunisation Week

May 1-7 2017 is Immunisation Week. This year we are focusing on ensuring our older children and teens are up to date with their Immunisations. This is a reminder for parents/caregivers to check that your child has had a complete course of vaccinations for their age. If your child was born after the 15 November 2005, and you are not sure what vaccinations that have had, you can contact Lynette on 03 6872317 to check their status. If your child was born before this date you can check with your child's GP Practice Nurse. If you require assistance accessing catch-up vaccinations please phone Kiri or Niamh on 03 6872435.

Children turning 11yrs from July 2017 who have not previously had the chicken pox virus or who have not received a vaccination for the chicken pox virus are also entitled to 1 free vaccine from their GP Practice. Please contact your Practice for more details.

### Basketball Draw

6.15 pm: Boys vs Waihi Raptors Crt 2

7.00 pm: Boys Duty Team

6.15 pm: Girls vs Sacred Heart Crt 1

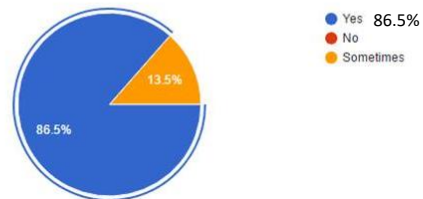
### School Community Relationships

#### Consultation

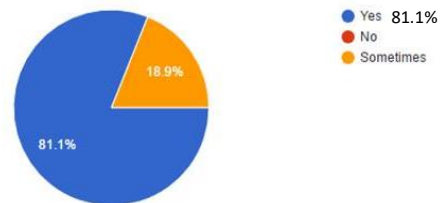
Term 1, 2017 (34 responses)

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey about our school community this term. Below are the results. The comments will be shared with the Board of Trustees as part of our ongoing consultation process which helps us to work out how we can do things better at TCS.

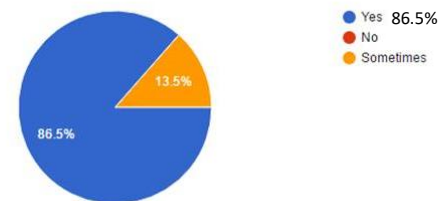
Do you and your family feel welcome when you come to school? (37 responses)



Do you feel your opinion and feelings are respected by teachers and staff members at school? (37 responses)



Do you feel free to participate and contribute to school activities if you wanted to? (37 responses)



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

13<sup>th</sup> Apr

1<sup>st</sup> May

27<sup>th</sup> May

Last Day of Term 1

Term 2 begins

Cheese roll making



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Netball South Canterbury Holiday Program**

Session Times:

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Apr 10-11.30am Yr 5-6; 12.30-2pm Yr 7-8

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Register online by Mon 17 April at

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/51840>

COST: Gold coin donation

Please come to session with adequate sport shoes and drink bottle. Players are welcome to attend both days if they wish. All coaches are encouraged and welcome to come along to observe or assist.

### **Roller Derby: The Battle of Canterbury Part 2!**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru. Doors open at 6 pm. Game starts at 7pm. Licensed bar and food vendors. Tickets available from 2Stags, South Canterbury Toyota in North St, our Facebook page, and on the door. Adults \$10, Children \$5 (up to 14 years), Under 5's free, Family pass \$25 (2 adults and 3 kids)

### **SC Gym Sports Holiday Programme**

19-21 April and/or 26-28 April

Activities include indoor soccer, name games, family tree, trampoline, lego challenge, gym skills, mini golf, cheernastics, ninja circuit and many more. Fees \$20-\$30 per day. Email [sally.scg@outlook.com](mailto:sally.scg@outlook.com) or facebook South Canterbury Gymsports Inc.

### **Upstage Performance Company**

A great opportunity for young budding singers and dancers. Upstage Performance Company is a song and dance group lead by a vocal coach and dance Teacher, Ella Thomas and Kat Mehrtens. A great environment for ages 8+ to learn something new, meet like-minded friends and show off what they're made of. Auditions are held at The Dance Barre, Timaru on 29<sup>th</sup> April. For more information email: [upstagepc@gmail.com](mailto:upstagepc@gmail.com) or find us on facebook: Upstage Performance Company.

### **Kiwi Squash – Give Squash a Go**

Squash for Years 5 –8

Timaru Squash club is offering FREE 'Have a go' sessions. Equipment provided. Sessions will be fun and interactive. Term 2 programme information available. Check out our website for any further information [www.sporty.co.nz/timarusquash/](http://www.sporty.co.nz/timarusquash/)  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> April & Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April, 4.00 -5.00 pm. Cost: FREE  
Timaru Squash Club, Brunswick Street  
Contact: Linda Kenny - 0274248504

### **Irlen Screening**

Irlen lenses improve focus, concentration, tiredness, light sensitivity, writing and or all levels of reading. Reach your full potential with ease. Contact Sally McKerchar – Qualified Irlen Screener. E-mail [sam101@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sam101@xtra.co.nz) or ph. (03)6939101 or (027)2224835

### **Mrs A's Music School - Enroll for Term 2**

Students of all ages sing or play their way to something special

- ♪ Students are taught by experience musicians in our studio at 10 Quarry Rd Timaru.
- ♪ Individual or Group Lessons: Singing; Piano; Guitar; Bass; Drums; violin; Brass; Recorder; Ukulele, Theory.
- ♪ Contact: Jannette Aldridge 027 686 4877

### **Junior Stamp Club**

Meets Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am-Noon at 213 Church Street (Bible Chapel Church Hall). Free programme for Primary School students to discover the World's greatest hobby. Provided by the Timaru Philatelic Society. Queries: Alistair Pike 6883817

### **Artfull Crafts Holiday Programme**

Come to Artfull Crafts for crafty fun during the holidays! Cardmaking Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1:30pm - 3:30pm, \$15. Steampunk Clock Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1:30pm - 3:30pm \$30. Bookings can be made online at [www.artfullcrafts.co.nz/classes](http://www.artfullcrafts.co.nz/classes) or phone 688 8566, or email [info@artfullcrafts.co.nz](mailto:info@artfullcrafts.co.nz). Artfull Crafts, 24 George Street, Timaru

### **Chipmunks Timaru Holiday Programme**

\$40 Full Day, \$35 School Hours

Exciting Activities for April School Holidays, we are even offering Horse Riding. Our programme works around you and is flexible, you pick and choose if you would like your child to attend trip day or not. Enrol at <https://chipmunks.aimyplus.com> or call Julia 0274272659

### **YMCA South and Mid Canterbury**

Free YMCA holiday activities: The YMCA holiday programme is back! If you are aged 11 – 17, this is for you! Get active this term break from April the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>. For further information call 6883682, or go to [www.ymcasc.org.nz](http://www.ymcasc.org.nz). Find us on Facebook.