



## TERM TWO, WEEK THREE 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

Last week I had the privilege of visiting 9 different Christian schools in the North Island to learn more about them and to bless them. It was beautiful to see both pride and humility in the principals – they were proud of their schools but very humbled by the fact that anyone would want to come and visit them. Mr Phillips and I came away with many interesting observations and challenges to consider. One of the things I particularly appreciated was how the experience affirmed much of what we are doing at TCS. For example, our Year 9/10 programme, which is only in its second year, is as well-designed as those in established Christian High Schools.

One phrase I picked up on, in particular, was "Christian Education is different to Christians educating". This is very true and something that we have talked about in different ways at TCS recently. A Christian teacher in a state school is bound by a secular worldview whereas we are not. One challenge I have taken away was defining what a Christ-centred pedagogy is. This means, what does Christ-centred teaching and learning practice look like in real life? At the moment the teachers are relating verses in the bible which tells us who we are, who Christ is, and how we should live, to what we do practically in the classroom. I'm looking forward to sharing what we develop with you once it's complete.

*Ma te Atua e manaaki*

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul

### Congratulations

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

**Gabriella Langi** for showing a great attitude towards learning.

**Gloria Manson** for showing perseverance and making progress with storywriting.

**Rinah Bird** for amazing work in Reading, Writing and Maths. Always on task and showing respect.

**Minu Lee** for writing amazing stories using imagination and beginning to "add to" and "fix up" his stories.

**Scout Phiskie and Annie Evans** for amazing stories about escaping from the zoo.

**Jonathan Withington** for awesome work on sign language.

**Bianca Andrews** for lots of effort in narrative writing.

**Yuji Middlemass** for lots of effort writing a creative piece for homework.

**Toa Dee** for fantastic work ethic and putting so much effort into producing work.

**Clarabelle Strauss** for taking more risks and sharing amazing work.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Car Parking

As we all get familiar with the new car park, a few things to note:

- Please do not park in the middle of the car park in unmarked areas. This space is needed for reversing easily and safely.
- The speed limit in the car park area is 7 km/h. This keeps our children and adults safer because we have more time to react.
- If you are parking on the far side of the car park, please do not walk across the middle of the car park. We teach our children to walk around the outside, staying in the yellow lines. Your support and modelling of this helps our children get the same message about safety in the car park.

Thanks for your support in this.

### Cheese Rolls

Please promote the cheese rolls and return order form and money to the school office by tomorrow, Friday 19 May. We are making the cheese rolls on Saturday 27 May at Life Church, 134 Morgans Rd. We need help to make them so please note on your calendar.

### Parent Milo Sessions

This year, Bethany has started holding student milo sessions where children from different classes come and chat with her about school while having a drink of milo. It has been a great way to see what is working well and what could be changed from the perspective of the children. We are now wanting to widen this to include parents and get feedback from you in a relaxed, informal setting over a cup of milo (or any other hot drink!). Parent milo sessions will be held once per term on a Friday morning. If you are interested in taking part in one, please let the office know. Thanks!

### Scholastic Book Club

Please have any orders for Issue 3 to the office by tomorrow morning, 19<sup>th</sup> May.

### 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, including pre-schoolers.



## Pie Warmer

This term the pie warmer will be available for heating lunches on Mondays **ONLY**. Please have pies wrapped securely in tinfoil and named. Subway will still be available on Fridays, and we hope to organise sausages sizzles or noodles for one other day per week.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Rural Schools Netball Draw: 19-20 May

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 3.30 pm – 4.45pm

Court 4 Rural Lightning v Old Boys Naias'

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May

9am Court 3 Opihi Magpies v Rural Reds  
(Hayley Richardt) Year 7/8

9 am Court 8 Gleniti Tactix v Rural Magic  
(Andrea Bruning) Year 6

10 am Court 6 St Josephs Temuka White v Rural  
Rebels (Meredith O'Meara) Year 7/8

11am Court 5 Waimataitai Pulse v Rural Mystics  
(Debbie Waldron) Year 7/8

11am Court 13 Grantlea Diamonds v Rural  
Superstars (Gemma Holden) Year 5

### Procedure Review

This term the following procedures are being reviewed:

- C5 Health Education
- PS10 Personal Grievance
- HS13 School Closure

If you would like to make any suggestions for changes, please forward them to the office.

### Missing Items

Fletcher Hill's named sunhat has gone missing. Malakai Harris' Old Boys Hoodie, named in three places, is missing. It's about 2-3 weeks old so in brand new condition. Size 10. Please check your children's items to see if perhaps it has come home by mistake.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

18<sup>th</sup> May Swimming  
22<sup>nd</sup> May Junior School open afternoon, 1.30  
22<sup>nd</sup> May Year 9-10 Open Evening, 7 pm  
25<sup>th</sup> May Year 5-7 Marae Visit  
25-26<sup>th</sup> May Year 9-10 Camp at Raincliff  
25<sup>th</sup> May Swimming  
25<sup>th</sup> May BoT Meeting  
26<sup>th</sup> May Pink Shirt Day  
27<sup>th</sup> May Cheese roll making

30<sup>th</sup> May Rural Schools Cross Country  
1<sup>st</sup> June Swimming  
1<sup>st</sup> June Life Education  
2<sup>nd</sup> June Rural Schools Cross Country pp date  
2<sup>nd</sup> June Life Education  
5<sup>th</sup> June Queen's Birthday (school closed)  
7<sup>th</sup> June Aoraki Cross Country  
8<sup>th</sup> June Swimming  
9<sup>th</sup> June Hillview Christian School Visit  
9<sup>th</sup> June World Vision 40-hour Famine  
12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Jun ERO Visit  
12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Jun Year 9/10 Exam Week  
15<sup>th</sup> Jun Swimming  
26<sup>th</sup> Jun – 7<sup>th</sup> Jul Year 7-10 Tech Programme  
19<sup>th</sup> Jun New Entrant Parent Info Evening  
21<sup>st</sup> Jun Royal NZ Ballet in a Box Year 0-8  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jun Swimming  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jun BoT Meeting  
29<sup>th</sup> Jun Swimming  
29<sup>th</sup> Jun PTA Meeting  
5<sup>th</sup> Jul School Community Dinner  
6<sup>th</sup> Jul Swimming  
7<sup>th</sup> Jul Last Day of Term 2

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### So Kan Ju Judo Club Timaru

Want to learn self-defence, gain self-confidence and stay or get more fit and flexible? We provide a safe and friendly environment.

Junior Class on Mondays 6-7.30 pm

Senior Class (13 years and older) on Wednesdays

First three weeks free; thereafter \$55 per term and \$30 for subsequent family members.

Call Joshua 022 406 1416 or Trevor 027 688 0351.

### Chipmunks Timaru After-School Programme

Support a locally owned and operated programme. \$19 per day, 3pm-6pm (Subsidies may apply and be as little as \$4). Our OSCAR vans pick up from every Timaru school. We provide afternoon tea made in our commercial kitchen on-site. Homework complete when you collect your child. Enrol at <https://chipmunks.aimyplus.com> or call Julia 0274272659