



## TERM THREE, WEEK THREE 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau

Yesterday we were given our confirmed ERO Review which will be available online in two weeks' time. I wanted to share some quotes from it which are based on evidence the reviewers saw when they visited our school last term.

"The school vision of 'Christ-centred learners with servant hearts', and the key values of love and grace through servanthood, truth and perseverance, underpin the curriculum and practices within the school."

"The school makes effective use of achievement information to make positive changes to learners' engagement, progress and achievement."

"School leaders and teachers have effective processes for identifying all children at risk of not achieving and provide well considered interventions to accelerate learning for those students."

"The school curriculum is very effectively designed to promote and support children's learning within a Christian world view."

"Children's learning benefits from broad and interesting programmes, where they learn in and beyond the classroom."

"Children in Years 9 and 10 benefit from an integrated programme designed to prepare them with the necessary learning skills to transition to Year 11 at other schools."

"School leaders and teachers regularly seek and respond to children's opinions about many aspects of school life. This helps promote children's sense of wellbeing and belonging in the school."

"The school is well placed to sustain and improve its performance."

"Trustees have a strong focus on student achievement. With the principal, they have set a clear direction for the school through a well-developed vision, and values."

"...leading a culture of improvement and collaboration."

"Timaru Christian School provides Christian-based education. The school makes effective use of achievement information to make positive changes to learners' engagement, progress and achievement. Children benefit from a broad and interesting, bible-based curriculum. They participate and learn in a caring, collaborative and inclusive learning community."

The comments are reassuring and a tribute to the school community who work together to make TCS a great school to be a part of. Thank you, especially, to the Board and Staff who gave extra time and shared their contributions during the review.

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul

## Congratulations

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

**Gustav Wilson** for a great first week at TCS.

**Ayla Grumball** for being a helpful member of class.

**Eliesa Itula, Gaius Uhrle** and **Xander Wilson** for a great start to school - welcome to TCS!

**Sophia Withington** and **Bianca Andrews** for sharing some great ideas on Google classroom.

**Dinnay Phillips** for participation in class discussions.

**Hannah Rentoul** for leadership in class and showing diligence.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Picking up and dropping off students

With all the road works and congestion it is really important that we drive into the car park before stopping for our children to get into or out of the car. Please resist the temptation to stop in the driveway as we are teaching the children to be safe around the car parks and this will help them in this.

### School Crockery

If anyone has school plates and dishes rattling about at home, kindly return them asap.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### PTA Meetings

These are the dates for PTA meetings for the remainder of the year, to be held at 7.30 pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

### Scholastic Book Club Orders

Please return all orders and money to the office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Any LOOP (on-line) orders need to be completed by tomorrow, 11<sup>th</sup> August.

### Wednesday Lunches

As a Missions Trip Fundraiser for the team going to Tonga next year, soup and a bun (\$2.00) or noodles (\$1.50) will be sold on Wednesday lunch times this term. Place your order outside the office on Wednesdays before 9 am.



## 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.

## Rural Schools Netball Draw

Saturday 12th August 2017

9 am Court 4 Craighead Queens v Rural Mystics (Debbie Waldron) Year 7/8

10 am Court 7 Craighead Hearts v Rural Rebels (Ange/Helen) Year 7/8

10 am Court 12 Old Boys Leo's v Rural Superstars (Gemma Holden) Year 5

11 am Court 3 Old Boys Leopards v Rural Reds (Hayley Richardt) Year 7/8

11 am Court 9 Pleasant Point Magic v Rural Magic (Andrea Bruning) Year 6

Enjoy your games girls. ☺

**CORRECTION:** The last day of netball for this season will be on the 19th August. There will be a mini tournament on this day for Years 5-8 teams. A prize giving will be held after the games at the Basketball Stadium at 12pm.

Could all girls please attend the prize-giving. Many thanks.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

10 Aug	Chapel, 2.20 pm
10 Aug	BoT Meeting
17 Aug	Chapel, 2.20 pm
22 Aug	Artarama Visit for Years 1-2
23 Aug	Artarama Visit for Years 3-4
24 Aug	Chapel, 2.20 pm
31 Aug	Chapel, 2.20 pm
7 Sep	Chapel, 2.20 pm
8 Sep	Parent Milo Session
11-22 Sep	Year 7-10 Technology Program
14 Sep	Chapel, 2.20 pm
19 Sep	Fossil Hunt
21 Sep	Chapel, 2.20 pm
21 Sep	BoT Meeting
25 Sep	S/Cant Anniversary (school closed)
26-27 Sep	Learning Conferences
28 Sep	Chapel, 2.20 pm
28 Sep	PTA Meeting, 7.30 pm
29 Sep	Last Day of Term 3
16 Oct	Term 4 begins
18-20 Oct	School Camp
23 Oct	Labour Day (school closed)
24 Oct	School Photos
26 Oct	PTA Meeting, 7.30 pm
30 Nov	PTA Meeting, 7.30 pm

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ASTN Chair Position Available

ASTN (Aoraki School Transport Network) Chair, Job Description

This would suit someone whose children travel to school by bus/or who have an interest in school transport.

1. Chair all ASTN meetings (usually only 4 a year).
2. Liaise with ASTN secretary and Co-ordinator to set and approve meeting agendas.
3. Pass on correspondence to ASTN members.
4. Liaise with the ASTN Co-ordinator to give advice, support and approve actions.
5. Approve invoice payments relating to ASTN business.
6. Maintain up to date paper work/ filing of documents in ASTN Board Manual.
7. Negotiate contracts on behalf of the ASTN board subject to their advice, approval and support.
8. Liaise and communicate with outside agencies (lawyers, MOE, etc) to provide advice to the ASTN.

A monthly payment comes with this role

If you are interested in the position please email your details to Lyn George at [george.lyn@gmail.com](mailto:george.lyn@gmail.com).

### 'Give it a Go' Fridays

YMCA South & Mid Canterbury is excited to announce a FREE after school sports programme for young people in years 7-13 on Fridays, 3:30-5:00pm at Mountainview High School Gym.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to try a sport in a fun, relaxed atmosphere, or to just simply take part in a sport in a non-competitive environment. The sport will vary from month to month (starting with Archery), so there will be plenty of variety and plenty of opportunity to give sport a go. We'd love to see your son or daughter there!

