



**TERM THREE, WEEK TEN 2017**

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau  
Welcome to the last week of Term 3. Amongst the busy-ness of the term and the classroom, it is easy to get focused on what is 'on top' and demanding your attention. So it was lovely to just get a glimpse of our school through a new parent's eyes this week. As I showed them around the grounds with a large number of our students (of all ages) playing All-in Tag, another group busy tending to the school garden, and others just hanging out, I felt blessed to be part of this school community. We really do have a great bunch of children (and families) and I am really looking forward to spending a few days away with many of them on School Camp next term.

Please remember we have a School Holiday Programme being run in the last week of the holidays (Wednesday to Friday), led by the Tonga Mission Team (supervised by teachers). It should be lots of fun and it will help the team raise much-needed money for their trip to Tonga next year. Registrations are taken at the school office.

I hope you all enjoy the holiday break and look forward to hearing about it in two weeks' time.

*Ma te Atua e manaaki*

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul

**IMPORTANT NOTICES**

**Muffi Day**

Tomorrow is muffi day. Children are encouraged to dress to the theme 'Bright and Cheerful' and bring along a gold coin which will go towards the Tonga Mission Team's fundraising efforts.

**Starting School Age**

As a Board, we had decided to adopt a Cohort Entry Policy in which children would start at the beginning of the term following their 5th birthday. We have been informed by the Ministry that if we do adopt a Cohort Entry, we must allow children to start school at the beginning of the term closest to their 5th birthday. For some children, this would be when they are 4 years old. We believe this age is too young to begin schooling and so have decided to not adopt the policy. This means children can start on the day of their 5th birthday if they wish. Parents are still welcome to delay the start of their child's schooling up until 6 years of age and we encourage them to speak with our New Entrants teacher and preschool teachers to determine the best time for them to start school.

**Headlice**

There have been a few cases of nits reported to the office in the last week. Please take time to check your children's hair and scalp and treat immediately if nits are found.

**Sausage Sizzles**

Next term we will be offering sausage sizzles on Mondays (starting from Week 2). These can be ordered from the office before school and will cost \$2 for a sausage, bread and sauce.

**Slapped Cheek Virus**

There has been a case of Slapped Cheek in a junior class. This is a highly contagious sickness which presents symptoms as puffy eyes and red cheeks. If your child shows these symptoms please take them to a doctor. If you are pregnant, extra care needs to be taken as it can affect the baby.

**Summer uniform**

Next term we change over to the summer uniform. Girls wear white, ankle socks and everyone wears short-sleeved shirts. Students can wear black sandals instead of shoes if they wish. (Please see the uniform procedure on the school website for descriptions of these.) Navy bucket sunhats must also be worn by all students at lunchtimes. These can be purchased from The Warehouse.

**PTA Carboot Sale**

Timaru Christian School PTA is having a massive Carboot Sale on Saturday 11th November from 8am-12pm. Cost is \$10 to reserve yourself a carspace; come along and sell your old treasures, or if you have lots to sell you can reserve a double space for \$20. The PTA will be selling BBQ Sausages & Drinks (no other food for sale please). If you are interested in booking a space, please contact Liza Frear Hanson on 0275492534.

**Missions Fundraising – please help**

The 2018 Tongan Missions Team needs to raise \$10,000 for next year's trip. Two fundraising opportunities we are organising are a Silent Auction and a stall at a car boot sale. If you have any quality items you are willing to donate for either activity, please let Bethany know or drop them into the school office. Thanks.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Resources Needed**

- If you have **empty fizzy bottles** to recycle, please send them to school for the Food Technology Program. Preferably 1l or bigger,



with lids.

- Teina Twee would like to have any clean, empty **standard sized food cans** for a project they are working on. Thanks
- If you shop at New World and would like to pass on the **Little Garden Seed Pots**, Mrs Lee and her class will be very happy to have them.
- Tuakana Tahī would like your old **newspapers**.

**Missing uniform item**

Fletcher's named socks have gone missing (initials on the foot). Oliver Seifert's jersey (named Minu and Oli) has gone missing. Please check your children's items carefully to make sure they are wearing their own clothing.

**Basketball Draw**

Year 3-4, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
6.00 pm TCS vs Pleasant Point Court 3  
Please be there at 5.30 to warm up.

**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.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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
7 Nov	Music Festival, 6.30 pm
11 Nov	Car Boot Sale at TCS
30 Nov	PTA Meeting, 7.30 pm

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**15" LCD Monitors**

If you are interested in obtaining a second-hand monitor (useful as an extended screen for a laptop), please contact Stuart Lang on 6849851, 0274569117 or [stuartlang@actrix.co.nz](mailto:stuartlang@actrix.co.nz). Cost is \$2.

**Southern United Skill School**

Young players - improve your football skills in a fun and friendly environment. Camps will take place on Thurs 5th & Fri 6th October at Sir Basil Arthur Park. Soccer Sisters programme will run alongside the camps. Contact the office for more info.

**Fusion Intermediate Youth Group**

If you're a year 7 or 8 and want to come have some fun then FUSION is the place to be! Held every 2nd Friday from 4-5:30pm up at Level 1 Cantec house, George Street. Lots of fun and games, learning more about our amazing God and growing great friendships. Grab your friends and come along this Friday ☺ See you there!

**Junior Stamp Club**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 10am-12noon at Church Street Bible Chapel (213 Church Street, Cnr Avenue Rd) Come and discover the world of stamp collecting. A free programme provided by the Timaru Philatelic Society. Queries: Alistair Pike 6883817

**Mrs A's Music School**

Enrol now for Term 4. Students of all ages sing or play their way to something special  
 🎵 Students are taught by experienced musicians in our studio at 10 Quarry Rd Timaru.  
 🎵 Individual or Group Lessons: Singing, Piano, Guitar, Bass, Drums, Recorder, Ukulele and Theory.  
 🎵 Contact: Jannette Aldridge 027 686 4877.

**Ten questions, all answered by the Bible:**

By Richard Gunther

1. What does 66 = 39 + 27 mean?
  2. 50, 40, 27, 36, ?  
What is the next number?
  3. A + E = C + ?
  4. A = 930, S = 912, E = 905, C = 840, M = ?
  5. The SEVEN "I AM"s of Jesus.  
Jesus said I AM the bread of life, the light of the world, the door of the sheep, the resurrection and the life, the true and living way, the true vine, and one other. What is the seventh "I AM"?
  6. How many "wise men" or Maji were there?
  7. The fruit of the Spirit has seven flavours. Can you name them all?
  8. Who voluntarily went forty days and forty nights without eating or drinking?
  9. M, M, L, J, A, ? What's the next letter?
  10. We know Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but where was he when the "wise men" or Maji arrived?
- Answers after the holidays.