



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau,

Welcome back to school. Hopefully your children are well-rested as we look forward to a busy and exciting term. As you will note, most of the school is away on camp at the moment. There are lots of things you need to be aware of though (see below), hence a newsletter in our absence. There are plenty of ways to get involved in things at school in Term 4. If you have time to come and join us for activities, it would be great to see you.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Christ-centred



Next week's memory verse: *James 5:7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.*

Scripture Focus for the Term:

Elisha; The Promised Messiah

School-wide Theme for the Term:

COLOUR

Learners



Certificates and Awards

With most of the school being away, there will be no Chapel (and no certificates) this week. However, all parent helpers and teachers will deserve an award by Friday. (They can have Monday off in thanks.)

Basketball Draw

There will be no game this Monday due to the Labour Day holiday.

Perseverance



Servant Hearts



Opportunities to serve

Prayer Meetings – one of the best things you can do for our school is to pray for it. A small group meets every Thursday from 9am to about 9:30am at school to pray for our school community. Everyone is welcome.

Swimming helpers – if you are able to assist with a small group each Thursday at swimming, please let Mrs Thompson know.

Tonga Missions Team Sausage Sizzles

From next week, every Thursday we will be selling sausages and bread as a fundraiser for the Missions team. \$2 per sausage, orders taken outside the office before 9am.

Do you have anything you no longer need that someone else would want?

The Missions team will have a stall at the PTA Car Boot sale. If you have anything suitable to donate that we could sell for our fundraising efforts, please send it along to school.

Servanthood





Love



Other important things to note:

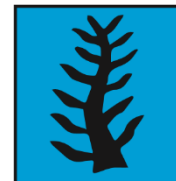
Music Festival – this year we are holding a Music Festival at Life Church on the 7th November from 6:30pm. All students will be performing instrumental and singing performances which they have been working on this year.
The PTA will be providing a **sausage sizzle** and tea/coffee before the concert from 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Please RSVP to the school office for catering purposes.

Maths Information Evening – If you would like to learn more about what we are teaching your children in Maths at school, and ways you can help at home, we would like to invite you to a hands-on Maths Information Evening in the School Library on Monday 30th October from 6:30pm.

Missing Uniform Items?

If anyone is missing a green school jersey with a pink ribbon pinned to the label, please contact the school office.

Grace



Upcoming Events:

18th-20th Oct	Year 2-10 Camp at Mount Hutt Retreat
23rd Oct	Labour Day – School Closed
24th Oct	School Photos
26th Oct	Year 1-8 Swimming Programme; Chapel 2:30pm
26th Oct	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
30th Oct	Maths Information Evening 6:30pm – School Library
2nd Nov	Year 1-8 Swimming Programme; Chapel 2:30pm; BOT Meeting 6pm
3rd Nov	Music Festival Rehearsal for students – Life Church 1pm
7th Nov	Music Festival – Life Church 6:30pm
8th Nov	Top Teams Competition – whole school 1:30pm
9th Nov	Year 1-8 Swimming Programme; Chapel 2:30pm
11th Nov	PTA Car Boot Sale
16th Nov	Year 1-8 Swimming Programme; Chapel 2:30pm
21st Nov	Rural Schools Athletics Competition – Years 1-8 (pp 27 th Nov)
23rd Nov	Year 1-8 Swimming Programme; Chapel 2:30pm
30th Nov	Year 1-8 Swimming Programme; Chapel 2:30pm
30th Nov	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
1st Dec	BOT Election
7th Dec	Year 1-8 Swimming Programme; Chapel 2:30pm; BOT Meeting 6pm
11th Dec	Prizegiving 6.30 pm
12th Dec	Last day of Term 4
5th Feb 2018	First day of Term 1

Answers to 10 questions, all answered by the Bible:

By Richard Gunther

1. Number of books in OT and NT.
2. 34. These are the numbers of chapters in the first five books of the Bible.
3. Adam and Eve = Cain and Abel.
4. These are the first letters of the pre-flood patriarchs. M = Mahaleel, who lived 895 years.
5. Missing I AM is I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
6. The Bible does not say how many Magi there were. All it says is "wise men from the east..."
7. Seven flavours, one Spirit. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Galatians 5.
8. Jesus voluntarily went through 40 days and 40 nights without food or drink, in order to get supreme control over His body.
9. R = Romans.
10. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but after the law was fulfilled he was taken back home, to Nazareth. About 2 years later, the wise men arrived looking for Jesus in Jerusalem, but the star guided them to the house in Nazareth, where they worshipped him, and then God warned them to go home another way. This was why Herod demanded that all babies 2 years old and under should be killed.