



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau,

This morning I was talking with a group of principals about when people make the comment, "You must be winding down to the end of the year." I'm not sure I remember the last year we cruised in to the finish of Term 4, and this year is no exception. We have some exciting activities coming up in the last week and a half and it seems the children have enough energy to last another few weeks. But at our staff devotions we were recently reminded to 'Be still and know that I am God'. In the busy-ness of everything in the lead up to Christmas, it's important for each of us to remember that God is still God and that is why we can confidently 'be still'. It's a big challenge but one with exciting results.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Christ-centred



Next week's memory verse:

Luke 2:11

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Scripture Focus for the Term:

Elisha; The Promised Messiah

School-wide Theme for the Term:

COLOUR

Learners



Certificates and Awards

Rangi Siaosi for making awesome progress in reading.

Ayla Grumball for making awesome progress in reading.

Maisy-Jane Chapman for being so helpful and always showing respect towards others. Ka pai!

Malakai Harris for being helpful and working hard on his reading activities.

Devin Wood for showing perseverance during Athletics

Jairus White for showing a servant heart as he helps others when asked.

Matthew Withington for great effort and attitude to handwriting.

Gabe Langi for great focus and attitude to work.

Ryno De Beer for wonderful progress in reading and a great attitude.

Clayton Stewart for working hard and "Rocking on" in reading

Tilly Chapman for taking on challenging tasks in the garden with an "I Can" attitude.

Amane Middlemass for your servant heart towards students in Teina.

South Canterbury Athletics

Congratulations to **Clarabelle Strauss**, **Genevieve Laursen** and **Viliami Sau** who will be representing the Rural Schools at the South Canterbury Athletics Competition on the 5th December. A great achievement!

WAVE Team

Teina Wha is very excited that the WAVE Staff will be volunteering in our school garden as part of their yearly community service initiative. Thanks Josh South for nominating TCS!

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.

Holiday Programme

Thank you to everyone who put their child's name down for the holiday programme. Unfortunately there weren't enough enrolments so we won't be running one in the upcoming holidays.

Tonga Missions Team Sausage Sizzles

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.

Servanthood



Love



Other important things to note:

Colour Fun Day on Tuesday 5th December 2017 for Years 1- 4

To celebrate our topic this term on 'Colour' we are holding a 'Colour Day'. Students will be able to come to school in mufti and participate in a variety of different fun activities during the day. The theme is colour – so wearing lots of bright clothing would be great. A donation of a can of food would be appreciated so we can give the cans away to a food bank to help with Christmas Food Parcels.

Last Day Fun Day

On the 12th December (our last day), all students are to come to school by 9am as usual. At 10:30am the Year 1-4s will be taken by bus to Chipmunks to play for 2 hours. Please ensure your child has a labelled bottle of water to take along with them. At 12:30pm they will return to school for lunch and parents can collect them from school after 1:30pm. Families are welcome to come along and have lunch with their children and the teachers. The children will need to wear their school uniform on the day so they are easily identifiable at Chipmunks. Any students who are not picked up at 1:30pm will be supervised up until 3pm.

At 10:30am the Year 5-10s will be taken by bus to Cbay for a swim and hydroslide. At 12:30pm they will walk to the Caroline Bay playground to have lunch. They can be picked up from 2:00pm. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch, named water bottle, sunhat, togs and towel. Any students who are not picked up by this time will be driven back to school and supervised up until 3pm. There will be no charge to parents for any students going to Chipmunks or the pool.

Grace





Upcoming Events:	
30 th Nov	Year 1-8 Swimming Programme; Chapel 2:30pm
30 th Nov	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
7 th Dec	Year 1-8 Swimming Programme; Chapel 2:30pm; BOT Meeting 6pm
8 th Dec	T-Ball Team Duty BBQ
11 th Dec	Prizegiving, 6.30 pm at Life Church
12 th Dec	Last day of Term 4
5 th Feb 2018	First day of Term 1

TIMARU COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER 2017
12 NOON - CHRISTMAS DAY
CAROLINE BAY HALL, TIMARU

Transport Available

ALL WELCOME - NO CHARGE
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

CALL MELISSA: 0204 007 3351 OR 684 4410

DONATIONS APPRECIATED - ASB BANK 12-3159-0111099-00
FACEBOOK: Timaru Community Christmas Dinner EMAIL: timaru.ccd.bookings@gmail.com

active KIDS PROGRAMMES

15-19 January 2018
New **8.30am** start time
The Southern Trust Events Centre,
Morgans Road, Timaru

Need entertainment for your children over the Summer holiday break?

Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years. Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available.

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