



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau,

This is our final newsletter of 2017. It's been an exciting year, full of positive changes and growth in many different ways. Unfortunately I am not able to give you an answer regarding our roll increase yet. We should be informed during the holidays which may mean that when we come together again at the start of 2018 there will be lots of new faces to get to know.

I hope you all get a chance to stop, refresh and spend quality time with your family. Have a very merry Jesus' birthday.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Christ-centred



Next week's memory verse:

Matthew 2:11 - On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Scripture Focus for the Term:

Elisha; The Promised Messiah

School-wide Theme for the Term:

COLOUR

Learners



Certificates and Awards

Charlie Crooks for her amazing work on cool and warm colours.

Timothy Lang for awesome work on his reading questions.

Annie Evans for working on her self-managing skills.

Jeongeun Kim for giving everything a go - a great start to school!

Jake Roberts for trying really hard to make good choices

Xander Wilson for great focus and attitude towards his handwriting and art.

William Crooks for wonderful progress in Reading and writing.

Prizegiving

On Monday night we have our prizegiving at Life Church at 6:30pm.

Each family is asked to bring a plate of finger food to share

afterwards. Students need to come dressed in their school uniform.

Perseverance



Servant Hearts

Opportunities to serve

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.

Swimming Helpers – A big thank you to all those volunteers who helped with our swimming programme this term. Your time and effort is hugely appreciated! There are many lost and found goggles on the table outside the office. If your child is missing a pair, please claim them from here.



Servanthood



Love



Other important things to note:

Last Day Fun Day

On Tuesday 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:

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

Design a Stamp Competition

The Timaru Philatelic Society (1928-2018) is celebrating its 90th Anniversary February next year and we invite the children of South Canterbury to design a stamp to mark this occasion for us. An entry form and stamp outline can be found on our school's website, in the 'notices' section.

Tennis South Canterbury

TSC is holding another of our School Holiday Coaching Programmes for beginner players aged 7-12 yr olds. The Coaching Programme will run from 9am - 12noon on Wednesday 20th December & Thursday 21st December and participants can register for one or both mornings - with the cost being \$30 per child per day, or \$50 per child for both days. More info on the TCS website.

Mrs A's Music School - Enrol now for Term 1

Students of all ages sing or play their way to something special

- ♪ Students are taught by experienced musicians in our studio in Timaru.
- ♪ Individual or Group Lessons: Singing; Piano; Guitar; Bass; Drums; Recorder; Ukulele, and Theory.
- ♪ Contact: Jannette Aldridge 027 686 4877