



## From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau,

Thank you to everyone who came to the learning conferences this week. It can be a somewhat uncomfortable situation for some people (including teachers at times). It is natural to feel defensive when we are told our child needs to work on something, but it is important to remember that our children are not reflections of ourselves. We try to train them in the way in which they are to go but they are their own individual person with unique characteristics; they make their own choices. Every one of them is loved by God and by us. I have told the teachers that if we don't share something the students need to work on, we are failing them. How? Because we are working with parents so every child grows to become the person they have been designed to be and that's a process that takes a lifetime.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

## Christ-centred



## School-wide Theme for the Term:

### PERSEVERANCE

**Next week's memory verse:** Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

**Muffi Day** – The Friends of the School fund was created to help families access Christian Education at TCS. It relies on donations and so we are having a muffi day for this great initiative. On Wednesday 28th March, students can wear muffi instead of their school uniform by bringing along a donation for the fund.

**Wheels** – On Fridays we invite students to bring along their scooters and skateboards to play on, if they would like. They need to be left on the court next to the preschool when they arrive in the morning. Anyone riding on scooters or skateboards must bring and wear their helmet too.

**Swimming** – There will be no swimming on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**Sporting Events** – It's been a busy week at Timaru Christian for sports and we have lots to celebrate. On Wednesday last week, **John Ben-Canaan** represented TCS in the South Canterbury Athletics for Javelin. John had only just learnt to throw the javelin the week before he went to the Christian Schools Athletics where he was only 14 cm away from breaking the current record. At South Canterbury's he was the only one who threw all qualifying throws, however only just missed out in throwing his current record again. We are excited to see how you get on next year John.

On Friday, **Tilly Chapman, Casey-May Watt** and **Katelin Frear Hanson** represented our school in the South Canterbury Triathlon. These talented ladies had signed up to do a team event, but found out on the day that they had to do it as individuals. What incredible perseverance they showed as they decided to continue with the race. Well done girls, we are all so proud of you.

On Tuesday, this week, we had 11 students represent us at the Rural School's Swimming. We are still waiting for confirmation but believe we have 2-3 students moving onto South Canterbury Swimming. Well done to all those competed. Next Wednesday the Year 9-10 class are going Paddle-Boarding at Caroline Bay. A note has been sent home but if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school.

Lastly a very big thank you to all the parents who have given up their time to help out at these events. Without your help we wouldn't be able to compete in such things. Please know you are greatly appreciated.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Nareki

## Perseverance



## Learners





## 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.

**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:

**Reporting Timetable** – In the holidays, the teachers will be working on developing our reporting since we will no longer refer to National Standards. While we will still be using many of the tools that were available to inform our assessment for National Standards reporting, it is important that we are clear on what specific information will be useful for parents to be told in a written report. For that reason, we will be delaying the writing of Term 1 reports for students who have been at school for 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 and 120 weeks until Week 4 of Term 2. With learning conferences being held next week, you will be given a verbal report of your child's progress and you are very welcome, at any time throughout the year, to speak to your child's teacher about his/her progress. Thank you for your patience in this.

## Grace



**Absentees** – Please contact the office if your child is not attending school, by calling 688 1422 (leave a message if the phone is unattended), or e-mailing [office@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:office@timaruchristian.school.nz) or texting 027 751 2722. Kindly notify us before 9 am on the day of absence, and provide a reason for the absence so we can record it correctly.

**Chapel** – Our Chapel meetings will be held every second Monday (even weeks) at 2.30 pm in the school hall. Parents and family members are most welcome to join us.

### Upcoming Events:

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Swimming Years 1-8; BoT Mtg	<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Queen's Birthday – school closed
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Gold coin Muffi Day	<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Term 2 ends
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Good Friday – school closed	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Term 3 begins
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Easter Monday – school closed	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	South Canterbury Anniversary – school closed
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Easter Tuesday – school closed	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Term 3 ends
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Swimming Years 1-8	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Term 4 begins
<b>13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Term 1 ends	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	Labour Day – school closed
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Term 2 begins	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Term 4 ends

# Timaru Christian School

Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

School Newsletter – Week 7, Term 1, 2018



## Community Notices

**Life Church** – Join us for a Passion Worship Night this Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 7pm at 134 Morgans Road.

**Todd Mudie Group Holiday Programme for Boys and Girls** – 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of April. This rugby holiday programme runs from 9.30am till 12.30pm each day, at Alpine Energy Stadium. \$15 per day. Please contact the school office for more information.

**Alpine Energy Timaru Concert Brass** is committed to providing a chance for all budding musicians to take up a brass instrument. Whether you are a school student or retired (or somewhere in between), music is a lifetime pursuit that is remarkably inexpensive. The band is made of young and not so young, novice and experienced players and provides a great musical learning experience for all. We are having an **open day** at the Timaru band room, North St (next to the Court House) on Saturday 24 March 2018, between the hours of 9am and 12pm. Members of both the senior band and the Concert Brass will be there to demonstrate how they play, but also to let anyone who wants to have go for themselves. From the biggest Tuba to the smallest Cornet, you can try them.

**Chipmunks Timaru April Holiday Programme** - \$40 Full Day, \$35 School Hours. Exciting trip days planned each day, including Blue Eyed Penguin visit, miniature train rides and Real Fruit Ice Creams. Of course free entry into Chipmunks Playland everyday. See our Facebook page or instore for our programme and more info. Enrol at <https://chipmunks.aimyplus.com> or email [timaru@chipmunks.co.nz](mailto:timaru@chipmunks.co.nz)

**Life Church** is running a Youth Group called Young and Free for Year 7 - 9 students. There will be fun, faith and fellowship. All children In years 7-9 are welcome to join us. We meet each Friday night from 6:30 - 8:30 at Life Church, Morgan's Rd. Please contact Dougal Hunter-Sinclair for any further details on 021-395-571.

**School Holiday Programmes**  
at the  
**Timaru Children's Library**  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**What's new?** Due to the popularity of our School Holiday Programmes, children need to book to attend the craft sessions. Spaces are limited. Craft sessions are suitable for ages 5 and up.

**Tuesdays:** 10:30am - 11:30am  
2:30pm - 3:30pm (repeat of morning session)

**Thursdays:** 10:30am - 11:30am  
2:30pm - 3:30pm (repeat of morning session)



**Book now!** It's so easy to make a booking! Drop into the Timaru Children's Library, call 6877498 or email [anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz)



**active KIDS**  
PROGRAMMES

**16-20 April 2018**

**The Southern Trust Events Centre,  
Morgans Road, Timaru**

**Need entertainment for your children in the April School Holidays???**

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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SOUTH CANTERBURY

Full details and to register on line go to

[www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)

or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751

Limited Spaces available ...

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO**

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