



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

It was a fabulous day on the skifield for those who attended on Monday. I am told we have some students who stood out for their fearlessness and willingness to take on this new challenge. Thanks to Mrs Thompson and Mr Pretorius for supervising our students on that trip.

Our school has a wide variety of EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) opportunities throughout the year and across the levels, everything from using our outdoor environment as part of our lessons, to trips to local attractions, and camps in local, regional and national locations. The staff are considering structuring our programme in a progressive manner to meet the changing needs of our school. We are considering offering the following EOTC opportunities from 2019 onwards:

Year 1-2: 2-3 class trips every year

Year 3-4: overnight tenting at school with a parent on even years

Year 5-6: ski trip (go up in bus) on even years

Year 7-8: 2 night camp out of region on even years

Year 9-10: 3x 1 night camps, 1x 2 night camp every year; missions trip on even years (optional)

Whole school camp replaced by Year 5-10 two-night camp on odd years

It would be great to get some parent feedback on this. Please email me

(principal@timaruchristian.school.nz) if you would like to share your thoughts.

Ma te Atua e manaaki. (God bless).

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations

Well done to the following students who received certificates this week:

Noah Anink for super work in maths.

Nina Kerr for an awesome start to school life at TCS.

Emily Christina Joshua for working hard at following instructions

Grace Harrison for awesome work with her Reading

Xander Wilson for helpfulness, caring and always doing his best

Alicia Moraes for a wonderful start to school and working hard to understand English

Lettie Waldron for learning spelling words with a 'can do' attitude

Karla de Beer for perseverance in Literacy

Jimmy Kitchen for a positive attitude and diligent work ethic

Nathan Marriott-Macdonald for striving to give of his best at all times

Perseverance



Learners



Netball Draw for Saturday 4th August for Years 5-8

11 am – Court 12 - Rural Raiders v Grantlea/Arowhenua (Year 5 – Mrs Phiskie)

9 am - Court 8- Rural Rockets v Rural Beacons (Year 6 – Mrs Withington)

11 am – Court 6 – Rural Magic v Geraldine Blue (Year 7 – Mrs Bruning)

9 am – Court 1 – Rural Mystics v Pleasant Point Steel (Year 8 – B. Braddick)

Enjoy your games girls.

Reading Information Evening

If you would like to learn a little more about how children learn to read at school and hear some suggestions for activities you can do at home to support them in their reading, we will be holding a Reading Information Evening in the school library at 7pm-8pm on Monday 6th August. It is focused on reading at the primary school level.

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.

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Missions Trip to Fiji

In less than two weeks our Missions team will be travelling to Fiji to spend time with children at an orphanage. Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards their trip through our fundraising efforts. Please pray for safe travels for the team and that they will have a positive impact on the children they are visiting.

Teddy Bear Picnic

The Servanthood Team is hosting a Teddy Bear Picnic in the Hall on Friday at lunchtime, for children in Rooms 1-3. Children can bring a teddy bear and their lunch to the hall at 12:30 on Friday.

Servanthood



Love



Other important things to note:

Scholastic Lucky Book Club – We are keen to encourage students to read, and the Scholastic Lucky Book Club is a simple and fun way to get books into homes. However, from time to time, the Lucky Book Club advertises books that do not align with our Christian Character. Please do not see our sending home of the brochures as an endorsement for all titles advertised.

Grace



Please return book club orders to the office by Friday 31st August.

Carparking - Just a reminder, with an increasing number of students on our roll, finding a carpark can be difficult after school. We ask that, out of consideration, parents or caregivers who are picking up older students please leave the parks closest to the walkway available for the parents of younger students. This is especially important when they have sleeping infants and toddlers in the car with them.

The roadway in front of the bus park can be used for quick pick-ups/drop-offs but please do not leave your vehicle unattended in this space as the buses do not always come at the same time and they need that space to collect students and turn around safely.

Thank you for your assistance with these things.

Teacher Strike Action - You may have heard about the teacher strike action being held in the next couple of weeks. It is based around the primary teachers' collective agreement which is currently being negotiated with the Ministry of Education. Timaru Christian School is an Area School as we have both primary and secondary school students. This means our teachers are not part of this negotiation process and so we will not be striking with primary school teachers. TCS will be open on that day and it will be business as usual.

Upcoming Events:

6th August	Reading Information Evening	13th Sept	Bot Meeting
9th August	BoT Meeting	19th Sept	School Photos
13th August	Chapel	24th Sept	South Canterbury Anniversary – school closed
14th-23rd Aug	Missions Trip to Fiji	27th Sept	Reports sent home
27th August	Chapel	28th Sept	Term 3 ends
6-7th Sept	Year 9/10 Leadership Conference	15th Oct	Term 4 begins
10th Sept	Chapel	22nd Oct	Labour Day – school closed
11th Sept	Rural Schools Technology Challenge	18th Dec	Term 4 ends

Community Notices

Ace: A Horsey Tail of Courage

Kurt Snook from Bayleys Timaru visited the school this week to donate a book named *Ace: A Horsey Tail of Courage*. Ace is a young horse who has dreams of one day becoming a Crusaders Bayleys Horse; however, he is being bullied by his peers at the Clip-Clop School for Horses. Help is at hand, or hoof, in the shape of Holly from the Crusaders Bayleys Horses. She is Ace's hero and she knows exactly what to do to make the bullying stop. And so, just as with every great story with a powerful message, *Ace: A Horsey Tail of Courage* has a happy ending. If you wish to order your own copy for reading at home you can e-mail Kurt directly at kurt.snook@bayleys.co.nz. Proceeds to to Make-A-Wish New Zealand helping to normalise the lives of children all over the South Island living with a critical illness.

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