



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Last week we enjoyed a performance as part of Tongan Language Week, courtesy of the Langi Family. This week is Maori Language Week. As one of the official languages of New Zealand, it is something that we introduce through basic words and phrases throughout the school.

Back in the old days, when I was a student, the government was only just starting to realise the importance of keeping Te Reo alive as a part of our nation's culture and heritage. It's one thing I strongly encourage new families who speak another language at home to do; keep speaking to your children in your mother tongue because that is a part of your identity and culture, it's a part of what makes you unique. I love hearing our children speaking to one another in the classroom and playground, in another language. Learning languages also has a significant benefit in terms of making different parts of the brain make connections, improving cognitive functioning.

God created so much beautiful diversity, and part of that includes the languages we hear.

Kia tau te aroha noa ki a koe. Amine. God's grace be with you all. Amen.

Bethany Rentoul

Basketball Draw – 16th September

Years 3 and 4

6:30 pm Court 1 TCS Storm Breakers v St Josephs PP Tornadoes

Please be at the Stadium on Morgans Road by 6 pm for warm up.

Any questions please ask Mrs Thompson.

Congratulations

Well done to the following students who received certificates in Week 6:

Alfie Chapman for awesome writing in following steps.

Lorin Crooks for making great progress in reading.

Cameron Law for great effort in reading.

Joseph Harrison for great effort in handwriting.

Hikaru Middlemass for making great use of his sounding out skills and remembering to use his personal dictionary in story writing.

Joshua Jefferis for applying himself diligently to writing and presenting during our speech making unit this term.

Lupetea Langi for a friendly and helpful work ethic in Literacy and Topic Subjects.

Hannah Keen for imaginative writing in Literacy.

Genevieve Laursen for her drive to fully understand all the work she does in Mathematics.

Thomas McKenzie for his perseverance in Mathematics

Well done to **Joshua Jefferis** for representing TCS at the Timaru District Year 5/6 Speech Competition last week. All the best to **Emily Rentoul** who will be representing us in the Year 7/8 section next week.

All the best to the Year 9 and 10 table tennis team competing in the inter-school competition tomorrow.

Well done to **Zach Macmillan, Thomas McKenzie, Grace Coe, Hannah Rentoul, Emily Rentoul** and **Sophia Withington** for representing TCS at the Sanford Science Fair yesterday.

T-Ball

A reminder to any students wanting to play T-BALL this season – please hand in your notices to Mrs Hamilton or to the office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Many thanks.

Parent/Caregiver Contacts

It is really important that a parent can be contacted immediately in the case of sickness or emergencies.

Please ensure we have correct phone numbers if yours has changed. Putting our school phone numbers into your contacts list (03 688 1422 or 027 751 2722) can help you to see if we are trying to get hold of you.

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.

Wanted

Mrs Hamilton is looking for some CLEAN (no labels please) large jam jars or similar (screw top lid if possible). Please could these be handed in by the end of week 9.

Free Coffee

Our Year 10 Barista students are coffee each Friday this term from 2.45 to 3.15 pm outside Tuakana Rua. We would love to invite parents to support their learning by making use of this free service regularly this term.

Servanthood



Muffi-Day

On the 20th September (next week Friday) we will be having a Colour Rush muffi day to raise money for the children's ward. Dress up in ONE colour to support Colour Rush Day! Bring a gold coin.

Curriculum Review Findings

Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent Curriculum Reviews for Written Language and Learning Languages. Here is what we found:

Written Language

Students in Years 7-10 were fairly evenly split between responses of 'At times' and 'Often' when asked if they are good at getting their messages across using writing, if they are good at getting their message across when speaking, and if they are good at sharing ideas using visual presentations eg diagrams, graphs etc. Students in Years 5 and 6 were slightly less confident in their responses for each of those aspects. Student feedback indicates teachers are making links between what they know and what they have been learning.

Teachers feel confident in their understanding of the subject content and assessment tools. They often encourage reflective practice in their students and incorporate a Christian Worldview into their teaching and learning programmes.

Most parents (out of 16 responses) know something of what their children are learning in Written Language at school, most of them encourage their children to write at home and believe they are making good progress in their spelling and writing. Most parents are happy with the reporting they receive regarding their child's progress in Written/Oral/Visual Language. A suggestion was made that written reports are enough and interviews could just be requested if required.

Next steps: Our Written Language Programme is fairly traditional in its approach. Writing is regularly identified as being an area of concern across New Zealand schools, particularly for boys. Our own assessment data is consistent with that and we need to consider new research into this as it becomes available. Providing multiple opportunities to write in a variety of contexts will hopefully assist with this, as has been started this year.

Learning Languages

Most students have found their Languages work to be at a level they are confident with. Most students know it is okay to make mistakes and know that their teachers are learners, like them. Few Year 7/8 students feel confident with basic Maori instructions though they respond appropriately when given an instruction by the teacher in Te Reo.

Teachers are trying to be more intentional in their use of Te Reo in their classroom programme and every class incorporates a prayer (karakia) in Te Reo everyday.

Many of the parent respondents were happy that languages are taught at school due to the changing nature of our world, the importance of understanding other cultures etc. A suggestion was made that more options be available in Year 7 and 8. We may be able to provide this by offering two languages and the students opt into the one they wish to study.

Next steps: We will continue to work on upskilling ourselves, as teachers, in our own proficiency and understanding of Te Reo and Tikanga Maori through our Teacher Professional Development Programme. This will help us to gain confidence in using Te Reo more often and more naturally in the classroom programme.



Love



Weekly Cybersafety Tip – brought to you by TK2

If there are pop ups or ads be cautious – if in doubt, don't click on them.

Carboot Sale

TCS PTA is hosting a Carboot Sale on Saturday 19th October here at TCS in our Carpark from 8-12pm. Do you have preloved treasures at home and have had a big spring clean where you have decluttered, but would prefer not to have a garage sale at your home?... then our next fundraiser is the solution for you! Contact Liza Frear-Hanson on 0275492534 or via facebook messenger to book at only \$10 per carpark space. We are offering spaces to our TCS



Grace

Community first before advertising for sellers from the public but have limited spaces available so get in quick. Any questions please contact Liza.

Upcoming Events:

12 th Sept	BOT Meeting	24 th -25 th Sept	Learning Conferences
13 th Sept	Chapel; Enrichment Day	27 th Sept	Chapel; Enrichment Day; Last day of Term
19 th Sept	Year 7/8 Timaru District Speech Comp	14 th Oct	Term 4 begins
19 th Sept	PTA Meeting, 7.30 pm	19 th Oct	TCS Carboot Sale, 8-12 pm
20 th Sept	Enrichment Day	21 st Oct	School Photos
23 rd Sept	SC Anniversary (School closed)		

Community Notices

Tennis Open Day

Wai-iti Tennis Club invites you to have-a-go at our Open days on Saturday the 14th and 21st September. Juniors of all levels from 10:00am-11:00am. Assessments can be made regarding their Tennis Hot Shots level or competitive interclub. Drop-in and have a go! We are located at West End Park - parking access off Maltby Avenue.

Registration days for juniors are also Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Adults are also invited to come along on Saturday afternoon from 1:00pm. Visit our website for more information regarding times and subs (www.sporty.co.nz/waiititennis) or phone Matt on 027 684 4071 or email us on waiiti.tennis@gmail.com

TIMARU CRICKET CLUB

JAB Registrations for 5 year olds up - girls and boys. Saturday 21st September 11am - 12pm at Timaru Cricket Clubrooms at Ashbury Park. Subs \$30 - payable by cash at registration. If you can't attend please contact timarucricketjab@gmail.com or Timaru Cricket Club JAB Facebook page.

Harold needs your help!!! Mid & South Canterbury Life Education Trust has been chosen by Stafford St Z energy Fuel Station as one of the GOOD IN THE HOOD Charities. Please fuel up in September at Z Stafford St and put your token in the Life Education Box For Harold!!! The more votes for Harold the bigger the share of money Harold gets. The Learning with Harold Programme, the workbooks that come home with your kids are run by Mid & South Canterbury Life Education Trust. We are not government funded and through fundraising we cover 80% of the cost of the programme – your school pays the balance on your behalf. The programme sees Harold, a very unique giraffe, visit your school in his mobile classroom along with special educators. Together they deliver age appropriate lessons that empower your kids to make safe and healthy choices.

Tennis South Canterbury: "Have a Go" Fun Day, 28th September from 11am - 1pm at the Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre. Fun tennis games and drills. Bring your friends and a racquet and have some tennis fun! Registrations not essential but if you pre-register your attendance by Tuesday 24th September 2019 you can go in the draw to win an awesome tennis prize! www.tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz.

Plant sale: St Stephen's Church, 349 Wai-iti Road starting at 9 am Sat, 14 September. Flower and Vegetable Plants / Cake Stall / Morning tea / Entertainment

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Timaru Christian School

Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

School Newsletter – Week 8, Term 3, 2019



Art Class Holiday Program “in Watercolour”: 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th October, 10 am to 12 noon or 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. For ages 8 -14; art materials provided. Limited numbers, bookings essential. Contact waynepatrick@xtra.co.nz or text 027 6060 833. Studio: 11A Royal Arcade, Timaru.

Active Kids Holiday Program

7-11 October 2019 at The Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgan's Road, Timaru. Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills and offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years. Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available from as little as \$15 per session. Full details and to register on line go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751. Limited Spaces available. Registrations close Monday 1st October 2019.

Junior Squash: Finished winter sport? Give SQUASH a go! Mondays; Y1-4: 3.30pm – 4.15pm; Y5-8: 4 – 4.45pm. Free for new players in September. Providing an opportunity to have fun on the courts! Timaru Squash Club - Brunswick Street. Contact Jen 021685441.

SKIDS Holiday Program: Fun and friendly staff; playwork at its best.

For more information, call 0212899229 or 0212899229 or email waimataitai@skids.co.nz. Register at www.skids.co.nz.

Memory Walk: South Canterbury Alzheimers Society is holding a Memory Walk at 11am on the 14th September at the Botanic Gardens. Wear something purple and "Make Dementia Top of Mind." Register at www.alzheimers.org.nz/memorywalk.



PTA
2019

Saturday 19th October

\$10 per parking space

Timaru Christian School

To book your spot or any questions please
contact Liza Frear Hanson on 0275492534
or via facebook messenger

Sellers arrive 7.15am onwards
Car boot Sale 8am-12pm

Sausages, Cakes & Drinks will be available to purchase

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