



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

You may have seen the photos of our Year 5-10 camp at Woodend on Facebook this week. Our theme was Love Thy Neighbour and we took part in lots of activities around the theme as well as the adventure activities on offer too. Rain was forecast for part of every day but God was looking after us again and we had great weather throughout.

Loving your neighbour is not something that comes naturally; humans can be very selfish creatures, but it becomes easier to do when we understand how much God loves us. That's one of the most important lessons we can teach our children – that they are deeply loved by our Father and, once they realise that, they will be better equipped to love and serve those around them.

Next week is Prizegiving on Tuesday night. Each class will perform a dance for you and awards will be handed out. We look forward to seeing everyone there. I hope you all have a very Merry Jesus' Birthday. Kia tau te aroha noa ki a koe. Amine. God's grace be with you all. Amen.

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations

Well done to Bailey, William and Daniel for representing the Rural Schools at the South Canterbury Athletics this week.

Prizegiving

On Tuesday 10th December our School Prizegiving will be held in our school hall. All students are expected to attend as they have been rehearsing dances to perform for parents on the night. Please ensure your child is taken to their classroom at 6:15 pm before you take your seat for a 6:30 pm start. At Prizegiving we will present class awards and trophies, and celebrate the graduation of our Year 10 students. We ask that each family bring along one plate of biscuits or fruit to share at the end of the ceremony.

Last Day of School



The Teina Classrooms (T1, 2 and 3) will be going swimming from 11-12 this coming Wednesday, the last day of term. Parents, please bring along your lunch and join us at school from 1-2 pm. Children may go home with you from 2 pm onwards. See you there!



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 9 am to about 9:30 am at school to pray for our school community. Everyone is welcome.

Join the PTA – two meetings per term, help organise community events and support the school through fundraising.

Swimming

If you are interested in helping next term, please see Mrs Thompson or leave your name at the office. We would really like some more parent helpers. You don't even have to swim!

Journals and Readers

Please check at home and return any school readers, journals and library books.



Servanthood



Love



Missing uniform items

Annie has lost her sports top, and Cherished has lost her pinafore. The pinafore is unnamed but has a 'false hem' – a strip of black fabric on the underside. Please check your child(ren)'s uniform items carefully and return any which have mistakenly come home.

Grace





Upcoming Events:

5 th Dec	Swimming; BoT Meeting	11 th Dec	Term 4 ends
6 th Dec	Year 10 Leavers' Dinner	3 rd Feb 2020	Term 1 begins
10 th Dec	Prizegiving	13 th Feb 2020	PTA AGM and Meeting

Community Notices

Design Me Colourful Christmas Art Classes

Saturday 14th and 21st December, Thursday and Friday 19-20 December: Pastel Art, 10 am to 12 pm, Mosaics 10 am to 12 pm, Dot Mandalas 1-3 pm. Spaces are limited. Book now so you don't miss out! Phone 027 973 4655 or e-mail designmecolourful@gmail.com or on Facebook.

For sale

Size 6 kids PE shirt. Good condition. \$10.00. Phone Lyndal 688 8030 or 021 214 1596.

Tots to Teens

Your school community's LINK to the December/January issue digital magazine is available here <http://issue1912c.totstoteens.co.nz/>.

Kerbside Collection

A note for residential Wednesday bin route customers, over the Christmas / New Year period: There will be no bin collection on Christmas Day, Wednesday, 25th December or New Year's Day, Wednesday, 1st Jan. Please place Wednesday's bins out on kerbs for collection on Saturday 28th December and Saturday 4th January.

On-demand public transport

...is a new way to get around Timaru, starting next year. Get to anywhere you need to go, even right here, more easily. Bring your questions to one of our drop-in sessions, and join us for a chat about how this flexible new service will work around you. See school notice board for drop-in sessions venues and times.

South Canterbury Mountainbike Club - Kids race, Sunday 15 December

Last one for the year! Location: based around the main lake area in the Scenic Reserve, look for the MTB race signs. Time: sign up from 11.15am, race starts at 12.00pm. Suitable for: ages 2-12. Details: kids ride as many laps as they want around the track in 30mins - \$2 entry fee and every child gets a chocolate fish at the end. As it's Christmas, there will also be a free sausage sizzle afterwards.

Active Kids Holiday Programme

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. When: 20 – 24 January 2020. Where: The Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgans Road, Timaru. 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 go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751. Limited Spaces available. REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 13th January 2020 or when sessions are at full capacity.

Christmas Holiday Programme

Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 December 2019, 9am to 12noon, for children 5 to 12 years old. \$5 per child per session, to be held at St Stephens Church, 349 Wai-iti Road, Timaru. To register go to: www.timarupres.org.nz or phone 686 0981. Register early as there are limited numbers. An email will be sent confirming your registration.

