



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Welcome to Term 1, 2020. It has been wonderful to see the smiles and hear the chatter amongst our students as they have returned to school. We have been blessed with lots of new students across the school and look forward to having their families as part of our TCS family.

As part of our Staff Retreat this year, our teachers and teacher aides spent a day learning how to 'Find the Joy in Christian Education'. It was a wonderful opportunity to consider the hope we have because we are a part of God's plan and because we have an identity in Him. This is something we hope to share with our students during the year.

Our focus for 2020 is on our school value of 'Truth'. It can be very difficult for children (and adults) to determine what is Truth in the things we are hearing each day in our world. Even worse, when we hear that 'what you believe is your own truth', and similar misconceptions, it is easy to get confused and feel uncertain. However, knowing that God is Truth and that we can feel certain about and rely on what He has taught us, we are given comfort and direction and there is a joy that comes from that too. We are looking forward to exploring this more in the year ahead.

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

Bethany Rentoul

TBall

Tball starts again THIS week: 4pm, at Sir Basil Arthur park. See you there!

Camps

This term we have some exciting camps planned across the school. The Year 1-2s will be camping at school overnight, the Year 3 and 4s are heading out of town, the Year 7 and 8s are off to Arrowtown, and the Year 9 and 10s will be going to Christchurch for the first of their 4 camps. The Year 5 and 6s will be skiing later in the year. The school is covering most of the costs for most of the classes. If costs are involved for your child and there are any issues with those, please speak with Bethany. We don't want to students or parents to get stressed or miss out on these exciting learning opportunities.

Year 1-2 Class Camp



GREAT EXCITEMENT! Teina Tahī and Teina Rua (Mr Phillips', Mrs Thompson's and Mrs. Hamilton's classes) will be having their school camp here at school on the soccer field, on Friday 21st to Saturday 22nd February. Bring along your tent, and camp on the soccer field with your child. We will meet at 5pm and we will provide dinner and activities for the evening. We will pack up camp by 9am on Saturday morning. Each child needs to be accompanied by a parent / guardian if he / she is sleeping over. If you are not able to camp over with your child, your child is welcome to join us from 5pm - 8:30pm on Friday night. If you do not have your own tent please let us know and we will endeavour to organise a tent for 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 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

Swimming begins on Thursday next week and all Year 1-8 students will need to have their togs and towel (named) at school in a swimming bag for these sessions. The cost of pool entry and transport will be put onto Activity Expense accounts. If you are interested in helping this 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!

Servanthood





Enrichment Day

We are continuing with Enrichment Day this year and will start from Week 3. We have decided to run Enrichment Day on Thursdays, so swimming will be incorporated into it in Terms 1 and 4, and we will have Chapel on Thursday afternoons at 2:30pm on 'even' weeks.

We are hoping that parents will be able and willing to help out with Enrichment Day once again. At the moment we are planning on running the following activities this term:

Session One (9:05am-10:15am)

Soft materials - Mrs Lovely (Year 7)
Photography - Mr Pretorius (Year 4-8)
Gardening - Mrs Cochrane (all ages)
Technology challenges - Mrs Thompson (Year 1-4)
Art-making - Mrs Rentoul (Year 1-3)
T-ball - Mrs Hamilton (Year 1-3)
Drama - Mr Cuthbertson (Year 6-8)

Session Two (10:30am-12:30pm)

Swimming

Session Three (1:15pm-2:30pm on odd weeks; 1:15pm-2:45pm on even weeks)

Jump jam - Mrs Lovely (all ages)
Creative play - Mrs Cochrane (Year 1-4)
Art-making - to be confirmed (Year 5-8)
Cricket - Mr Pretorius (all ages)
Food tech Year 8 - Mrs Lee (Year 7-8)
Servanthood - Mrs Hamilton (Year 3-8)
Lego - Mrs Thompson (Year 1-3)
Individual Music Tuition and Band - Mr Cuthbertson (Year 6-8)

If you have the time and are willing to support a teacher in one of the activities above, or if you are willing to lead a different activity, please email Bethany to let her know (principal@timaruchristian.school.nz), or let us know at the office.

Love Playground



We have been working hard on a playground face-lift over the holidays but there is still a lot to do. While the caution tape is up, students will need to stay out of that area. Fortunately the swings are proving to be a popular alternative.

Numicon

This year we are introducing the Numicon maths programme across Years 1-8. It is a complete maths programme, developed in Britain and we have heard about some amazing results from schools who have adopted it, including in two Christian Schools we work with. We look forward to sharing what we have been doing, in the coming weeks and months.

Grace



School Calendar and Information Page

Every family will be sent home a laminated calendar with Term 1 dates on it, email addresses and account numbers. They also have the Scripture verses or passages that we will be focusing on in Years 1-6 each week. The magnet on the back enables them to be put on the fridge and easily found.

Upcoming Events:

6 th Feb	Waitangi Day (school closed)	20 th Feb	BoT Meeting, 6 pm
13 th Feb	PTA AGM and Meeting	21-22 Feb	Teina Tahi and Teina Rua camp
18-19 th Feb	Learning Conferences	24-25 th Feb	Year 3-4 Camp

Community Notices

Gleniti Scout Group - For girls and boys aged: Keas - 5 to 8, Cubs - 8 to 11 and Scouts - 11 to 14. There's something for every young person. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express your creativity and experience the wider world. We have vacancies in all sections. Come along and have a look, the first 4 sessions are free. If you think your child may be interested in Keas, Cubs or Scouts, please phone Rose ph 686 9888 for more information.

Nathan Wallis talk – Tuesday 25th Feb. See noticeboard for details!

Timaru School of Music - If your child is looking for a new musical challenge for 2020, TIMARU SCHOOL OF MUSIC is offering free tuition in small groups. We teach guitar, ukulele, violin, cello, recorder, flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. Hire instruments are available and a one-off fee of \$40 is payable plus the cost of tuition books. Lessons are held after school at Oceanview Height School. Enrolments are now open by either emailing timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com, or at our enrolment day on Wednesday February 12 3.30-5.30pm, at Oceanview Heights School Hall.

HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO

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