



## From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

We have had a great start to the year, so far, with so many lovely smiles and cheerful interactions in the playground. Our high school students have been great at mixing with our younger children (and waiting patiently for their turns on the swings too).

An increasing number of high schools seem to be looking into banning cellphone use during school breaks (or even for the whole day). This is something we have upheld for our high school students since we started our Year 9-10 class in 2016. We believe it is far more beneficial for our children to learn to interact with other people face-to-face because of the positive social skills it encourages and develops. Observing our senior students 'living unplugged' in the playground has shown how positive that choice can be.

You will soon receive information about the camps for the Year 1-4s and 7-10s, if you haven't already. These will be another great opportunity for our children to develop positive relationships with one another and we will be looking forward to your feedback about this new camp programme.

Next week we have learning conferences and we are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's goals and needs for the coming year. You should have received a time for these, you can contact the office if a notice hasn't made its way home.

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

Bethany Rentoul

## Wheels Day

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February we are having a 'Wheely good time' together! Children bring your bikes! Bring your Scooters! Bring your skateboards! At lunch time there will be activities and prizes! More details to come but start getting your tyres pumped and your skates on!

### Year 1-2 Class Camp

Teina Tahi 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 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 runs regularly on Thursdays now 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!

### Social and Educational Agencies Expo

The North and South Timaru Kahui Ako is excited to provide an opportunity for all of our teachers and parents to attend a Social and Educational Agencies Expo at Craighead Diocesan School's Gymnasium facility on the 21st February. Approximately 20 organisations who are involved in helping children and their families will be available to share what services they offer. It is an informal setting and visitors are free

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to walk around and chat with those that are most relevant to their situation. The Expo runs from 1pm to 6pm and all parents and teachers are warmly welcome to attend.

## 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.

## Grace



### 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.

### Upcoming Events:

13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTA AGM and Meeting	27-28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 9-10 Athletics Camp in Chch
18-19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Learning Conferences	4-6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7-8 Camp in Arrowtown
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	BoT Meeting, 6 pm	17 <sup>th</sup> March	PCT Challenge
21-22 Feb	Year 1-2 Camp at school	26 <sup>th</sup> March	BoT Meeting, 6 pm
24-25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 3-4 Camp at Geraldine	9 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 1 ends

### Community Notices

#### Sport South Canterbury Play Pop Up

This Saturday the **15<sup>th</sup> of February**, Sport South Canterbury is hosting a Play Pop Up in collaboration with YMCA Mid and South Canterbury at West End Park from 2-3:30pm.

There will be plenty of games and equipment for people of all ages to play with and everyone is welcome to come and go as they please. There are no registrations required and it is completely free to attend. It is set to be a great day so come and enjoy some free play in the sun!

#### Makikihi School Sunflower Maze

Come for a sunset meander through the maze. Sausage sizzle available, BYO drinks, swimming pool available. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 5-8 pm.

Come for a rummage through the car boot sale. The maze will be open and there will be pony rides and a sausage sizzle. Swimming pool available so bring your togs. Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 10 am – 3 pm.

Maze open Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4-6 pm. Entry \$5 for adults, \$2 for children.

12 Makikihi Station Road, Makikihi.

#### Nathan Wallis talk

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. See noticeboard for details!

#### Community Extravaganza

Celebrate South Canterbury's rich cultural diversity on Race Relations Day, Sat 7 March 2020 | 10.30am - 2pm at the Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgans Road, Timaru. Performances from local cultural Groups, Lego for kids to create and build, Lantern making, Henna painting, traditional dress up & photo booths, First aid 3 steps for life training, Origami, Lolly Leis, Community Information Stalls, International Food Stalls - enjoy the tastes of 12+ countries. For more info 03 687 7371 | [migrantcentre.office@gmail.com](mailto:migrantcentre.office@gmail.com).

#### Junior Golf Tournament- April School Holidays

At the Geraldine District Golf Club- Orari Back Road on Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020. 18 holes 10am reporting, Tee Off 10.30 am, or 9 holes 11.30am reporting, Tee off midday. Entry Fee: \$5 for 18 Hole players or \$3 for 9 hole players. A drink and some food will be available after the game. Contact: Graham Keen 021326004 or [dm@orangigolf.org.nz](mailto:dm@orangigolf.org.nz).

**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.

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