



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about a trial we had in which we spent the first half hour of the day 'playing' and developing relationships in class throughout the primary school. We continued, since then, trying a few variations and have decided that starting everyday with time spent developing relationships and social skills in a safe and relaxed environment is a wonderful thing to do (and the research supports this). We have decided to play games and 'hang out' together in our home classes, with activities starting at 8:45am when children are arriving, and continue until 9:15am. Our school day still officially begins at 9:00am so all students must be ready for learning before then, but it may look (to on-lookers) a little different to what would be expected at the 9 o'clock bell.

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

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations

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

Anje Boersma for super work during topic studies on Force and Motion.

David Vaelua for learning and using new words.

Nina Kerr for great progress in reading.

Cameron Law for great progress in reading.

Grace Harrison for showing grace and kindness to others.

Hyunu Lee for always looking for ways to help others.

Gloria Manson for putting extra effort into managing her learning time.

Wan Hui Boon for her eagerness to learn more in Literacy, Maths and Photography.

Levi Wood for actively seeking and following up on feedback in classwork and helping other students with their work.

Katelin Frear Hanson for taking initiative and seeking regular feedback on her Literacy tasks.

Kenshin Middlemass for having a keen insight into the texts that we have done in literacy recently.

Basketball Draw – Monday 16th March

6.20 pm: TCS Stormers v GHS Red, Court 3

6.55 pm: St Andrews v Craighead White, Court 1

7.30 pm: St Andrews Duty Team, Court 1

Netball

Netball Registrations for this season need to be in at the office or given to Mrs Thompson by Monday 16th March at the latest please. Thank you for the ones that have already been returned. We are looking forward to a great season.

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.

Swimming

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





Love



School Travel Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the School Travel Survey so far. Approximately one third of our school families responded in the first 24 hours! If you haven't completed the survey yet, please set aside 10-15 minutes to complete it online or get a hardcopy from the school office. The more responses we have, the better we will understand the needs of our community around travelling to and from school. There are some great spot prizes too.

The link for the online survey is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TimaruChristianSchool_TravelSurvey_2020 .



Grace

Procedures Update

This term we are updating the following procedures:

C3 Cultural Diversity

HS14 Separated Parents

HS19 Bicycles

HS20 Smokefree Schools

They can be found on the school website under 'Important Documents'. If you have any suggestions please let Bethany know (principal@timaruchristian.school.nz).

Upcoming Events:

17th March

PCT Challenge

9th April

Term 1 ends

26th March

BoT Meeting, 6 pm

Community Notices

Youth Bible Camp

Becoming a Friend of the Faithful God: A Study on Abraham | Genesis 11-25. This camp will be held at Lindisfarne Camp from Monday April 13, to Friday April 17, 2020. For Ages: 8-16. Camp Details are on FFNZ Web Site (firmfoundation.org.nz). Contact Jeff at 027 557 9314 or mail@firmfoundation.org.nz.

Timaru Squash Club

22 Brunswick Street, Timaru

Have-a-go small nix and big nix: 6 week programme for ages 5-12 years, starting 2nd March, 3.30 pm – 4.15 pm. Term 1 Free. This programme is designed to develop fundamental movement skills, learning fun squash activities and improve speed and agility. Just turn up or contact Jen Moorhead 021685441 for more info.

Tots to Teens Digital Magazine

Your link to the new FEBRUARY/MARCH ISSUE digital magazine is available here:

<https://issue2002c.totstoteens.co.nz>

The Incredible Years Toddler Programme

Family Works will deliver the Incredible Years Toddler Programme in Timaru for parents of children 1 - 3 years. 20 parents committed to attending is essential to ensure delivery of this incredible programme! This 12 week programme will focus on practical step-by-step suggestions and support to help in handling the everyday situations parents face. Sessions are held once a week for 3 hours (excluding school holidays). Childcare provided if required.

Thursday, 12 March to 11 June 2020, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Family Works, 26 North Street, Timaru

To enrol or for further information call Liz NOW at Family Works 03 688 5029 / 0274 688200 or email

liz.munro@pssc.co.nz. Or see www.pssc.org.nz/family-works. Register TODAY to secure your placement.

Old Boys JAB Registration

Saturday 14th March, 11 am – 1 pm, Wednesday 18th March, 4-6 pm. See school noticeboard for details.

MacKenzie County A&P Show, Fairlie

Easter Monday, 13th April. Sections and classes to suit all ages: Wearable Art, Upcycling, Photography, Crafts, Painting, Drawing, Digital Art, Hobbies, Fruits/Vegetables, Leatherwork, Floral Art, Wood Work, Pottery, Card Making, Cooking, Sewing, Animals, Jewellery, and many more! The full schedule can be viewed on <https://showday.online> or you can download it from our website www.mackenzieashow.co.nz or contact the secretary Jodi Payne by email mackenzieapsociety@gmail.com. Entries close 6 March but don't need to be completed until show day. Entries can be dropped off prior to the show by arrangement.

HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO

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