



## From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

We have been given some updated instructions for how schools should be operating in light of COVID-19 and wanted to share how these affect TCS.

- School assemblies will not be held until we are advised to do so.
- School trips / visits that have been planned are now cancelled. This includes our school's weekly swimming programme, the junior school visit to Patiti Point, the Year 8 Have a Go Day on Friday, and the PCT Challenge. The Rural and South Canterbury Swimming Sports have been postponed.
- Next term's Year 9/10 Camp will be postponed until we are given the all clear to run them again.
- If your child plays netball, you will be given updates about how they are affected. The Basketball Association has asked that spectators and non-essential personnel do not attend the games for the next three rounds. Students are to leave the stadium straight after their game (unless on duty), and they will not be shaking hands after the match.

The reason we can't hold school assemblies but can have students in class is because if a student is suspected of having COVID-19, 'close contacts' will need to be checked (those who are in close proximity to that student i.e. less than 1.5m apart, for more than 15 minutes). If they are in an assembly as well, the number of 'close contacts' increases.

The Ministry of Education has surveyed us (and other schools) to check how we would cater for the educational needs of our children should the school be closed. We have a plan in place which will enable students to continue with their learning at home.

Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to use good hygiene practices regularly, as we will do at school.

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

Bethany Rentoul

## T-Ball

Please note that due to the Covid-19 virus, T-Ball has been cancelled for the remainder of the season.

## Basketball Draw – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

8.05 pm: TCS Stormers v Highfield Warriors, Court 2

8.05 pm: St Andrews v St Jo Wildcats, Court 1

## 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

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers that were able to help or support us at last week's swimming Sports.

## 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](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](mailto:principal@timaruchristian.school.nz)).

## Upcoming Events:

26<sup>th</sup> March

BoT Meeting, 6 pm

9<sup>th</sup> April

Term 1 ends

## 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](http://firmfoundation.org.nz)). Contact Jeff at 027 557 9314 or [mail@firmfoundation.org.nz](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

### MacKenzie County A&P Show, Fairlie

Easter Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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.mackenzieshow.co.nz](http://www.mackenzieshow.co.nz) or contact the secretary Jodi Payne by email [mackenzieapsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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.