



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

There was so much joy in the playground when we suddenly arrived at Alert Level 1 this week. We anticipated the 48-hour delay, as had been previously indicated by the government, so there was an added excitement about suddenly being able to hug and high-five and play tag in the breaks. Out of every unexpected situation, good things can come. For us, we needed to take specific actions as directed but we also took some other actions out of consideration for our families and staff. Yesterday the teachers sat down and discussed some of the things we had changed and decided which ones would be beneficial for our school to keep.

- We have decided that we are going to keep the bells turned off. We originally turned them off because we had staggered break times and it would be too hard for everyone to keep track of which bells meant what. We found that having them off brought a lovely peacefulness and reduced the anxiety of some children who get nervous walking near the bells when they are just about to ring because they are so loud. It is surprisingly easy to get the children to go inside after breaks because that's when they eat and chat to friends.
- Because we needed to ensure all children washed their hands before eating, and didn't accidentally spit when chewing and chatting to friends over lunch, we had them go back to class after playing to wash their hands before eating at their desks. It is logistically impossible to have them wash hands in the two external bathrooms all at once so eating in class made sense. It has been amazing to see how they are even more settled for the next session by doing this. Some extra keen children even ask to carry on with work at their desks when they are finished eating. The teachers' duty roster has been changed so they can now sit down with their children to eat in class, one teacher to every 1 or 2 classrooms. This is great for relationship-building. Because they are eating inside, we ask that water bottles continue to be sent to school each day.
- To avoid congestion at the shoe lockers, we had children take their shoes to the cubby holes outside their classrooms. This has worked well and they will continue to do that.
- The teachers have enjoyed walking their children out to the gate each afternoon because they are finishing the day together and get to see and chat to parents at the gate. They have decided they would like to continue to do that too.

I know lots of these things sound like little changes but each of them have contributed towards making things more welcoming and run more smoothly over the past few weeks. I am a strong believer that if something isn't working, we change it. In these cases it wasn't so much that they weren't working, we just found better ways of doing things.

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

Bethany Rentoul

Jump Off!

On the last day of term, we will be having a *Jump Off!* day in which the children will show off their new skipping talents. There has been lots of practice going on at break times as well as in PE so we wanted children to be able to celebrate those new skills. Parents will be very welcome to come along. We'll let you know times later in the term.

Cross Country

Rural Schools Cross Country has been postponed to a later date, to be confirmed.

Netball Notice

The junior competition will be as follows:

Years 5 - 8 grades commences on Saturday 25th July till 26th September.

Years 3 & 4 grades commences on Friday 24th July till 26th September.

Years 1 & 2 Netball will be delivered in schools over Term 4. More details will follow.

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. This will continue during Alert Level 2.

Chapel

We welcome back families to Chapel on Thursday 18th June at 2:30pm in the hall.

Home-School Partnership Team

We are again attaching to this newsletter, information about the new Home-School Partnership Team. Please take time to read through it and consider if it is something you can get involved in.

Subway

Subway orders can now be completed at school on Friday mornings, and need to be in before 9 am. If you would like to have bags at home to pre-fill, please contact the office.

Scholastic Book Club

Please return order forms to the office by tomorrow, Friday 12th June.

Servanthood



Love



On-line Safety Campaign

This week the Department of Internal Affairs with Netsafe and the Office of Film and Literature Classification launched a 'Keep it real online' campaign. This is a New Zealand Government campaign to support parents and caregivers to keep their children safe online, providing info and tips on how to reduce the risks of online harm such as cyber-bullying, inappropriate content, and other topics of concern. The 'Keep it real online' website can be found at: www.keepitreallonline.govt.nz.



Grace

Upcoming Events:

18 th June	Chapel, 2.30 pm	24 th July	Year 5-6 Ski Trip
3 rd July	Term 1 ends		

Community Notices

Girls Rugby under 11 & under 13 GALA NIGHT

Girls Rugby Under 11 & 13 teams or just turn up as an individual and we will put you into a team. Tackle safety training first followed by a game of Tackle or Rippa! Alpine energy stadium, 4 to 5pm on Monday 29th June. Contact: Caro 021 399 465 or caro@scrfu.co.nz for more information or to register your interest.

Childrens Choir

Wednesdays
5.30-6.30pm
17 Beswick St

A great starting ground for younger singers, being surrounded by young adults to help them build confidence through their singing.

The older members learn to be good role models, lead some of the songs and have solo opportunities.

Gold coin per session for rest of term 2

Contact Megan 0273037247 or singwithmeg@gmail.com
Visit www.facebook.com/singwithmeg for more services

SQUASH HAVE A GO!

All ages welcome. Starting Monday 8th June 2020, 3:30pm-5:00pm at the Timaru Squash Club (22 Brunswick Street, Timaru). FREE TO PLAY. Programme will run Mondays, 8th, 15th & 22nd June. Contact: Jen 021 685441.

YHA Fundraising Opportunity

Hey Supporters! We have a brand new offer for you! With our promocode **TCS2020** you can buy a YHA Gold (lifetime) Membership for just \$119 (down from \$350) and TCS earns \$30 from your purchase! Get your Gold membership at www.yha.co.nz/support-local