



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey about the online/distance learning that occurred over lockdown. We combined that feedback with what teachers and students told us and found the following:

Positives:

- There was a lot of positive feedback from parents re: the way we worked with them, listened to them, and taught their children.
- Many parents expressed their gratefulness that we weren't putting pressure on them and their children to get the work done.
- Students have been positive and enthusiastic since returning.

If we ever go back into lockdown, we would need to keep the following in mind:

- We need to ensure we consistently (across all levels) share the list of tasks/expectations for the week by emailing parents directly (as well as students) so parents are clear on what their children should be doing.
- We need to be clear with children about when teachers will be responding to emails/messages so they don't get stressed if it takes a couple of hours for the teacher to respond.

There were several comments from students stating the hardest thing about returning to school was leaving Mum and not getting her hugs. While that is a great way to make mums feel special, it's also a very real reminder of the emotional impact of what our children (and ourselves) have been through. With new cases making a reappearance this week, it's important that our children continue to stay away if they are sick, and keep up good hygiene practices, but also that they are regularly reminded that they are loved and safe too.

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.

Netball

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.

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.

Servanthood



Timaru Christian School

Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

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Chapel

We welcome back families to Chapel this afternoon at 2:30pm in the hall.

Subway

A reminder that Subway orders must be in **before 9 am** on a Friday.

Love



On-line Safety Campaign

Last 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.keepitrealconline.govt.nz.



Grace

Upcoming Events:

3rd July

Term 1 ends

24th July

Year 5-6 Ski Trip

Community Notices

Netball Holiday Program

Netball South Canterbury will be running a Holiday programme for years 3, 4, 5, & 6 this upcoming school holidays. This programme will take place on Tuesday 14th July. The 3&4 program will be delivered in the morning 10am-12pm, with the 5&6 program running in the afternoon 1-3pm. The venue for this programme will be the Aorangi outside Netball courts and will be free to all participants (No charge). Our postponement date is Wednesday 15th of July. This is a great opportunity for kids to learn new skills and have fun, while getting back into the mindset of netball before the junior season begins. All coaches are encouraged and welcome to come along to observe or assist.

Please register via the link <http://www.netballsouthcanterbury.co.nz/Juniors-1/July-Holiday-Programme>

Any queries contact Emma Goddard on 027 686 0188 or nscdevelopmentofficer@gmail.com.

Active Kids Holiday Program

Sign up your child today to experience a huge range sports & heaps of awesome activities!!! Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills and offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years.

13-17 July 2020 at the Southern Trust Events Centre on Morgans Road, Timaru. Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available from as little as \$15 per session.

Full details and to register go to

www.sportcanterbury.org.nz.

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

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
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