

Timaru Christian School Home – School Partnership Opportunity

At the start of this year, our PTA closed to allow for a change in how we utilise our wonderful parent helpers. There will no longer be a focus on fundraising and we are now working towards redesigning and recreating a new home-school partnership team. This team will be made up of parents and teachers who focus on developing and promoting opportunities for TCS to come together as a family. A proposed vision, mission and role description has been drafted as follows:

Vision

To bring the school community and the community it is placed in together, flourishing and thriving in its diversity, relating together as a family who honour God in all we do.

Mission

To create opportunities for TCS to come together as family

Role Description

As members of this group your role, in partnership with the Principal and teachers will involve creating opportunities for:

- **Organising get-togethers where a sense of community will be developed.** This could look like, shared dinners, cultural festivals, combined church services, talent shows, education for parents, prayer meetings etc.
- **Giving TCS a presence in the wider community and bringing the school community together through combined projects.** For example, a float in the Christmas parade, a team in the Relay for Life, serving at community events already happening, Children's Day, Jump Jam, etc.
- **Looking for opportunities to gather people to serve the school through any suitable projects.** For example, big clean outs, enrichment day, building projects, gardening, or any other creative ways of bringing people together to serve TCS in times of need.
- **Meeting the needs of families in need.** This may mean gathering people or developing teams of people for cooking meals, prayer teams, gathering resource such as clothing, finance, doing yard work, or house cleaning etc.

We would love to have representation from parents across the school and hope to have 2 parents from every class who will assist with the opportunities we will be undertaking.

If you are interested in bringing your ideas for how this might best work, please let Bethany know (principal@timaruchristian.school.nz) and we will organise a time to meet together as an initial group. We will need to work out a name which represents the heart of the team, and decide how it might operate eg as a whole vs committees for different aspects etc. We will also consider when the best time to meet might be. It could be after school, while the children play outside, or it may be at night time.

We look forward to working more closely together.

Kind regards,
Bethany Rentoul