



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

One of the things we are developing at TCS is our students' ability to learn through discovery and research, finding answers to things that matter to them. We are doing this in a variety of ways across the school.

In T1, T2 and T3 our children will spend three afternoons per week taking part in Learn Through Play. We are in the midst of purchasing lots of different resources to stimulate their imagination and the teachers will use this time to move around and talk to the children about what they are doing, prompting them to learn from their interactive activities.

In T3 and T4 the children are starting on a more formalised inquiry journey through Investigators. This term the classes are joining together to work on projects and develop inquiry skills with children they might not usually work with.

In T5 and TK1 the children started on their Collaborative Inquiry journey last year and they continue with it this year across the two classes. After gaining learning from their teachers, they select a line of inquiry that interests them and, in small groups, they find more information and present it in interesting ways to their classmates.

Each of these programmes are great for developing their thinking skills, self-management skills, their ability to participate, contribute ideas and relate to others. Communication skills are also developed in a variety of ways through the process. I encourage you to ask your children what they have been doing in their respective programmes over the next few weeks.

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

Bethany Rentoul

Cross Country

The Rural Schools Cross Country Competition will not be running this year so we will be holding our own using the paddocks and hills around our school. It will be held next Friday, the 31st July from 11:15 am and we warmly invite parents to come along and support the students. A sausage sizzle will follow, raising money for Friends of the School. The South Canterbury Cross Country will be held on the 12th August (postponement on the 14th August). See attachment for the map of the course and some more information. We will also be needing volunteers to help with marshalling around the course for our Cross Country event – please let Mrs Thompson or Mrs Clevely know if you can help. Children are encouraged to wear clothes the colour of their house (Blessings - blue; Honour - green; Glory - yellow; Power - red) for the Cross Country event. They are to come to school in their uniform and get changed into their colourful running gear at school at break time. If you are unsure which house your child is in, the colour in the background of their photo on the photo wall shows their house colour.

Netball Draw

Welcome to our Netball season everyone. We wish all our players, coaches, and managers well for a great season. A big thank you to parents that have offered to coach or manage a team this season. Also to the many supporters we will have on the sideline cheering us on.

Friday 24th July

3:30 pm Court 1 Years 3 and 4 - Rural Schools Diamonds v St Pats Clovers (Mrs Bird)

Saturday 25th July

10am Court 12 Years 5 & 6 - Rural Schools Comets v Grantlea Downs Diamonds

10am Court 6 Years 7 & 8 - Rural Schools Rockets v Craighead Rubies (Mrs Withington, Mrs Phiskie)

See "Community Notices" for news about a netball development programme.

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.

Subway

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

Servanthood



Thank you to The Shearers Quarters

We really appreciate the generosity of The Shearers Quarters who have loaned us their golf putters for Enrichment Options this term, free of charge.

Love



The Library is on the move

Books are a great resource for finding information and for developing our imaginations. The traditional model at school is that of having a library that students go to. There they select a book, have it issued and return it by a set date. Unfortunately, it means having access to a wide range of reading materials is limited to a timetable.

Grace



After consulting with some other schools and considering what would work best for our students, we are going to disestablish our Library and take the books to the classrooms (or just outside them). Over the coming weeks we will be putting up shelves for the current library books outside the classrooms and children will be free to access them before school, during the Reading programme, on wet days etc. They will be able to select a book and take it to their class. If they want to take it home, they will simply record the title in their classroom and then return it when they are done reading. For some children it may mean they take home more books more often. Yesterday we had 6 big ottomans delivered which will be put in the hallway outside T2-T4 so children (and adults) will have comfortable seats to sit and read. Naturally the two senior classrooms (TK1 and TK2) will still have access to the books; they will just go to a different place to access them. We will be using the current Library space as an all-purpose room.

Supporting School Family Businesses

In an effort to support our school families who have their own businesses and services, we would like to offer free advertising at the back of our school newsletter each week. The advertisements would be attached throughout the year and other families would be able to refer to them when they needed a good or service.

If you would like to advertise in this way, please email us your business's information eg what you offer, contact details etc to principal@timaruchristian.school.nz. Any logos or small pictures are also welcome because it will be sent out in digital form.

Upcoming Events:

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| 24 th July | Year 5-6 Ski Trip | 27-28 August | Year 9/10 Science Camp |
| 30 th July | Chapel, 2.30 pm | 8-10 Sept | Learning Conferences |
| 31 st July | TCS Cross Country | 9 th Sept | Wiggy Wig Day |
| 6 th August | BoT Meeting, 7 pm | 10 th Sept | Chapel, 2.30 pm; BOT meeting 7 pm |
| 12 th August | SC Cross Country (pp 14 th) | 21 st Sept | Teacher Only Day (school closed) |
| 13 th August | Chapel, 2.30 pm | 25 th Sept | Term 3 ends |
| 27 th August | Chapel, 2.30 pm | | |

Timaru Christian School

Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

School Newsletter – Week 1, Term 3, 2020



Community Notices

2020 Elections

2020 is a big election year! Not only are we voting for the parties and candidates we want to represent us in parliament, we are also having our say in both the End of Life and Cannabis referendums. Are you ready?

It's easy to enrol, check, or update your details online at vote.nz using a New Zealand driver licence, New Zealand passport, or RealMe verified identity. If you need information in another language you can also find it on the front page of vote.nz.

You can also use a paper enrolment form – download one from the website, call 0800 36 76 56 or text your name and address to 3676 to have a form sent to you.

Election day is Saturday the 19th of September and advance voting begins on Saturday the 5th of September.

Get ready to have your say!

Matinee Concert

A FREE matinee concert will be held on Saturday 1st August at Trinity Church, 22 College Road, at 2 pm. This will feature local musicians. Donations welcome.

2020 Primary Inter-School Table Tennis Competition

Wednesdays 4:15-5:30pm, starting 5th August (Week 3)

6 week Competition. Venue - Barry Butler Table Tennis Stadium, 96 Coonor Road, Timaru. Subs - \$30 per person, 2 people per team or let us know and we can find a team mate for you. Practise Session/Coaching - Tuesdays 6 - 7:15pm. Contact - Suzanne Fitzgerald, 0273484805 or tabletennissouthcanterbury@yahoo.com by Friday 31st July 2020.

Netball Development Programme

Netball South Canterbury will be running a Junior Development Programme for years 7&8 inside Southern Trust Event Centre from Wednesday the 12th of August to Wednesday the 16th of September. Coaches are welcome to come help and observe the programme. This development programme is open to all year 7&8 players that are able to commit to the 6 weeks of this programme. Maximum numbers we can cater for is 60, first in first served basis. Register at <http://www.netballsouthcanterbury.co.nz/2020-Online-Registrations/Yr-78-Player-Dev-Programme-1>

Any queries, contact Emma Goddard 027 686 0188.

Timaru Squash Club

Junior squash programme starts Monday 27th July 2020

SMALL & BIG NIX: Year 1-Year 6, Start time: 3:30pm – 4:15pm

YOUTH: Year 7 and up, Start time: 4:30pm-5:30pm

9 week programme, \$50 per person. Junior Club members FREE. 22 Brunswick Street, Timaru. For more information: Call/Text Jen Moorhead 021 685 441.

FREE!
Beginners Tennis Coaching Sessions

SO HOT SHOTS

4 Weekly Sessions
Starting
30th August from 9:30am
(30-45 Minute sessions dependent on age)

BRING A RACQUET

4 weeks of fully subsidised coaching sessions for beginner players
At the Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre.
Players will be grouped based on age

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

Session times are dependent on the number of participants.
Pre-registrations are essential!
Please register by Wednesday 26th August 2020
Online registrations only

www.tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz

HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO

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G.J. Gardner.
HOMES

KEEP NEW ZEALAND BEAUTIFUL

CLEAN UP WEEK 2020

7-13 SEPTEMBER

Get a group together and register today at www.knzb.org.nz

www.knzb.org.nz | (09) 264 1434 | cleanup@knzb.org.nz

Waste Management EnviroWaste

South Canterbury Gymsports

Century Movement Centre, 8 Craigie Ave, Timaru. Term 3 enrolments NOW OPEN! We offer a variety of recreational and competitive gymnastics-based classes to help children develop strength, flexibility, and basic body management. For enrolments or information on our programmes contact Mandy on (03) 6989 6807 scgymsports@outlook.com or visit our website www.scgymsports.co.nz.

Kids with Courage Programme

We are running the popular Kids with Courage Life Keys Course starting Friday 7th August 5.15 – 8 pm starting with a light tea. The course is for children aged 9 – 11 years and runs for 7 weeks. Parents info evening is on Thursday 30 July at Life Church at 7.30pm. Brochure and application form are available on our website www.lifechurchtimaru.com.