



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

It was quite a rush to get everything back to Alert Level 2 yesterday morning before the children arrived. Desks were separated, contact tracing stations set up, arrows put back up to show children where to go so we are not filling up the same spaces at the same time.

The reactions of the children as they entered the building were mixed; some are really not happy about not being able to hug their friends and teacher again, others just gave a big sigh with drooped shoulders. I know the reactions of parents and teachers varied too.

We are waiting until tomorrow's update to see if other things have to be put into place. In the meantime, we are planning for different scenarios and we will keep you updated throughout.

I know that there are a number of ideas around the motivations of decisions being made, and lots of different opinions about what should or shouldn't be happening. As a school, we need to follow the advice of the Ministry of Health and the NZ Government.

As Christians, we are called to pray for our leaders. We ask that God puts the right people in the right place at the right time. And regardless of whether or not He agreed with our perception of who that should be, He can use anyone in any position for His purpose. So we model to our children as we pray for wisdom and discernment to be given to our leaders at times when difficult decisions have to be made. And we trust that God will provide. The good news is that He has already placed us in church and school communities that are more than able to support and encourage those who need it.

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

Bethany Rentoul

Netball Draw

Friday afternoon games are cancelled this week.

Saturday 15th August

10 am Court 11 Years 5 & 6 - Rural Schools Comets v St Josephs Tka: Firebirds

9 am Court 5 Years 7 & 8 -Rural Schools Rockets v PLPT Pulse(Mrs Withington, Mrs Phiskie).

Swimming Consent forms

This week we are sending home a notice regarding students participating in the Water Skills for Life programme at CBay every day of the first week of Term 4 (12th - 16th October). This is instead of our usual weekly swimming programme in Term 4. Please complete the form and return to our School Office by the 18th August. If you have any questions about this, then please ask Mrs Thompson or Mrs Hamilton.

Mid-year Reports

A report about your child's progress in Literacy and Maths will be sent home tomorrow so look out for it in their school bag. Learning Conferences will be held on the 8th, 9th and 10th September. A comprehensive written report outlining progress across curriculum areas will be sent home at the end of Term 4.

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.

Welcome Mrs Larkin

In Weeks 5-8 we are very fortunate to have Mrs Larkin working alongside Mrs Lovely in T3. Mrs Larkin is completing her Teacher Refresher Training and so we are looking forward to making good use of her talents with our Year 3/4 class.

Servanthood



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Love



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.

Grace



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:

27 th August	Chapel, 2.30 pm	21 st Sept	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
27-28 August	Year 9/10 Science Camp	25 th Sept	Term 3 ends
8-10 Sept	Learning Conferences	12 th Oct	Term 4 begins
9 th Sept	Wiggy Wig Day	12-16 Oct	Swimming programme daily
10 th Sept	Chapel, 2.30 pm; BOT meeting 7 pm		

Community Notices

"Unmasking Gloriavale"

The Gloriavale Leavers Support Trust is holding another public meeting on Thursday 20th August, 7pm at the SBS Events Centre Lounge. This will be a fascinating glimpse into life inside Gloriavale with a chance to hear from ex-members on the Q&A panel. \$15 ticket, with proceeds going to help families resettle.

Tickets can be purchased on our website at <https://www.gloriavaleleavers.org.nz/shop/unmasking-gloriavale-timaru/> or from our Facebook Page. Email admin@gloriavaleleavers.org.nz or text 027 2911779

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. Brochure and application form are available on our website www.lifechurchtimaru.com.

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!