



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Has anything changed in your family lately?

Many of us try to deal with changes in our family on our own, for lots of different reasons. There might be a job change or loss, a house move, a new family member, a death or separation, financial challenges, or one of many other things. A child's interpretation of what they are seeing and hearing, and the way they process everything isn't always obvious. If a child is stressed or worried about things, they may not be able to focus on their learning in the same way and they may be more teary or easily agitated. That is all perfectly normal as they learn to deal with changes in their lives.

If your child's teacher knows that something is different at home, they will be able to have a better understanding of why your child might be acting differently at school, and work with them accordingly.

We don't need to know details if you wish to keep things private, but just letting us know your child is dealing with some things at home will be a big help as we partner together in their educational journey.

And, if you'd like, we can also pray for your family as part of our Staff Devotions, and the Prayer Group will pray on your behalf on a Thursday morning if you would like them to do that too.

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

Bethany Rentoul

Year 9 and 10 Hanmer Camp

Due to the uncertainty around Level 2 at the moment, we have postponed next week's Year 9/10 Camp in Hanmer until the 24th-25th September (the last two days of term).

Table Tennis

As we close the school promptly after 3pm during Alert Level 2, Table Tennis will not be on on Thursday afternoons until we get back to Level 1.

Netball Draw

Safety and spectator notice: Our Netball Competition will look quite different this week due to Alert Level 2 restrictions. Please follow the instructions that we have been given by Netball South Canterbury. Sorry there will be no spectators allowed under Alert Level 2 restrictions and strict hygiene practices will be followed. If you have any questions, please ask your child's coach or manager.

Friday 21st August

Players need to enter and exit at Gate A at 4:30pm please. This week our girls are playing at a later time to accommodate numbers of players at Netball.

4:40 pm Round 2 - Court 1- Start with a skills session first. Game at 5pm.

Rural Schools Diamonds v Rural Schools Unicorns. (Mrs Bird)

Saturday 22nd August

10:15 am Court 7 Years 5 & 6 - Rural Schools Comets v PI PT Magic

Please enter and exit at Gate B.

11:30 am Court 12 Years 7 & 8 -Rural Schools Rockets v MacKenzie Jrs: Mystics

(Mrs Withington, Mrs Phiskie). Please enter and exit at Gate D.

Enjoy your games girls and a big thank you to Coaches and Managers for your great work with the teams.

Swimming Consent forms

Last week we sent 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 as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this, then please ask Mrs Thompson or Mrs Hamilton.

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.

TCS Cultural Fair

Servanthood



31st October from 3-5pm

We invite families and friends of the school community to register their interest to create a stall representing their culture at the upcoming TCS Cultural Fair.

For further information, contact office@timaruchristian.school.nz

Crafts - Cuisine - Games - Music - Dance - Fellowship

Love



Supporting School Family Businesses

In an effort to support our school families who have their own businesses and services, we are offering 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.

Grace



Upcoming Events:

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| 27 th August | Chapel, 2.30 pm | 24-25 Sept | Year 9/10 Science Camp |
| 8-10 Sept | Learning Conferences | 25 th Sept | Term 3 ends |
| 9 th Sept | Wiggy Wig Day | 12 th Oct | Term 4 begins |
| 10 th Sept | Chapel, 2.30 pm; BOT meeting 7 pm | 12-16 Oct | Swimming programme daily |
| 21 st Sept | Teacher Only Day (school closed) | | |

Community Notices

"Unmasking Gloriavale"

The Gloriavale Leavers Support Trust is holding another public meeting tonight, 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.



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King Street Takeaways

39a King Street

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Compliance Partners

Compliance Partners delivers practical solutions that meet the requirements of current health and safety legislation and provides customised Health & Safety systems for your business which are easy to understand, use and implement.

We would like to assist Timaru Christian School parents to ensure their businesses are health and safety compliant. We are offering all TCS parents a free 1-hour health and safety assessment of their business. Simply reference the school when you contact Marlene Battiss on 0272929716 or e-mail marlene@cp.org.nz.