



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

On Saturday and Monday, the teachers will be meeting to start the process of thoroughly reviewing our Curriculum Handbook. This is the document that outlines what and how we teach at TCS. While we are guided by the New Zealand Curriculum and everything we teach is underpinned by our Christian Worldview, we are fortunate in that we are able to incorporate the things our unique school community wants us to. It's another form of partnering with our school families to teach our children the things that matter most to us.

There is a link in the email accompanying the newsletter this week which asks parents two things: 1. What kind of learner do you want your child to be?, and 2. What are the three most important things you want your child to leave TCS with? These are very broad questions and they are designed to be that way so we don't limit your thinking. The responses will help to shape our curriculum and guide us in our teaching and learning programme. Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts.

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

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations

Well done to the following students who received certificates last week:

Lily Gilchrist for applying herself to learning tasks.

Malachi Bruning for persevering in Maths tasks.

Scout Phiskie for diligent work in Literacy and Science.

Jonathan Withington for persevering and seeking to improve in Maths and Literacy.

Emily Rentoul for her diligence and positive attitude in all subjects

Sophia Withington for her willingness to try new things and her well-presented speeches.

Congratulations to **Oscar Hill** for his recent achievement at the National Schools Postal Competition in Archery. He placed first in the August Open Compound Intermediate Section.

Perseverance



Learners

Arriving at School

While it is great to see the enthusiasm, we have a large number of children arriving at school before 8:30am each morning. The teachers are in Staff Devotions until 8:30am and so there is no supervision for students. The only students who should be on the school grounds are those travelling by school bus. Thank you for your support with this.

Bringing things to School

A friendly reminder that toy guns, pocket knives and other items which could be harmful to others are not permitted at school. Some students have brought along kitchen knives to cut up food as well. Please send along food already cut up as kitchen knives are also to remain at home. Thank you for supporting us in this.

Netball Draw

Safety and spectator notice: Our Netball Competition still looks different to our normal Netball Season, due to Alert Level 2 restrictions. Please follow the instructions that we have been given by Netball South Canterbury. Thank you to the parents/spectators of players for following the guidelines of Level 2. Strict hygiene practices will be followed. If you have any questions, please ask your child's coach or manager.

Friday 18th September (Players need to enter and exit at Gate A at 4:30pm please.)

Our girls are playing at a later time to accommodate the 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 Grantlea Downs:Gems (Mrs Bird)

Saturday 19th September (Please enter and exit at Gate C.)

10:15 am Court 10 Years 5 & 6 - Rural Schools Comets v Gleniti Groovers

11:30 am Court 3 Years 7 & 8 -Rural Schools Rockets v Geraldine HS:Green (Mrs Withington, Mrs Phiskie).

This week we are having team photos taken. Enjoy your games girls.

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Basketball Draw

Our Years 3/4 teams will start the competition next term.

Coaches of the Years 5/6 teams will let their players know game times and other information.

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.

Manaakitanga Team

The newly-established Home School Partnership Team has renamed itself the 'Manaakitanga Team'. Manaakitanga translates as 'hospitality, kindness, generosity, support' which represents what the team is aiming to do - taking care of school community members and helping to maintain and develop a sense of community.

The Manaakitanga Team has some wonderful volunteers who oversee and co-ordinate several different service opportunities, with the help of other members of our school family.

If you know of someone who could be blessed with a meal (due to sickness, family events etc, etc), if there is someone who needs help getting their child(ren) to school, someone might need some help with a bit of childcare, or someone who could just do with a listening ear, you can contact the school office and let them know the situation. You can also contact Nicki Law (Cameron's mum) directly on 0272040688. The information you pass on will be treated with respect.

If you, yourself, need a hand in any of those areas, we are very happy to hear from you too. This is about helping to meet the needs in our school community.

Mums and Dads Group

Starting tomorrow, Friday 18th September, the Manaakitanga Team will be hosting a Mums and Dads Group in the old Library from 9am-10am. It's an opportunity for parents to come along and socialise together over a cuppa after dropping off the kids. Get to know other parents and make those valuable connections in a relaxed setting.

Teacher Only Day - Monday 21st September

Just a reminder that school is closed on Monday 21st September for Teacher Only Day.

Procedure Updates

This term we are reviewing the following procedure:

- C4 Special Needs

Copies can be found on the school's website or requested from the School Office. If you have any thoughts or suggestions regarding this procedure, please let Bethany know (principal@timaruchristian.school.nz). It will be updated in Week 10.

Servanthood



TCS Cultural Fair

There are six exciting weeks to go before our Cultural Fair on the 31st October, from 3-5pm! Come and join us and celebrate the cultural variety we have been blessed with at TCS.

The format of the Fair will include the opportunity to buy some tasty cultural food, play some culturally specific games, learn more about a different culture while spending time at their display, and we will conclude the Fair by watching some musical, dance or poetry items on stage.

Please contact the office if you would like to be part of your Culture's:

✓ Food Team ✓ Display Team ✓ Organise and run a game ✓ Music / Dance / Poetry item





Love



TCS School Uniform

We want our children to take pride in their appearance and, at school, this is done through how we present ourselves in our uniform. Our school uniform sets us apart from other schools, it is part of our school's identity. Students are expected to arrive and leave school in their full school uniform but unfortunately we currently have an increasing number of children who are not doing so eg shoes, hair ties, socks, jerseys, jewellery etc. You can support us in this by taking time to ensure your child leaves the house wearing the correct uniform each morning. If they don't have a particular item, we can provide a second-hand item from the uniform shop. Just let us know at the School Office.

Supporting School Family Businesses

If you would like to advertise your business in the newsletter, 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:

21 st Sept	Teacher Only Day (school closed)	12-16 Oct	Swimming programme daily
24-25 Sept	Year 9/10 Science Camp	10 th Dec	Prize-giving
25 th Sept	Term 3 ends	11 th Dec	Term 4 ends
12 th Oct	Term 4 begins		

Community Notices

Come and try athletics this summer.

- learn basic yet effective techniques for running, jumping and throwing at any age
 - keep up your fitness level and skills during your winter sport off-season
 - make new friends, take new challenges
 - all ages, males and females, in one place at one time (no chasing a number of kids sports teams)
- “Have a go” sessions will be held on Saturday 10th October and Wednesday 14th October at the Trust Aoraki Athletics Track (Morgans Road) with the first day of easy competition on Saturday 17th October. Check out www.scathleticsclub.co.nz or the facebook page for more club information.

Does Your Child Want to Play Cricket?

Star Cricket JAB Registration Day, Saturday 19th Sept 9–10 am at Davo's Sport, 186 Hilton Highway. Contact Julian Blanchard 027 22 845 22 or Ann-Marie McRae 021 762 277.

Timaru Cricket Club JAB Registration Days, Thursday 24th September 3.30 – 4.30 pm, Harlequins Club Rooms, Church Street, Timaru. Subs \$30. timarucricketjab@gmail.com, contact Melissa 027 469 9371.

Junior Golf Tournament

Gleniti Golf Club, 36 Oakwood Road Timaru. Thursday 1st October. 18 holes – 10 am reporting; 9 holes – 11.30 am reporting. Entry fee: \$10 for 18 holes, \$5 for 9 holes. A drink and food will be supplied after the game. Everyone gets a prize! Contact Graham Keen 021 326 004 or dm@orangigolf.org.nz.

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance. To book an appointment at the Timaru Clinic (Level 1, 18 Woolcombe Street) please call 0800 846 983 or email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

Active Kids Holiday Programme

Sign up your child today to experience a huge range of sports & heaps of awesome activities!!! Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years. 5-9 October 2020 at the Southern Trust Events Centre, 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 or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751. Limited Spaces available. REGISTRATIONS CLOSE Tuesday 29th September 2020 or when sessions are at full capacity.

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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.