



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

We have started sharing a 'Did you know' fact about the Bible in our daily notices that are sent around the classrooms and it seems the children look forward to hearing the next new fact. Nowadays a lot of learning in schools in our country is done through inquiry, exploration and sharing of ideas so students can follow their own interests and discover new things. Unfortunately when learning is fully left up to our children, the responsibility of imparting knowledge is reduced for the teachers and parents and there can be a hit-and-miss approach in which gaps occur. Children won't want to learn about things they have no idea about because they have no frame of reference to begin with. It is our job to guide our children, impart the knowledge that we have gained along the way, and even help them prevent making mistakes by sharing the wisdom we have gained through making those same mistakes in the first place. As we look forward to next year, the middle and senior primary school is going to work towards providing teaching and learning programmes which have a balance of child-led and teacher-led learning, a mix of the old and new teaching strategies. We hope to impart the knowledge we have in a way which will inspire the children to then personally pursue new learning which excites them.

God's grace be with you all. Amen.

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations

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

Jeremiah Pilgrim for awesome work during topic - sharing ideas about different planets.

Georgia Ayto for excellent sentence and story writing.

Abigail Gumatua for using creativity in her work activities.

Neev George for making great progress in reading.

Cherished Pilgrim for being especially helpful to the adults and other children.

Glory Siaosi for working hard to organise herself and her belongings.

Scout Phiskie for diligent work in Maths & visual text in Literacy.

Kayline Moore for taking the initiative to improve her reading comprehension.

Gabby Wutama for taking the initiative in class and always giving of her best.

Katelin Frear Hanson for her charismatic, positive and joyful approach to all aspects of school life.

Congratulations to our **athletes** who competed at the Rural Schools Athletics this week. We had 22 students qualify for the South Canterbury Athletics, an outstanding effort! Thank you to **Mrs Thompson** for all the planning behind the scenes.

Basketball Draw – Monday 30th November

4.45 pm Bluestone Bouncers vs TCS Lightening, Court 1

South Canterbury Swimming Sports

On Monday the South Canterbury Swimming Sports were held at C-Bay. We had 7 competitors from Timaru Christian School take part. Well done to all our competitors for such an awesome effort in their swimming races. Congratulations to **Gabby Wutama** who got 2nd place in 12 years and over in the 25m backstroke. Thank you to all parents and supporters who were able to come and watch. A special thank you to **Mrs Chapman** for supervising our competitors.

Farewell Chapel

As part of our final Chapel for the year (on Thursday 3rd December at 2:30pm), we will be farewelling students who are not returning to TCS in 2021. Parents are very welcome to attend.

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.

Learning at Home Programme

This term we started trialling the Learning at Home Programme in which parents can choose to take their child home for an afternoon each week to do learning which is important to their family or to develop a particular skill or talent in their child. We will continue the trial in Term 1 next year. If you are interested in taking part, we will have a meeting in the Whanau Room on Tuesday 1st December at 3:10pm to explain what is involved.

Mums and Dads Group

Each Friday, the Manaakitanga Team is 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.

Reading Books

There are many Reading books that have not been returned to school since our lockdown period. PLEASE have a look around at home and return any Reading Books to school.



2021 Term Dates and Holidays

The dates for next year's terms and holidays, including Teacher Only Days, have been published on our website, www.timaruchristian.school.nz.

Servanthood



Love



Grace



Car Park Safety

When you are dropping off your children in the car park, please make sure the car is parked on the side of the road or in one of the marked car parks before letting your child out. If they are dropped off in the middle of the driveway or car park areas, it becomes an added hazard for our students and other drivers. Thank you for supporting us to be safe at our school.

Manaakitanga Team Meeting

The Manaakitanga Team is a group of parents and teachers who work together to help meet needs in our school family and to bring our school community together through different events. On Thursday 3rd December at 3:10pm we will be meeting in the Whanau Room to talk about some exciting community events we hope to run next year. If you would like to get involved, please feel free to come along. The children are welcome to play outside during the meeting and we will aim to be finished by 3:50pm.

Upcoming Events:

3 rd Dec	Chapel, 2.30 pm, BoT meeting 7.30	1 st Feb 2021	Term 1 starts
10 th Dec	Prize-giving	1 st April 2021	Teacher Only Day
11 th Dec	Teina Tahi, Teina Rua, and Teina Toru - Trip to Pleasant Point Museum and Railway. More information will follow next week		
	Term 4 ends		

Timaru Christian School

Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

School Newsletter – Week 7, Term 4, 2020



Community Notices



Geraldine Library

Tuesday 22 December 10:30am - 11:30am
to book call 03 6939336

Timaru Children's Library

Wednesday 23 December 2:30pm - 3:30pm
to book call 03 6877202

Join us for Christmas stories and fun craft activities!

Christmas Makerspace!

Temuka Library
21, 22, 23, 24 December
from 8:30am - 5:00pm

Timaru Library	Geraldine Library & Service Centre	Temuka Library & Service Centre
56 Sophia Street Timaru 7910 Phone: 03 687 7202	80 Talbot Street Geraldine 7930 Phone: 03 693 9336	72-74 King Street Temuka 7920 Phone: 03 687 7591

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Explore | Encourage | Engage | Enrich

Email: library@timdc.govt.nz | www.timarudistrictlibraries.co.nz

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihanga o Te Tihi o Maru

CHRISTMAS ON THE BAY

at the
CAROLINE BAY
SOUNDSHELL

12th DEC 2020
Sat 6-8pm

SUPPORTING HEART KIDS SC

Featuring
Jackie Clarke
Frankie Stevens
Kaylee Bell

GOLD COIN
donation

TRUST AORAKI

Fulton Hogan	SOUTH CANTERBURY TOYOTA	McDermid	Venture Timaru
Alpine Energy	AUDIO DYNAMITE	bnz	creative COMMUNITIES
HEARTLAND design & print	industrial controls	MAY'S BAKERY	THE BREEZE
TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL	The Courier	tekapo springs	stuff The Timaru Herald

The Move is On!

Dr Anton van den Bergh is moving from 2A Preston St to 5A Dee Street, on 5th January 2021. Contact numbers remain the same.

Active Kids Holiday Programme

Give your child the opportunity to experience a huge range sports & a variety of awesome activities!!!

25-29 January 2021 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. REGISTER TODAY

For a full timetable & to register go to: www.sportcanterbury.org.nz. Contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751. Limited Spaces available. REGISTRATIONS CLOSE Monday 18th January 2021 or when sessions are at full capacity.

Win a Smart Bedroom!

This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB – it's "The Voice of Christmas" singing competition... on the 'Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show'...If you're under 13 and can sing, simply call 0800 THE VOICE and sing a Christmas Carol as your audition. That's 0800 843 864. Grand prize: Smart Bedroom Bundle - Amazon Echo Plus smart speaker and Alexa-enabled smart coloured light bulbs! Then tune in on Christmas morning to Newstalk ZB from 6am, to see if you've won!

For Sale

Yr 9/10 TCS Navy softshell Jacket, size M, \$70. As new. Worn for one year only. Contact Michelle Coe 02102784446.

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10 Quarry Road, Timaru | 03 688 1422 | 027 751 2722



SKIDS Holiday Program

New fees, new play format. Playwork at its Best. Full day holiday programs available 15-23 December and 11-29 January. Register at skids.co.nz or for more information, e-mail waimataitai@skids.co.nz.

YOUNG & FREE YOUTH GROUP

Are you going to be Year 7, 8, or 9 in 2021?

Do you want to make new friends and do fun activities?



Come and join Young and Free on Friday nights from 6.30 – 8.30pm at Life Church Timaru 134 Morgan's Rd.

On Friday 27th November 2020, you can come along to meet us and join in some games. Bring a plate of finger food to share. Families are welcome.

Contact Dougal on 021-395-571 for more information.





Anxiety and Trauma

Timaru Girls' High School - Timaru
Thurs 11 Feb 2021 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Tickets at eventfinda.co.nz

Aoraki Kids Endowment Fund



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1. SLIP on a shirt with long sleeves.
2. Fabrics with a tighter weave and darker colours will give you better protection from the sun.



1. SLIP into the shade of an umbrella or a leafy tree.
2. Plan your outdoor activities for early or later in the day when the sun's UV levels are lower.



1. SLOP on plenty of broad spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF 30.
2. No sunscreen completely filters all UV rays. Always use with other parts of the system.

SunSmart.org.nz



1. SLAP on a wide brim or a cap with flaps.
2. More people are sunburnt on the face and neck than any other part of the body.



1. WRAP on close fitting, wrap around style sunglasses.
2. Not all sunglasses protect against UV rays, so always check the label for the sun protection rating.



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**Automotive panel and paint.
Tyre fitting. General painting.**

Come see Patrick and the boys at 50 redruth st Timaru for
Minor to major rust repairs | Touch ups to full re-sprays | Custom paint jobs
Fiberglass repairs and fit body kits | Paint small boats | Insurance work
Motor bikes | We are now doing trucks, buses and campers.

03 688 6488 / autotechpnp@yahoo.co.nz 

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.



King Street Takeaways

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