



## School Newsletter Week 11, Term 1, 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau

One of the articles in our Statement of Faith states "I believe that God has given parents the responsibility to train their children according to His Word, and therefore acknowledge that the school is an extension of the home" and one of our school's strategic aims focuses on developing strong partnerships in our community. Working with others from outside of the classroom (parents, whanau and other community members) enables us to provide a range of opportunities for our children and it allows our tamariki to develop a wider range of skills and interests too. It will be my focus as I spend next term away from school, investigating 'how to develop effective partnerships with whanau which enable us to provide authentic sustained learning opportunities in a variety of settings'. This is about more than simply inviting parents in to help with class trips or one-off activities. It's about having strong relationships, a sense of whanaungatanga in which the focus is on the education of the child.



Christ-centred

Thank you so much to everyone who answered the Partnering with Whanau survey. There was some very helpful information within it which will help guide my research. One of the things that stood out for me, was the number of people who didn't have mostly positive experiences at school themselves growing up. I can very much relate to that and I am looking forward to finding ways to counter those experiences with positive interactions and relationships amongst our school community. When I return, I will be sharing what I have learnt with the School Community.



Truth

During my term away, Mr Phillips will be Acting Principal. I know he and the rest of the teaching team will do an amazing job continuing on the mission God has set before us. I hope you all get to enjoy some special time together over the holiday break.

Nga manaakitanga. Many blessings.

Bethany Rentoul

Principal

### Congratulations

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

**Eli Bird** for wonderful work in reading and story writing. Well done!

**Abigail Gumatua** for trying really hard on her addition facts to 10. Ka pai!

**Truly Pilgrim** for working hard and staying focused on what she needs to do.

**John Paul Joseph** for putting extra effort into his reading and reading activities

**Grace Harrison** for managing learning time well by being organised and focused.

**Divan Nortje** for managing learning time well by being organised and focused.

**Polo Langi** for perseverance in all his subjects and always being willing to help out in class.

**Ronaldo Erasmus** for working hard on not being distracted and completing more work.

**Basketball Draw:** Round 6, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Girls** – 4.00 pm TCS Aces v Point Sevens, Court 3

Please be there at **3.30 pm** for warm up.

**Boys** – 5:30 pm TCS South v Sacred Heart, Court 3.

Please be there at **5:00 pm** for warm up.



Love



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**Sports Survey Results** – Many thanks to the families that completed our recent Sports survey this term. It was great to see the sports students played and the ones they were interested in playing as well as the skills parents have in our community. This will help us with planning for sports or activities for the future. Some of the data collected showed that there was a big interest in Years 1 & 2 Netball for this season. We are presently entering teams for Netball and it was wonderful to see so much interest from across all age levels. Other popular sports or activities were Basketball, T-Ball, Swimming, Soccer, Table Tennis and Dance. Please continue to encourage your child to be active and participate in a range of physical activities. Being active is so important for their growth and development. Thank you, Mrs Thompson.

**Safe Travel** – Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey about how we use our car park. We had a fantastic response. Over the past few weeks we have noticed a significant rise in the number of students who are walking, biking or scootering to and from school for either part or all of the way. It has so many benefits for them besides being a healthy option. During this time we have also noticed a drop in the number of vehicles in the car park. For this reason, we won't be making a decision on limiting who can use it for drop offs and pick ups just yet. We love seeing and catching up with our parents at the gate after school and would hate to see less of this happening so are trying to find a balance.

In the next couple of terms we will be focusing on teaching the children how to be safe on the roads and footpaths as part of the classroom programme. We are also planning on putting in seating at the front of the school so parents can sit and wait for the children after school.

***Some Safe Travel Tips:***

If you park on Otipua Road and walk down, the need to do a u-turn disappears and you get to enjoy some wonderful one-on-one time with your child as you walk back to the car.

When parking in the school car park, if the children haven't yet come out, consider reversing into the car park so it is easier to see if any children are in your path when driving away.

Keep an eye out for other families who are walking home your way. Perhaps you can walk together and get to know someone new as you go.



### **Upcoming Events**

**16<sup>th</sup> Apr** - Last day of term

**3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Start of Term 2

### **Opportunities to Serve**

**Weekly Prayer meetings** are held in the Korero Room on Thursdays at 9am. If you would like to serve in this way, by praying for our School Community, feel free to drop in.

Our **Manaakitanga Group** helps to meet needs in our School Community. If you know of someone who needs a ride to school for their child, a meal or two to help through a difficult time, or just a friendly face to come and visit, please let us know at the Office or contact Nicki Law on 0272040688.



*Servant-heart*



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### Important Notices to Notice

**Welcome** – Next term we welcome Mrs Christina du Plessis who will be working mostly in the junior school. We are really looking forward to getting to know and work with her.

**Myanmar Missionary Support Mufti Day** - The Christians in Myanmar are going through very challenging times at the moment. The number one request from persecuted Christians is that we pray for them. Let us add to our prayers any practical action we are able to do. With this in mind we will be holding a **mufti day tomorrow**, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April, to fundraise for support for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Myanmar. The theme will be 'HOPE'; thus colours/outfits that symbolise hope, and please bring a cold coin.

**Jerseys** – With cooler days starting to be more frequent, please ensure your child has their jersey in their school bag each day if they don't want to wear it in the morning. If they are wearing their jersey and are still cold, they are welcome to bring along a jacket to wear at break times too.

**Shoes and Socks** – There are lots of more colourful variations of school shoes appearing. Please ensure your child is wearing their correct completely black footwear to school each day. Girls' socks should be ankle socks that are folded down and visible above the shoe. Next term girls wear navy blue knee high socks or navy blue tights.

**Year 9 and 10** – If you have a child in Year 9 or 10, they need to have a school tie for Terms 2 and 3. These can be purchased from the School Office with \$20 cash. Please ensure they have them before the start of next term.

**Edible Gardens** – it is time to tackle the weeds and prepare the edible gardens for the colder months. Are you a keen gardener with a willingness to share your knowledge and skills with our tamariki? Have an hour or so to spare once a week? Please email [mrslee@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:mrslee@timaruchristian.school.nz) to express your interest or for further details.

**Mums and Dads Coffee Group** meets on Friday mornings in the Whanau Room from 9am-10am. Come along and spend time getting to know, support and encourage one another in this informal setting.

### Developing Resilience in Ourselves and Our Children



*Perseverance*

#### **Nurture a positive self-view**

Help your child remember ways they have successfully handled hardships in the past and help them understand that these past challenges help build the strength to handle future challenges. Help your child learn to trust themselves to solve problems and make appropriate decisions.

<https://www.apa.org/topics/resilience-guide-parents>



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Learners

### Community Events

**Pacific Community Fono** – The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Pacific Peoples together with the Tongan Society, invite you to a community fono to provide you with information about Covid-19 and influenza vaccines. Pacific medical experts will be there to explain how the Covid-19 vaccine works and answer any questions you and your families might have. There will be a time for Questions and Answers. Refreshments provided, all are welcome! TBHS Hall, 211 North Street. 6:00 – 7.30 pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Contact: Sina Latu 027 684 4794.

### South Canterbury Table Tennis Have a Go Primary Schools Competition

Time - Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm  
Starting - 11th May (Week 2)  
6 week Competition.  
Venue - Barry Butler Table Tennis Stadium,  
96 Coonoor Road, Timaru  
2 people per team  
Let us know and we can help find a team mate for you if needed.  
Subs - \$10 per person  
Bats & balls provided

Please Contact - Sue on 0273484805 or  
[tabletennissouthcanterbury@yahoo.com](mailto:tabletennissouthcanterbury@yahoo.com) by 7th May 2021

#### Practise Sessions/Coaching

New group starting Term 2  
Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30pm  
\$30 per term  
8yrs+  
We have players from 8-15 years attending these sessions.  
TTNZ Certified Coaches  
Any enquiries welcome - Sue on 0273484805



**Tots to Teens Magazine** - Your link to the latest Tots to Teens digi-magazine is here: <https://issue2104si.totstoteens.co.nz/>

**Waimataitai Skids Holiday Programme** – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April. See noticeboard for more details or register at [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz), click on Parent Login.

**Win!** Do you have ideas on how to make the Timaru District the best place to live in New Zealand? We want to hear from you! For more info, tips and T&Cs go to [thringtogether.co.nz/competition](http://thringtogether.co.nz/competition). You could win up to \$1000! Entries open from 10 April - 10 May 2021.

**Girls Rugby 2021** – Starts Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 4 pm at the Alpine Energy Stadium. Continues for the duration of term two. Turn up as a team ready to play or as an individual and we will help put you in a team. For more information contact Caro Rhodes [caro@scrfu.co.nz](mailto:caro@scrfu.co.nz).

**Gleniti Scout Group** – We have vacancies for children aged 5 in the Kea Section, Cubs (age 8 – 10) and children aged 11 in the Scout Section. Girls and boys are welcome. If you have a child that may be interested, bring them along. We have fun, games, craft, camps, hikes and adventure. For more information, please contact Rose on 686 9888.



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### **Multicultural Aoraki**

Wednesday Coffee and Chat – come and see us. Free Event, Every Wednesday 10 am to 2 pm. This is a great way to meet new people, practice conversational English, and get to know our community. Our venue changes depending on what activity we are doing, so please contact us to find out where we are going to be. Call 687 7332 or e-mail [info@multiculturalaoraki.co.nz](mailto:info@multiculturalaoraki.co.nz) for more info. You can also follow us on Facebook: Facebook/MulticulturalAoraki.

**Dental Care during the School Holidays** – The Community Dental Service (18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru) will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer check-ups, 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 please call 0800 846 983 between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, or email [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz).

### **School Family Businesses You Can Support**

#### **King Street Takeaways**

39a King Street  
688 8191



Grace

#### **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](mailto:marlene@cp.org.nz).

#### **Autotech Paint & Panel**

Automotive panel and paint, Tyre fitting, general painting. Come and see Patrick and the boys at 50 Redruth Street Timaru for minor to major rust repairs, touch ups to full resprays, custom paint job, fiberglass repairs and fit body kits, painting small boats, insurance work, motor bikes. We are now doing trucks, buses and campers.  
03 688 6488 / [autotechpnp@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:autotechpnp@yahoo.co.nz)

*“Don't wait until you reach your goal to be proud of yourself.  
Be proud of every step you take.”*