

School Newsletter Week 4, Term 2, 2021



Christ-centred

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau

What a memorable day we all had last Friday! There was much huffing, puffing, fun, rain, wind, sweat and much perseverance from both parents and students. Parents, thank you for all the perseverance and encouragement you gave along the way.



Truth

At times our runners may have felt discouraged along the way. Just think about it – “discouraged” meaning “a loss of courage”. We don’t always recognize discouragement as being filled with fear which may make us feel like giving up. The same can happen to us spiritually, and a famous Biblical example of discouragement is when the 12 spies returned from their expedition to the Promised Land. They reported that the land “flowed with milk and honey,” but that the people living there were strong, some were giants, and the cities were large and well protected. This really discouraged the people and they refused to trust in God’s promises and power.

We’re not facing strong Canaanite cities, or giants with javelins, but there may be something that you are facing that may make you want to lose courage. Satan loves to tempt us with discouragement because he knows we are easily intimidated by what is, or appears to be, dangerous and overwhelming.

That’s when you need to remember the strong Canaanite cities, or the giant Goliath, or life’s last “cross country” race that you finished. Those are encouraging valuable moments when we can again be encouraged in our faithful and powerful God.

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.” [Isaiah 35:3-5]

Our ERO Consultation with Michelle Irving

Our School Board met with Michelle last Thursday night and she explained her role as an ERO consultant. She will be helping us to evaluate our quality of education and help us improve our school teaching system over a three-year period. Part of her role will also be to audit the School Board, and help us to evaluate and improve in our role. Michelle is here to listen to the school community and work with us on the journey of developing each child in Timaru Christian School.



Open Evening

Our Year 9-10 Open Evening will be held on the first Tuesday evening in week 1 of Term 3 (27th July) at 7 pm. Come along with any questions you may have and find out more about our Year 9 and 10 programme.

Teacher Only Day – this term we will be having a Teacher Only Day on Friday 4th June. School will also be closed on Monday 7th June for the Queen’s Birthday holiday. Enjoy the long weekend!

Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki, māna koe e tiaki
The Lord bless you, and keep (protect) you
Grant Phillips
(Acting Principal)

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Netball Draw: Saturday 29th May

10 am Court 3 - Rural Schools Rockets vs St Pats Belfast
 10 am Court 10 - Rural Schools Ferns vs Geraldine Netball Centre Stars
 Enjoy your game girls.



Love

Basketball Draw: Monday 31st May (Finals)

Boys – 4.50 pm TCS South v Gleniti Grizzlies, Court 3. Please be there at **4.20 pm** for warm up.
Girls – 4.50 pm TCS Aces v Sacred Heart Stars, Court 1. Please be there at **4.20 pm** for a warm-up.
 This is our last game for this competition. A big thank you to Mr Morris, Mrs Withington and Mrs McGeough for coaching this season. It has been wonderful to see the progress of new skills over the season. Your coaches will let you know of the breakup celebration after your games. Thank you to the supporters.

TCS Cross Country

Last Friday 21st May we ran our TCS Cross Country, even though it was a bit chilly at the time of the races. There was quite a variety of terrain for the course, and competitors enjoyed their run. The sun came out later for our fellowship time together over lunch. A big thank you to our marshalls and helpers cooking the sausages. Your help is always appreciated.

Some stories from Teina Tahī

On Friday I ran in the Cross Country. **Melelose Tu’ungafasi** (illustration)

Eli won the race. He ran and ran and ran and ran, ran and ran and ran. **Eli Bird**

Go Paige, you are near the finish line. **Paige Law**
 I came second. I saw my mum when I went past my mum.

Tobiah Bird



Rural Schools Cross Country

On Tuesday this week we took a group of competitors to the Rural Schools Cross Country. The event was held at Craigmore Station and it was a very hilly course. Thank you to parents who were able to come and watch.

South Canterbury Cross Country is on Monday the 14th June and we will let students know next week if they are competing.

Lost

Zach Macmillan’s black casio digital gshock watch was left on the bench seats outside the Year 9/10 classroom last term. If this has accidentally ended up with your child’s things, please return it to the school.

Upcoming Events



3rd June – Life Education visit
4th June – Teacher Only Day (school closed)
7th June – Queen’s Birthday (school closed)

14th June – SC Cross Country (pp 16th June)
18th June – Hillview Visit (Year 1-8)
9th July – Term 2 ends
26th July – Term 3 begins

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Perseverance

Important Notices to Notice

Absences – kindly inform **the office** of any student absences, including late arrivals, before 9 am on the day. You can e-mail office@timaruchristian.school.nz, or text 027 751 2722, or phone 688-1422 and leave a message if the phone is unattended.

Opportunities to Be Involved

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.

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.



Servant-heart

Community Events



Learners

Endeavour Sea Scouts have vacancies for Boys aged 10 to 16. Meet Tuesdays from 6:45pm at HQ North Mole. Enjoy traditional scouting with a nautical flavour including kayaking, sailing and rowing. PH Andrea 0226517568 or Evelyn 0210773694.

Hair Scrunchies

Hair scrunchies, made with the TCS skirt/pinafore fabric, are available to purchase through the school office. \$3 each or two for \$5. These are a very tidy accessory for girls' hair to complement the TCS uniform.

**Gleniti Scout Group**

Keas – For girls and boys aged between 5 and 8. We meet on Mondays from 3.30pm. Our Keas enjoy games, craft, sleepovers, nature adventure and work towards badges.

Cubs – For girls and boys aged between 8 and 11. We meet on Tuesdays from 6.30pm. Our Cubs enjoy teamwork, camps, hikes, geo-caching, biking and work towards badges.

Scouts – For girls and boys aged between 11 and 14. At present we meet on Tuesdays from 6.30pm. Our Scouts also work towards badges and enjoy hikes, teamwork, and learn leadership skills. They go on camps, some of which have a theme such as photography or aviation.

We have vacancies in all sections. You might have a child that isn't playing a sport, but Keas, Cubs or Scouts might just be for them. Phone Rose on 686 9888 for more information on where we meet and how you can have four free sessions to see if you and they enjoy it.

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OCEANS Grief and Loss is a peer support programme for children, teens, and adults who have experienced loss in their life. The losses we work with usually come from the death of a significant person, or a personal experience of separation/divorce. The focus of this programme is providing a safe environment for participants to talk about their loss/es and the change/s that have occurred then look ahead to a preferred future living and coping with the loss/change. We meet once a week for eight weeks in the children's programme and six weeks for the teen and adult's programme. We have seen many people go through the programme and have numerous success stories of how it has helped (Over 500 since Oceans started in 2006). To enrol in a grief and loss programme please visit the website: <https://www.anglicancare.org.nz> or phone Matt on 0800 OCEANS or 027 4 OCEANS (ie. 623267) or e-mail oceans.timaru@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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

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