

Dear TCS Community,

Welcome to Term 3. It has been lovely getting to see the beautiful smiling faces in our school, once again, after being away last term. Over the coming weeks I look forward to sharing what I have learnt during my Sabbatical study.

Following some recent discussions, we are looking for better ways to communicate our information other than through a weekly newsletter. I know many parents are too busy to wade through a newsletter so if you have a suggestion, I'd love to hear it. In the meantime, we are going to try simply listing the important things you need to know as an email each week.

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Upcoming Events / Calendar Dates

5th August - Year 1-8 Swimming; Chapel at 2:30pm

6th August – Mums and Dads Coffee Morning; 9 am in the Whanau Room

12th August - Year 1-8 Swimming; Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm in Staffroom

19th August - Year 1-8 Swimming; Chapel at 2:30pm

26th August - Year 1-8 Swimming

31st August-2nd Sept - Learning Conferences

2nd Sept - Chapel at 2:30pm

2nd-3rd Sept - Year 9/10 Camp in Christchurch

16th Sept - Chapel at 2:30pm

24th Sept - Teacher Only Day (School closed)

27th Sept - South Canterbury Anniversary (School closed)

1st Oct - End of Term 3

18th Oct - Start of Term 4

Reports

Mid-year reports are being sent home tomorrow (Friday). Look out for them in your child's bag.

Communicating with your child's teacher / Caring for One Another

One of the things that stood out for me, when talking to other principals, was the importance of supporting our teachers through considering what we expect of them. The teachers at TCS are not very good at separating school and home life, often checking and responding to emails at all hours, and racing around right up to the minute the bell rings in the morning. To support their wellbeing, I have asked them to respond to emails and phone calls between 8am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays. As part of our commitment to developing positive relationships with our students, we start the day with Relationship Time between 8:45am and 9:15am. This involves the teachers talking to and playing with the children in the class or playground. Our teachers don't like to turn away parents and so it can be difficult to focus on the children if a serious discussion is required in the morning. To support the teachers in this, I ask that if you need to discuss something with your child's teacher, you do so at the end of the day when we walk the children to the gate, or arrange a time to meet after school.

Thank you for supporting us in this.

Uniform Update

As part of their stock rotation process, The Warehouse has given the school all of their navy blue jersey stock (for Years 7-10) which will be sold at much-reduced prices. Once they have all sold from our uniform shop, sales will go back to The Warehouse.

Sports Notices

Netball Notices/draw

Our Years 1-2 teams started their weekly skills and development sessions this week. Well done girls on such a great start. Thank you to Mrs Hamilton and Emily Rentoul for coaching this team.

Our Year 3 & 4 team starts their competition this week. Mrs Bird is coaching this team and we all hope you had an enjoyable first game for the season.

3: 40 pm - Court 1 - Rural Lightning v Waimataitai

Players please be there at 3:30pm for a warm up skill session.

Netball draw Saturday 31st July 2021

11 am Court 3 Rural Rockets v MacKenzie Jrs (Years 7& 8)

10 am Court 10 Rural Ferns v Bluestone Rockets (Years 5 & 6)

Have a great game girls. Many thanks to our supporters who come to watch the games and our wonderful Coaches and Managers.

We have Rural Schools Netball Duty this Saturday.

Basketball uniforms

If you have any basketball uniforms please return to our school office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Bethany Rentoul

Principal of Timaru Christian School



Our Motto: Honouring God in all we do

Our Vision: Christ-centred learners with servant hearts

Our Values: Love and Grace through Servanthood, Truth and Perseverance