

Dear TCS Community,

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A Note from Bethany

Tēnā koutou,

Many people in the Timaru community have been rocked by the loss of lives at the car crash last weekend. One of the boys who died had been a part of TCS for a time and our thoughts and prayers have particularly been with his family and those of our past and present students who had a connection to him.

It is important to note the impact such an event can have on those who didn't know the boys involved in the crash too. Suddenly our teenagers realize that they are not invincible and that lives can be changed in an instant. The safety and security they have enjoyed as younger children can suddenly feel like it has disappeared.

When big events occur to and around our children, it's really important to ensure we are listening to our children because they may be affected in ways we wouldn't expect. By allowing them to process what has happened, letting them know that we are there to let them just talk and to love them; these are all important actions we can take to support our children as they grow.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way."

Kia manaaki atua koutou.

Bethany Rentoul

Principal of Timaru Christian School

Mrs Lee Is Leaving Us!!

Mrs Lee and her family will be moving to Christchurch at the end of the term to start the next chapter in their lives. We are very sad to see them leave but know that God will already be preparing the way for them. We are currently advertising for a teacher in Teina Wha and will update you when we have more information.

Upcoming Events / Calendar Dates

12th August - 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

Junior School Athletics Consultation

Each year we join with the Rural Schools group for Athletics Day with the Year 1-3s taking part in activities at the Cricket Oval and the older children competing at the track. A suggestion has been made that the Junior Athletics events are either held on a different day to the seniors but altogether with the Rural Schools, or that the Juniors Events are held at individual schools. If you are a parent of a junior student, please let us know (at the school office) if you would prefer: a) it remain at the oval on the same day as the Senior Athletics, b) it remain at the oval but on a different day to the Senior Athletics, or c) it be held at our own school. We will be taking our community's feedback to the Rural Schools so we can make a decision.

Procedure Reviews

We are currently updating the following procedures:

- RPR2 Curriculum Review
- RPR3 Reporting to Parents and the wider community
- PS6 Protected Disclosure
- HS9 Head Lice
- HS15 Visitors
- C1 Special Character Education
- C2 Assessment
- PS5 Complaints

- PS9 Police Vetting
- HS1 Care and Management of Children
- HS11 Food and Nutrition

If you would like to share your thoughts or make suggestions, the procedures can be found on our website (www.timaruchristian.school.nz). Please email your ideas to principal@timaruchristian.school.nz by 27th August.

Sports Notices

Netball

Years 1-2 teams meet Tuesday 17th August at the Stadium 3:30 pm - 4:45pm. Skills session first then a game.

Netball Draw: Friday 13th August (Years 3 & 4 Competition)

Court 3 Rural Lightning v Waimataitai Yellow

Court 6 Rural Racers v Old Boys Sports Club

Players please be there at 3:30 pm for skills sessions before the game.

Netball Draw: Saturday 14th August

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

10 am Court 4 Rural Rockets v Bluestone Blazers (Years 7 & 8)

Only a few games left for our Years 5- 8 players to compete in. If you haven't had a chance to go and watch yet, then please get down to the Netball Courts and support our talented players.

A big thank you to all our coaches and managers of all our teams. Enjoy your games everyone.

Basketball

The Primary Schools League for Years 3 & 4 (Monday nights) and Years 5 & 6 (Tuesday nights) start on the week of 13th September. Information and permission forms for interested players have gone home this week. If your child is interested and has not yet received a form, please see Mrs Thompson or collect a form from the office. Please return permission slips to the office by Monday 16th August. Many thanks.