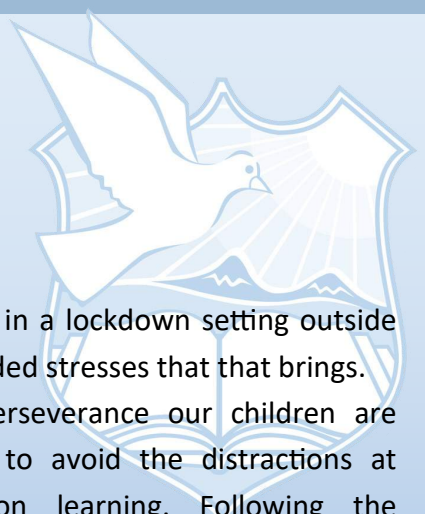


TIMARU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura Karaitiana o Te Tihi o Maru

Week 6, Term 3, 2021



Kia ora koutou,

This year we have been focusing on perseverance, one of our school's values, and that is certainly being tested and developed as we continue to work online and through distance learning.

Trying to keep a child's attention on a screen brings its own challenges when you aren't a cartoon or a Netflix movie, and so I take my hat off to our teachers who continue to try to engage their students and keep the learning going. Some of our teachers juggle their teaching responsibilities with those of being a mum or dad or live-in grandparent, bringing on additional challenges. We also have teachers (supported by teacher aides) who are running bubbles as well as online lessons as we progress through Level 3.

We have parents who have been working from home while trying to support their children with their learning, and parents who do unpaid work in their churches and community which has had to be put on hold indefinitely or carried out in new ways. Our 'Essential Worker' families have a range of other

challenges as they work in a lockdown setting outside of the home with the added stresses that that brings.

Let's not forget the perseverance our children are developing, attempting to avoid the distractions at home and focusing on learning. Following the restrictions is hard when they miss their friends and the routines they are used to when we go to school.

We are all developing our perseverance, and hopefully our resilience too. As we do that, let's remember to check in with one another, support one another, make sure that no-one feels isolated, meet the varying needs within our School Community, and look forward to coming together again soon.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Ka manaaki te Atua ia koe me to whānau.

God bless you and your family.

Bethany Rentoul, Principal

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Skool Loop—today we go live with the Skool Loop app, available as a free download. This will be used to communicate with families so we encourage everyone to download the app onto their smartphone or tablet.

Learning Conferences Postponed—we will let you know when our Learning Conferences will take place as we move down alert levels.

TCS Prayer Group

We are blessed to have a committed team of parents who meet together each week to pray for our school.

If you would like to join them, they meet in the Korero Room from 9am-9:30am on Thursday mornings.

If you have a prayer request, let us know at the Office and we will be sure to pass it on.

Important Dates / Upcoming Events

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

25th Oct - Labour Day

28th Oct - School Board Meeting 7pm

29th Oct - School Photos

24th Nov - Rural Schools Athletics (pp 26th Nov)

30th Nov - SC Athletics

1st-3rd Dec - Year 5-10 Camp at Raincliff

13th Dec - Prizegiving

14th Dec - Last day of Term 4

HOUSE COMPETITION—FAMILY BIBLE QUIZ



Bible Quiz: About the Apostle Peter

1. Which relative of Peter did Jesus heal?
2. What was Peter's other name (his Jewish name)?
3. How many letters did the apostle Peter write?
4. How many times is Peter mentioned in the Bible: 7, 57, 157, or 1057?
5. Peter never truly walked on water. True or false?
 6. What was Peter's father's name?
 7. Who was Peter's younger brother?
 8. What fishing village did Peter come from?
9. Cephas (Kepha) is another of his names. True or false?
10. In Greek, Peter means "rock". True or false?

Email your answers to principal@timaruchristian.school.nz by the 9th September 2021.

HOUSE COMPETITION— RE-PURPOSING CHALLENGE

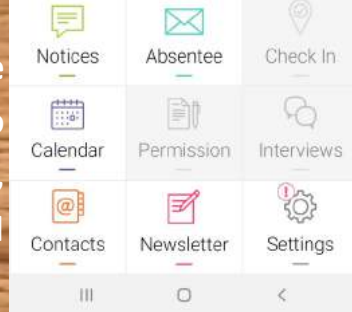
We often have things lying around our home that we don't use anymore. They might be old, have holes in them, we might have outgrown them, or just have forgotten about them. Your challenge is to find an object around your home that you don't use anymore, then find a new use for it. Take a photo and send it to principal@timaruchristian.school.nz by the 9th September 2021.



Last week's Tallest Tower House Competition challenge involved heavy lifting for the Bird family— a fantastic effort!



Download the Skool Loop app free on your smartphone or tablet to communicate absences, receive notices and alerts, fill out permission forms, contact the school, and select interview times. A super simple app that will keep you informed.



Want to know how you could support learning at home? Go to the @home tab on



our school's website for some ideas.

TCS Parents Coffee Group

Every Friday morning our Manaakitanga Team hosts a coffee group in the Whanau Room from 9am. Come along and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere and the opportunity to get to know other parents from our school community.



SUNSMART FACT



You can't feel UV rays

While our senses can easily detect sunlight and heat, they cannot detect the level of UV from the sun. UV cannot be seen or felt. This is what makes UV dangerous and why we need to be SunSmart in summer.



AVOID THE CONGESTION AT THE GATE

Avoid the stress and congestion at the school gate. Park 500m away from the school and let your tamariki walk the short distance to school.



School Family Businesses You Can Support



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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