



Kia ora koutou,

Recent weeks have felt heavy at times for our school family but today several of our staff started the day by putting encouraging verses on our staffroom wall. Seeing God's Word in big writing across the whiteboard was a great way to prepare ourselves for the day ahead as we put Scripture at the front of our minds.

Soon after, I was fortunate to welcome some people from the Christian Education Network and the Ministry of Education to our school. They have each helped out our school in a variety of ways over recent weeks and months and were keen to hear about what we are doing and to look around the school. It was so lovely to get to share our kura with them and describe the exciting plans we have for the coming months and years.

Spending an entire day focusing on the blessings we have and the opportunities God is placing before us was so refreshing and I encourage you, as a family, to consider how you can do this too.

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” Romans 8:18. How awesome is that hope/truth/promise!

*Ka manaaki te Atua ia koe me to whānau.*

God bless you and your family.

**Bethany Rentoul, Principal**

#### **Farewell to Mrs du Plessis**

This year we have been blessed to have Mrs du Plessis working with our junior classes. She is about to embark on a new journey as her family moves north. We wish her well and thank God for the time she has been with us.



#### **School Photos**

School photos – please note that the cut-off date for photos orders is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please hand in your order envelopes to the office before this date.

#### **School Reports**

This year our end of year reports will be emailed out at the end of the term.

### **Important Dates / Upcoming Events**

**13th Dec** - Prizegiving will now be a pre-recorded online event.

**14th Dec** - Last day of Term 4

**25th Dec**—Jesus' birthday

**3rd Feb**—Start Term 1

**7th Feb**—Waitangi Day observed (School closed)

**14th April**—Last day of term and Teacher Only Day (School closed)

## School Cleaner

We have approximately 5 hours of cleaning per week available at the school. If you are interested in doing this, please email [principal@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:principal@timaruchristian.school.nz) and indicate the times you are available to work from and to on weekdays, any previous experience, and your vaccination status, by the 24th November 2021. (Applicants will need to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19.)

## BASKETBALL DRAW

Monday November 22nd. Years 3 & 4  
6 pm - Court 2 - Rural Aces v Gleniti Spurs  
Please be there at 5:35pm for a warm up.

Tuesday November 23rd Years 5 & 6  
5:10 pm Court 1 Rural Belles (Girls) v Waimate Red  
Please be at the Stadium at 4:45pm for a warm up.

6:20pm Court 2 Rural Jaguars  
(Boys) v Arowhenua  
Please be at the Stadium at 5:55pm  
for a warm up.



**Want to know how you could support learning at home? Go to the @home tab on our school's website for some ideas.**

### Learning @ Home

We know the important role parents play in the education of their children. We also know that life after school can be busy so we don't always get to pass on our own knowledge and skills to our children in the way we want.

At TCS we offer the opportunity for parents to take their children out of school one afternoon per week to teach knowledge and skills that are important to their family. It's called our Learning At Home Programme. Up to now we have had parents teaching their children about other countries, spiritual and values-based lessons, gardens and bugs, working towards a physical goal etc.

If you are interested in taking part in this for Term One 2022, please email Bethany

([principal@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:principal@timaruchristian.school.nz)) and she will meet with you to plan your programme for next year.

### Prizegiving Permission

This year we are aiming to present an online prizegiving, showing you aspects of the school that you don't usually get to see. As part of that we will be videoing students in the playground and in class. Those children who receive rewards will have faces shown but only first names will be read out. We will have the ceremony on a private Youtube channel and the link will be sent out to parents. It will be taken down after two weeks.

If you do not wish for your child's face to be on the prizegiving clips from around the school, please let us know by emailing [office@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:office@timaruchristian.school.nz).

**MUMS AND DADS COFFEE GROUP is returning to school! Come along and chat with other parents in an informal setting—Friday 9am in the TCS Staffroom.**

# MAHI TAHI—WORKING TOGETHER

The School Board is preparing to review what we are doing and want to do in the next few years. Below are our school's Strategic Goals—having a biblically-embedded curriculum, strong community partnerships, and motivated, enthusiastic learning and discipleship. We have some ideas we developed last year listed in the table. If you have any suggestions for how we can do better in these three areas, please email them to [principal@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:principal@timaruchristian.school.nz) or speak to Bethany so they can be included in our discussions.

Strategic Plan 2021-2023		
	2022	2023
<p><b>Strategic Goal One:</b> To have a Biblically-embedded curriculum</p>	<p>Develop a shared understanding of the school's Statement of Faith, vision and values qualities and how they should be taught and evaluated across the school. The focus for this year will be <b>Learners (what it means to be a Christ-centred learner)</b></p> <p>Develop teaching staff's own understanding of Biblical concepts and their application to teaching and learning practices. The focus will be the <b>NZACS Leadership Conference.</b></p>	<p>Develop a shared understanding of the school's <b>Statement of Faith</b> and how it should be taught and evaluated across the school.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Goal Two:</b> To have strong community partnerships</p>	<p>Deepen partnerships with other local schools and ECEs through membership in the Kahui Ako</p> <p>Develop our understanding and implementation of the principles of the Treaty so they are further embedded into our curriculum. This year's focus will be on <b>Protection.</b></p> <p>Implement Learning Partnerships Programme (see Sabbatical Report)</p>	<p>Deepen partnerships with other local schools and ECEs through membership in the Kahui Ako</p> <p>Develop our understanding and implementation of the principle of <b>Whakawhanaungatanga</b> (relating in culturally appropriate ways)</p>
<p><b>Strategic Goal Three:</b> To have motivated, enthusiastic learning and discipleship</p>	<p>Consolidate a balanced approach between teacher-directed and student-led learning</p> <p>Deepen thinking skills and tools so that students are equipped to interpret, summarise, evaluate and utilise information</p> <p>Enhance Arts programmes through community input to increase opportunities for creativity</p> <p>Implement Learning Partnerships Programme (see Sabbatical Report)</p>	

## Supporting School Family Businesses



### 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)

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