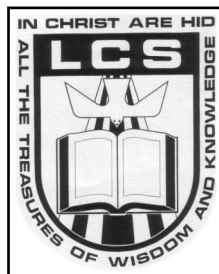


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A quick trip to 'Hobbiton' was enjoyed by Fiona and Alan during the NZACS leadership Conference in Rotorua

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to school for term 2! The term has started very well, with all classes straight back into our learning programmes and swimming underway. The class letters sent out last week have given you a good picture of what is planned, and we are looking forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

At the end of term 1, Alan Robertson and I attended the NZ Association for Christian Schools' leadership conference held in Rotorua. It was an encouraging time of fellowship and professional learning for us both. The keynote speakers were of very high calibre and together with the workshops provided a balanced time of learning and reflection. There was also time to enjoy some of the local sights and visitor activities on offer.

Last weekend I attended the Education Summit held in Christchurch. It was good to be a very small part of the conversation that will help shape our education system in the future. The Ministry of Education looks to be preparing for big change in NZ schooling, with the review covering the early childhood to tertiary sectors. If you would like to add your voice to the conversation go to <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/> and do the four question survey.

Serving Christ together
Ngā mihi nui
Fiona Sizemore
(Principal)



World Vision Famine 8-10 June 2018

This year World Vision are focussed on the needs of children who have fled for their lives from South Sudan into Uganda, becoming refugees. South Sudan is suffering famine, drought and civil conflict. The children have often travelled a long distance, many without parents or families. The things they have seen and experienced are hard for us to imagine and even harder for them to forget. World Vision is using the money raised to provide essential resources as well as child friendly spaces to help the children process and cope with the horrors they have experienced. Our student famine leadership team are planning a sleepover event for children doing the famine in years 4-8 on Friday 8 June. There will also be a fun day planned for the whole school to enjoy.

Parent Forum: Year 9 & 10 discussion Wednesday 23 May 2pm and 7pm

A parent forum is planned to further discuss the idea of our school extending to years 9&10. This conversation is based on the interest expressed through our parent survey at the end of 2017. In the survey 75% of respondents said they were or could be interested in our school going to year 9&10.

Since the survey, Fiona and two parents, Ginger Lynn and Renee Koh, have visited Timaru Christian School which goes to year 10. We will answer some of the questions raised in the survey and provide more information on the practical requirements and challenges of extending to years 9&10. If you would like to be part of the conversation, please join us at one of the sessions!

Term 2 Value Focus: Compassion

Love expressed through Compassion – A willingness to help, empathise with, or show mercy to those who suffer; forgiveness.

A brief overview of what we teach:

- God reveals himself as compassionate
- When we fail to be compassionate toward others it is often because we are so focussed on ourselves.
- In God's word, He calls us to clothe ourselves with compassion as we relate to others.

Biblical Illustrations:

- Cities of Refuge Numbers 35; Deuteronomy 19:1-4
- Care of widows James 1; 1 Timothy 5
- Joseph with brothers Genesis 37, 42-46
- Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37
- Prodigal Son Luke 15:11
- Jesus our ULTIMATE example
- The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. Psalm 116:5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. **2 Corinthians 1:3**

Welcome to our new students

Jeremy Ling and Ivie Kupenga commenced in the Junior Class as new entrant students this term



Board of Trustees Policy Review Cycle

This term we are reviewing three policies as part of our three year cycle. The policies are posted on the notice board in the office foyer for parent comment. Please contact Fiona or a board of trustees' member if you would like to discuss a policy further.

- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Property and Asset Management
- Privacy of Information

They will be discussed at the board meeting scheduled for Tuesday 26 June.



National Young Leaders Day (NYLD) Event

Our year 8 students will be attending NYLD on 28 May. A separate notice is attached to this newsletter for parents of year 8 students. If you would like to know more about the event, go to www.nyldnz.org/2018-speakers/

School Assemblies

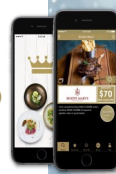
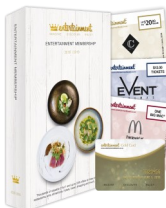
Most Fridays at 2.30pm we hold a school assembly for parents and friends of the school to see and share in a little of what we have been learning about during the week.

School Swimming @ Moana Pool

We are pleased to be back in the pool for our term 2 swimming lessons, each Thursday afternoon during weeks 1-5. If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher in the first instance. Mr Robertson is the teacher in charge. If you need to change your pick-up arrangements, please notify Karen in the office as early as possible.

Entertainment Books 2018/2019

To order your Book or your Digital membership online visit: www.entbook.co.nz/260d519. 20% of each book sold through the school will be used to purchase new library books from Manna Christian Bookstore. Last year we raised and spent \$300. Entertainment Books are available to pick up from the school office. Thank you.



School Diary

Term 2 Calendar

14 May	Road Safety programme room 1 (three sessions during week 3)
15 May	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm
17 May	Swimming session #3
23 May	Parent Forums: 2pm and 7pm
24 May	Swimming session #4
28 May	NYLD @ Town Hall Year 8's
29 May	World Vision student assembly 9am
31 May	Swimming session #5
4 June	Queen's Birthday
8 June	Fun Day and Famine sleepover
14 June	Seasons programme starts in room 3
14 June	Asthma show 2pm
18 June	Elgregoe Show 1.40pm
22 June	School written reports circulated
25/26 June	Life Education Trust programme
26 June	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm
28 June	Parent/Teacher conferences 3.15-7pm
3 July	Parent/Teacher conferences 3.15-5pm
6 July	Leadership assembly
6 July	Last day of term 2

Absences and Regular Lateness

If your child needs to be absent from school please notify the school office by phone or email by 9am on the morning of the absence, sending a note with a sibling or leaving a message on the answer phone. We are required to report absences (and reasons for absence) to the MOE when a student is absent for more than five days accumulated over the term. For planned absence (e.g. travel) please supply a note or email to the class teacher or office.

Regular lateness is currently an issue in our school. Children who regularly arrive late to class are often disadvantaged by missing important whole class information, and can cause a disruption to the programme. Please strive to have your children ready to start school by the first bell at 8.55am.

Frost or Snow Days

It's the time of year when heavy frost or snow may occasionally make travel to school difficult. We will send a text message to you as soon as the call to cancel or make a late start due to weather is confirmed. Local radio stations continue to broadcast cancellations and any calls that are for all primary and intermediate schools relate to us. The most important point is not to attempt travel if you feel unsafe on the road due to frost or snow.

School closure text messages – these are sent from a private phone number as our best method to notify (at often quite short notice) of a late start or snow day. Please do not reply or leave school messages on this number as it could easily get missed. Please use the school phone to report absences or notify other messages for students.

Prayer

POP in and PRAY Tuesday mornings 9.00am – 9.20am in the staffroom

Whether you can give ten or twenty minutes, come and join us as we pray for our school as it seeks to live out its vision in our community and for the kids, families and staff that are part of it. We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer.

Prayer Points

Give thanks for::

- each one of our students, teachers and families
- a positive start to a new and full term of learning

Please pray for:

- our families who are experiencing challenging times; that they would have a strong sense of God's presence and peace
- our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders
- our proprietors as they work to provide and develop our new classroom space

