

TIMARU SOUTH SCHOOL



A well earned rest for the girls during their Thursday lunch time bike rides with Mr Hogan.

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WELCOME

Welcome to Aurora Blackburn & Nova Summer-Clapham who have joined Room 4 this week.

From the Principal

3-Way Interviews

These are coming up on March 5th & 6th. Notices requesting interview times have been sent home this week and need to be returned by tomorrow, Friday 1st March. These interviews are extremely important and I urge everyone to attend. If the dates are not suitable please indicate this and return the form. We will be able to arrange an alternative day for you to meet. It is our expectation that students will attend interviews with parents.

Hadlow to Harbour

We have 25 students and 19 adults representing our school at the H2H on Sunday morning. Tickets were given to students today. If anyone wishes to enter now they will have to make arrangements to purchase their own ticket or enter on the day.

Technology and Screen Time Survey

Recently we surveyed all Year 4 to 8 students on their use of personal technology and aspects of being safe when on line. Our findings in 2019 are in line with student surveys over the past few years. The lack of adult supervision when children are on line and the age and number of students actively engaged with social media are major concerns. We will continue to ensure that our school curriculum covers all aspects of cybersafety but we also remind parents of their role in keeping their children safe when on the Internet.

Another significant concern is the amount of screen time our children have each day. The vast majority of our students greatly exceed the recommended level of two hours per day outside of school time. We are dealing daily with the impact of this at school. Children with poor language and social skills, tiredness and students with health and fitness concerns. No screen time at all is the recommendation for children under two years of age.

The use of personal devices and our exposure to screens, especially for children, is of strong interest to me. I read a lot of the research that is becoming available and the papers various experts and health professionals around the world publish.

One researcher on a recent 60 Minutes Programme felt that our current generation of children were unwittingly part of a great experiment, the results of which will not be known for some time. There is agreement however among the professionals on limiting the amount of time everyone, especially children, spend each day in front of a screen. Details of the survey are published in this newsletter.

Mike Hogan, Principal



School Fair - Sunday 10 March 10am – 2pm

Preparations for our school fair are well under way. We are still looking for donations of good quality/unbroken toys, clothing or books. If you need things picked up please phone the school office and we will arrange this.

We are also looking for people to bake cakes, biscuits & sweets and to donate produce e.g. fruit, vegetables, nuts etc.

If you can help us in any way please fill out and return the form below to either campus office. The school fair is our major fundraiser for the year and we need as much support as possible

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Our family would like to help at the Fair.

We can: Bake cakes/biscuits ☐

Make sweets ☐

Donate produce ☐

Help set up on Sunday morning ☐



Name: _____

Phone No: _____

From Mrs Brown and Room7 - Thanks to those fabulous people that have dropped off glass jars. We have enough at the moment.

Student Technology Survey

Key Findings

Internet & devices

- 96% of students have Internet access at home.
- 94% of students have a personal device that can connect to the Internet.
- 56% of students have a personal phone, 63% a tablet and 50% a gaming device.
- 85% of Year 7 & 8 students have a personal phone.



Being Safe on Line

- Just 15% of students are ALWAYS supervised when online at home. 30% are supervised MOST OF THE TIME while 39% are NEVER supervised when online.
- 35% indicated that an inappropriate image or page has popped up while they have been on line.
- 5% did nothing when this occurred. The remainder either closed it immediately or told an adult.

Social Media

- 50% of students are active on SOCIAL MEDIA such as Facebook and Instagram. This includes 94% of Year 7 & 8 students and 26% of Year 4-6 students.
- Instagram (80%) and Snapchat (57%) are the most popular social media applications.
- 45% of students using social media have received an unwanted message or image. The vast majority stated that they acted appropriately when this occurred. (Ignored it, told an adult, reported it to the page administrator).
- Just 4% admitted that they had sent an inappropriate message or image.
- 8% of students said that they had shared passwords or personal information when on line.

Screen Time

- 34% spend more than 4 hours each week day looking at screen (outside of school hours). 14% indicate that they spend more than 6 hours each week day on a device or watching television.
- 50% of students exceeded four hours screen time on a Saturday and Sunday. 27% of students indicated that their screen time on an average Saturday or Sunday is over 8 hours each day.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Bike / Scooter Laws & Safety

BIKES:

Students under 10 years of age should not bike on the road (unless they are closely supervised by an adult e.g. riding with them). This is a recommendation by schools and Police for childrens safety.



All cyclists MUST:

- ✓ have a properly fitting helmet
- ✓ have working brakes and reflectors
- ✓ know and obey all road rules

Cyclists are forbidden from riding on the footpath

Unless:

- delivering newspapers or mail, or
- using a small wheeled bike/trike with a wheel diameter of less than 355 millimetres (typically tricycles or small children's bicycles/balance bikes).

For more information check out the NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) official website which has the laws: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode/cyclist-code/about-cycling/rules/> and helpful guides:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode/cyclist-code/about-cycling/learning-to-ride/>

To help teach your child how to ride safely it is best to do this off road (e.g. parks, sports grounds, tennis/netball courts) where there are large flat open areas. They can learn in a safe environment how to control their bike, signal, and negotiate hazards before dealing with road traffic.

SCOOTERS:

A few reminders about Scooter safety at our school:

- ✓ Properly fitting helmets **MUST** be worn when scootering at school
- ✓ Helmets must be in good condition and secured
- ✓ Park scooters in racks provided
- ✓ Use scooters on Junior court only

Junior Tabloid Sports Friday 8 March

On Friday 8 March the Junior Syndicate children are holding their tabloid sports. We will start at 11am and families are welcome to join us and stay for lunch at approximately 12pm.

Children should wear their house T-shirts or house colours, shorts and sneakers to school. Please ensure that they have their named sunhats and water bottles.

A reminder notice will be sent out on Seesaw closer to the date.

There is no postponement date for these sports.

BASKETBALL

This week Timaru South Magic lost to Opihi College, 11 – 15.

Player of the Day: Sion Hong

Monday 4 March

Court 3 6.55pm South Magic vs Highfield 2

Beginners Basketball

Six sessions teaching the basic skills of basketball to current or prospective players from the ages of 5 to 8 years.

When Wednesdays, 4.00-5.00pm,
 March 6, 13, 20, 27
 April 3, 10

Where Southern Trust Events Centre
 Morgans Rd
 Timaru

Cost \$40.00 for all six sessions

Further information from SCBA Office: gm@southcanterbury.basketball

Registrations close: March 4th

Name:

Age:

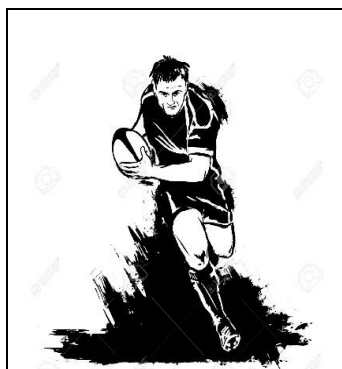
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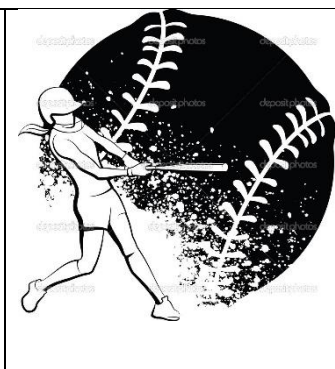
Payments may be made to: South Canterbury Basketball Assn

BNZ acc: 020888 0028881 00 or to SCBA office, STEC Morgans rd.



TOUCH
Thursday 28th February
Stingers vs Highfield 3 at 4pm

T-BALL / SOFTBALL
Friday 1st March
South Sluggers vs Celtic Razorbacks



TIMARU CITY AFC

Timaru City Soccer Club are holding their season open day on 2 March at the Caledonian grounds a 12.45pm. Bring a friend or come and make some new ones. Contact Aaron 021 353 122 or Nicola 027 4054 166 for more information.

FlipOut Timaru – The place for Parties, Fundraising, and General Flipping Out. We also have Ninja Classes – an after school activity where you learn to flip like a Ninja and practice tricks to impress your friends. (A free trial is available to those who have not participated in the Ninja Programme before) Playgroup is here on Thursdays and Fridays for pre-schoolers. Mondays – Saturdays Flip Out between 6pm and 8pm for \$12.00. That is \$12 for 2 hours. For more information phone us on 03 688 2807 or email timaru@flipout.co.nz



OLD BOYS
TIMARU

Timaru Old Boys JAB Registration Dates 2019
100th Year

Open Day/Registration

Sunday 24th of February 10am- 2pm

Free Bouncy Castle, Sausage Sizzle, Games & Lolly Scramble

Registration Days

Wednesday 6th of March 4-6pm

Saturday 16th of March 11am- 1pm

At Old Boys Clubrooms, Timaru.

New players please bring your birth certificate.

No eftpos available.

\$40 for one child, \$65 for two and \$90 for three or more children.

Payment of Subs will get your child a free training top, mouthguard, drink bottle, beanie and end of year photo. Team shorts and jersey are supplied for the season. First practice Wednesday 20th of March at Old Boys clubrooms, Quarry Road, Timaru. Any enquires contact: Gareth Hale, President 0274753694, Dixie Willis, Secretary 0279219807 Or Facebook Timaru Old Boys JAB

Super South Students For 11 - 22 February 2019

Room 1	Harry Laurie Praisey Anderson	Room 4	Theo Pollard-Grey D'Art Wilson
Room 6	Damien Tumanako Mason Norton	Room 7	Ayla Abbott Caleb Rogers
Room 8	Tyson Malama-Tuisaula Kyah Patangata	Room 9	Moana Finau Benji Rhodes
Room 10	Zoe Curtis Riley Edwin-Stevenson	Room 12	Nour El Hendawi Jack Flanagan

4R's Trophy

Cody McDonald



School Calendar Term 1 29 January – 12 April

March

3	Hadlow to Harbour
5-6	3-Way Interviews
8	Assembly
8	Junior tabloid Sports
10	School Fair
14	Police Fitness Challenge
22	Assembly

April

2	Duffy Theatre (11am)
5	Assembly
12	Teacher Only Day

HAS YOUR CHILD LOST THEIR HELMET?

There are 6 helmets in the office waiting for their owners. If your child has lost their helmet please check the office.