

# TIMARU SOUTH SCHOOL



*Year 7/8's at the Ripa Rugby competition last Friday.*

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## From the Principal

Whakatauki of the Month  
**He aroha whakato**  
**He aroha puta mai**

*If kindness is sown  
Then kindness you shall receive*

Kia ora koutou

Today's whakatauki is a pertinent one for this time of year. The lighter evenings (which make it harder to sleep), unpredictable weather and tiredness at the end of year can make children a little more emotional. Another Principal I spoke to calls this time of year Madvember!

However if we all remember to treat each other with kindness we can look forward to an enjoyable end of term.

Just a reminder that we have teacher only day next Friday.

This Friday the Home & School are running the Term 4 disco. It begins at 6pm, and ends at 7:30pm. Students are not to be at school before this time please as there will be no supervision.

Athletics is planned for Monday 25th November.

Years 3-8 will be leaving school at 8:30am on this day, by bus.

Events run from 9am until approximately 2pm. Children rotate around various events throughout the day. The exact timetable is fluid, changing as results come in! Years 1 & 2 will leave school at 10:20am by bus. More detailed info will come home on Monday.

Over the Christmas holidays the YMCA programme will be run in the school hall. It runs from 8:30am until 5pm. As they use our facilities we are allowed to have some of our children participate. If your child might be interested let me know.

**Planning for 2020 is underway**, and we have some exciting changes.

To reduce our class numbers we will be moving into three learning teams; this also reflects the growing roll here.

Our junior team will be led by Mrs Haley, and will comprise of our Year 1 & 2 students.

Our middle team will be led by Mrs O'Sullivan. This team will have our Years 3-5. The senior team will continue to be led by Miss Dunbar who won't be teaching in a specific classroom next year. These three classrooms will be Year 6/7/8 composite rooms.

We will also be changing our team and classroom names. More info on this will come shortly.

Sadly we have Miss Lang and Mrs Liddy moving on next year. In their place we have Miss Jessica Jackson-White taking over in Rm 6 with a Year 4/5 class.

We also welcome two new staff; Miss Rebekah Smith and Mrs Karen Scott. Both will be taking one of our senior rooms. Miss Smith joins us from Clearview Primary in Christchurch, with Mrs Scott joining us from St Josephs in Pleasant Point. Both come highly recommended and have proven to run great classroom programmes.

These changes will see some movement in where students learn, with many of the year 2 students remaining in the junior block. It will also allow us to offer a wider range of learning opportunities next year.

Staff are currently putting class groups together for next year, and we hope to have a "Meet the Teacher" morning soon for children to talk with their 2020 teacher. Kia ora koutou

Noho ora mai  
Brandon

### **School Disco tomorrow Friday 15 November**

Come along wearing your beach gear, ready to chill out in the sunshine and dance the night away at our Tropical Beach themed school disco this Friday, 6-7.30pm in the school hall.

Entry is a gold coin donation please for the Home and School Committee, who provide funds to school for a variety of purchases.

Children should not be arriving at school until 6pm and must be dropped off to the hall and picked up from the hall by an adult promptly at 7.30pm please. We ask that you please help us to ensure the safety of your children. See you there!!

## **Timaru South School Mini Fair**

**Thursday 5th December 1pm**

**BOOKS &  
TOYS**

**BBQ**

*Hot Chips*

**Games**

**& Lots  
more**



This is a fundraiser for the 2020 Year 7 & 8 camp. We would love donations of baking, books & toys!

## **BASKETBALL**

### **Years 5 and 6**

This week the Aces lost 15 - 8 against Bluestone.  
Player of the Day Jack Flanagan.

Tuesday 19 November, 7.30pm South Aces vs TPS Tigers.  
Duty team for 8pm game.

### **Years 3 and 4**

Monday 18 November, 5pm Court 1 South Magic vs St Jos PP Tornadoes

## **TOUCH RUGBY**

4.35pm South Steelers vs CDS 7 Red, Field 1.

## **TEE BALL**

U9 Tee Ball 4pm- 4.45pm  
Point Penguins v Timaru South Tigers Dia 6



## **RIPPA RUGBY COMPETITION**

On an extremely hot and sunny day last Friday, we hosted our first ever Rugby World Cup Rippa Rugby competition.

This fantastic event was run by Caro Rhodes (South Canterbury Rugby) and Reegan O'Gorman (Heartland team) along with TBHS students. Students had a variety of experience and confidence with Rippa Rugby however quickly picked up the rules of the game and some new players showed their skills and potential. Teams included the semi finalists from RWC namely New Zealand, Wales, England and South Africa. Well done to all those involved especially Caro and her team.

Caro posted the following on the South Canterbury rugby Facebook site:

"Timaru South World Cup Day!! What a day with Canada the winning country, well suited as we had our Heartland Rugby helper Reegan from Canada helping for the day.

Kids laughed, helped each other and enjoyed the day. The improvement was huge throughout the games.

Well done to teachers for organising and our TBHS boys for refereeing, Ben Goldingham, Brad Murray, Will Talbot, Mase Herbert-Renshaw. Timaru boys played against the winning team finishing a great day.



## Hand, foot and mouth disease

We have had some cases of children with Hand, foot and mouth disease.

Anyone can get hand, foot and mouth disease, but it is most common in children under 10. Preschool children tend to get sicker.

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease, they'll have painful sores in their mouth and a rash with blisters on their hands and feet.

Human hand, foot and mouth disease is not related to foot and mouth disease in animals.

Hand, foot and mouth disease appears most often in warm weather – usually in the summer or early autumn.

The only medicine recommended for hand, foot and mouth disease is paracetamol. Make sure they drink plenty of liquids to avoid getting dehydrated.

Most blisters disappear without causing problems. In the mouth, however, some may form shallow, painful sores that look similar to cold sores. If your child's mouth is sore, don't give them sour, salty or spicy foods.

## Junior Athletics (Years 1 and 2)

Year 1 and 2 students will be taking part in our **Junior Athletics Competition** on **Monday 25 November** (postponement date 27.11.2019) at Aorangi Stadium.

Children are required to wear their house t-shirt/colours and suitable footwear for the day please. They must have hats and plenty of water to drink. Please apply sunblock to your child before they come to school, and we will also ensure that we have some available during the afternoon. Children will need a packed lunch, and it is a good idea to put a little extra food in, as they tend to get quite hungry!

The bus for children will leave school at 10.20am. The bus will depart the stadium at around 1.30pm and return to school.

The activities for the Junior children will begin at 11am on the grass inside the running track. The children will then eat their lunch at approximately 12pm on the bank inside the stadium. At 12.30pm the sprint events will begin on the back straight of the running track.

If you are intending to take your child home directly from the stadium, or remain to watch an older sibling after the events, **please ensure that you let your child's teacher know** that you are doing so before you leave. We need to account for all children in our classes before departing the stadium.



Many thanks, Junior Syndicate Teachers

# **SUPPORT STAFF MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

## **Who are school support staff?**

- We're on the frontline of student support
- We work with children who have the most complex learning needs
- We're the glue that holds schools together
- We're dedicated and love making a difference in children's lives
- We're experienced and skilled

## **What's the problem?**

- The system is broken.
  - Support staff are crucial to our schools, but we're not treated that way – we're undervalued, underpaid and have insecure employment
  - 90% of teacher aides are paid below the Living Wage and two-thirds are on fixed term contracts
  - Many of us have to hold down multiple jobs
  - We're supporting the children of Aotearoa, but many of us can't support our own families
- What do we want?
- What we do has value. We just want to be valued too.
  - All we want is fair pay and a secure, sustainable job
  - The government has been dragging its heels on fixing the issue. We need them to act urgently.
  - We need a pay equity settlement for teacher aides by Christmas and concrete timelines for other support staff.
  - Support staff and our schools need certainty. We need the government to fix this now.

## **The week of action**

- This is about us making noise in our communities and getting the government's attention. We'll be talking to other school staff, parents, media and MPs. We'll be getting loud because we need this fixed now.

If parents want to help in our Fair's Fair campaign please go to

<https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/support-staff/open-letter/>

## **Room 11 love their Teacher Aides!**

I like how Melissa does correspondence with me. I like that she lets me print stuff. I like how she does maths, spelling and writing with me. She gets me to do my work. I think she's funny, crazy and smiley. -Alex Henderson

She helps me with maths, reading. She always smiles and she's funny. She always helps me. - Mac Faalupega

Melissa is caring and she's really helpful - Rachel Poulsen

Jackie is caring and lovely. I think she's pretty. - Rachel Poulsen

# Is there an autistic child in your life?

Come to our FREE workshop  
for family/whānau and professionals



- 6pm Welcome from Altogether Autism
- 6.30pm Workshop: Kids do well if they can
- 8pm Light refreshments and networking
- 9pm Finish

## Facilitated by

Catherine Trezona, national manager  
Joanne Lawless, PRISM autism  
specialist facilitator



Catherine Trezona



Joanne Lawless

## 'Kids do well if they can'

Drawing from Dr Ross Greene's collaborative and proactive solutions approach

**Tuesday 26 November 2019**

**Oamaru Opera House • The Chambers Room**

**94 Thames Street • Oamaru**

**6pm - 9pm**

**ALTOGETHER  
AUTISM**

*Takiwātanga*

**0800 273 463**

There is no charge to attend, but please let us know  
if you are attending for catering purposes.  
Everyone is welcome.

**RSVP by Tuesday 19 November**


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**Sheryl Davies, 027 808 3949**

Out of respect to people with sensory sensitivities, please avoid wearing perfume, deodorant and other strong smells.  
We would also appreciate if you could keep your phone on silent.



## Super South Students For 28 October - 8 November 2019

Room 1	Kian Faolua Nova Summer	Room 4	Evie Willis Harry Laurie
Room 6	Hunter Duggan Mason Norton	Room 7	Liam Hastie Ocean O'Leary-Torr
Room 8	Xzaviah Ruddle Millie Chamberlain	Room 9	Naki Nawalu Dylan MacDonald-McAleer
Room 10	Maria-Moana Kaui Zayden Brundell	Room 11	Asha Haley Denvah Peters
Room 12	Melody Donehue Kaylib Brundell	<div style="text-align: center;"> 4R's Trophy   Hayze McGrath </div> 	

## Calendar Term 4 2019

**November**

15	Disco
22	Teacher Only Day
25	Athletic Sports
27	Athletics postponement

**December**

5	Mini Fair
6	Junior Fun Day
9	Year 8 Dinner
11	Prize giving
12	Last day of school

Yesterday was World Kindness Day and Room 8 wrote about being kind. This is Olivia Howes story.

I am a kind kid. I offer to help when someone needs help. I listen to the teacher. I gave good manners.  
Kindness is my superpower.

*By Olivia Howes, age 6*

