

Welcome back to Term 3 😊

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau e hoa ma

It's great to be back in action with the ākonga /students onsite. Thank you for getting them ready for learning after the break, as most seem well rested and with plenty of energy and enthusiasm. We know that new learning is embedded during sleep, and that missing this means the previous days work is largely wasted. Here are some [children's sleep tips](#) from Otago University.

I previously shared key dates to be mindful of through Hero, and an invitation to attend a free session aimed at helping whanau support their children in the online world so many are immersed in. This information is repeated in this newsletter / panui too. While children today are struggling with how to healthily use the internet, I have noted that many younger parents are starting to give their children much clearer boundaries. This gives me hope that we can break the cycle that has blighted so many children over the last 5 – 10 years. Parents – be strong!

Over the Term break, the Board had the admin block repainted inside and it's looking really 'fresh'. This completes their modernisation of these areas having replaced the remaining wooden framed windows last Term. We are now ready to focus on the replacement of the junior school buildings – Rooms 7,8,9,10. This exciting project is moving into the planning stage and hopefully the Board will have details to share by the beginning of Term 4. The project will be funded by the Diocese using property funds given to them by the Government supplemented by some of the Attendance Dues whanau pay. Watch this space!

Ngā mihi
Dave



Prayer

Lord, Your Word says I am your beloved child, living under Your watchful care.
The Bible says You promise to show me steadfast love and faithfulness all the
days of my life. You are my Shepherd and Guide. You will make a way for me.
Be with me always.

Amen

Faith Facts

The Bible:

The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of our daily prayer lives. Reading the inspired words of the Bible helps us to grow deeper in our relationship with God. Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that the Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).



Religious Education Programme:

This term we focus on the 'Te Rongopai – Good News' theme of our Religious Education Programme, "Tō Tātou Whakapono – Our Faith":

Rooms 10 and 9: Stories about Jesus – meeting Jesus.

Rooms 8, 5 and 4: Stories about Jesus – understanding that Jesus was a real person who lived a long time ago.

Rooms 3 and 2: Stories and Messages of Jesus – exploring the parables that Jesus told and the ways that Jesus prayed.

Rooms 1 and 13: Stories Jesus Knew – learning key stories from the Old Testament which teach us how to be in good relationships with others and with God.

Rooms 12 and 11: Exploring the Bible – developing an understanding of how the Bible is structured and why it was put together.

Information about the Programme can be found at: www.totatouwhakapono.nz

Friday 9.15am Mass at the Basilica:

24th July: Rooms 8 & 2 will attend Mass.

31st July: Rooms 4 & 12 will attend Mass.



Jubilate Concert:

Thursday 30th July at the Basilica. This is one of a series of free concerts that have been taking place across the Diocese, led by Ken Joblin (Sacred Music Director for our Diocese).

All Catholic Schools across South Canterbury will be participating in the concert, as well as items from our Parish choir. The concert begins at 6pm and will last about an hour. Please come along!

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation Programme begins on Sunday, 6 September with a meeting in the Parish Centre (behind Sacred Heart Basilica). All those from Year 8 and above are eligible to be confirmed. Enrolment forms will be emailed to all eligible families and can be completed online. A parent information sheet about the programme will accompany the online form. Paper forms are available in St Thomas' Church foyer and Sacred Heart side porch. Enrolments need to be in before Friday, 28 August. The young people will be confirmed on Sunday, 1st of November at the 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica.

Student Sickness

With Winter upon us, there are a number of different illnesses around. If your child is miserable or unwell, please keep them home until they are well.

A reminder that if your child has a vomiting bug, they can return to school 48 hours after the last episode.

We have these rules in place to keep everyone well, including the teachers and other students.
Thank you.

Notifying us of Student Absences

Our Student Attendance data is being monitored closely by The Ministry of Education, and we are required to follow-up on regular student absence. If your child is absent from school, please inform us of the reason for absence via the HERO app or text the School Cell – 027 369 0947.

If your child is well, but has a Dr or Dental appointment, they are expected to attend school after their appointment. Please contact the Office to discuss.

Second Hand Uniforms Wanted

With the school holidays having just been, maybe you took the opportunity to have a clean out.

If you have any school uniform items (in good condition) that you would like to donate to us, these would be greatly appreciated. Particularly smaller sizes.

We pass these on to families in need. Thank you.



Important Dates

28 July	Ski Trip – Year 6, 7 & 8
30 July	Jubilate Concert 6pm in the Basilica
3 August	Year 5/6 Football Festival
4 August	Year 7/8 Football Festival
13 August	Feast of the Assumption
14 August	Marist Cup (Year 5-8 sports exchange with St Joseph's Timaru)
17 August	Parent Conferences 3.30pm – 6.30pm
19 August	Parent Conferences 3.30pm – 6.30pm
19 August	Board of Trustees Meeting
21 August	Non-uniform Day (in support of the Missions)
25 August	School Photo Day
13 Sept	Whole School Mass 9am in the Basilica







Scan now
to register



**Tāima
Kōrero
Time
2 Talk**

Timaru District Council and
Te Rito South Canterbury presents:

KEEPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE ONLINE.

For parents and caregivers
of 3-18 year olds.



WED 9 SEP, 7PM
THURS 10 SEP, 10AM

Life Church Timaru. Free entry.

ENCOUNTERING GOD

A PARISH MISSION WITH
FR. DOMINIC SULTANA



SACRED HEART BASILICA — TIMARU —



SUNDAY, 26 JULY

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass & Homily
5:00 p.m. Holy Mass & Homily



**SACRED HEART
PARISH CENTRE**

MONDAY, 27 JULY | 7:00–8:30 P.M.



**ALLOWING OURSELVES
TO BE LOVED BY
THE GOD**

Discover the transforming
power of God's unconditional
love and learn how His love
gives meaning, healing,
and hope.

WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY | 7:00–8:30 P.M.



**EMPOWERED TO LIVE
GOD'S PLAN FOR ME**

Every Christian has a unique
mission. Discover how God
calls ordinary people to
become signs of His love
in the world.

ST THOMAS' CHURCH — TIMARU —



SATURDAY, 25 JULY

6:00 p.m.
Holy Mass and Homily



SUNDAY, 26 JULY

10:30 a.m.
Holy Mass & Homily



TUESDAY, 28 JULY

Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass



**LEAVING A LEGACY
OF FAITH**

A relaxed morning reflection
over coffee on passing on faith,
wisdom, and hope to future
generations.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH — WAIMATE —



SUNDAY, 26 JULY

2:00–4:00 p.m.



**GOD'S LOVE AND
OUR MISSION**

An inspiring afternoon
exploring how God's love
transforms our lives and
sends us to share His love
with others.



ABOUT FR. DOMINIC

Fr. Dominic Sultana is a Catholic priest from Malta,
retreat preacher, spiritual director, and founder of God Mediation.
He has led parish missions, retreats, and seminars internationally,
helping people encounter Christ, experience healing, and
discover their God-given purpose through practical and
engaging formation.



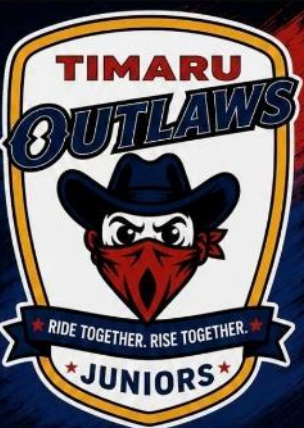
SCAN TO LEARN MORE

“Come, encounter God. Be transformed. Live His mission.”

WIN A FREE FAMILY SUB!

We've created a new official Facebook page for the Timaru Outlaws JRL, and we'd love your support as we grow it 🌟🌟

TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD, WE'RE RUNNING A FREE FAMILY SUB COMPETITION!



TO ENTER:

- LIKE THIS PAGE
- SHARE THIS POST
- TAG A FRIEND IN THE COMMENTS
- BE REGISTERED VIA THIS LINK BEFORE 8 AUGUST ➔

REGISTER HERE:

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/310704>

BONUS ENTRY:

RETURN ANY TIMARU OUTLAWS UNIFORM FROM PREVIOUS YEARS - NO QUESTIONS ASKED!



UNIFORMS CAN BE RETURNED:

- ON MUSTER DAY - 19 JULY
- OR MESSAGE THIS PAGE TO ARRANGE A PICKUP

COMPETITION CLOS:

8 AUGUST

WINNER ANNOUNCED:

10 AUGUST

THANKS FOR HELPING US RECONNECT WITH OUR OUTLAWS WHĀNAU AND KEEP THINGS TIDY FOR THE SEASONS AHEAD.

GOOD LUCK! 🙌🙌

THIS COMPETITION IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH OR ENDORSED BY FACEBOOK.

TIMARU OUTLAWS JRL

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!



MUSTER DAY

SUNDAY
19TH OF JULY
ASHBURY PARK
RAILWAY/OCEAN END
SOUTH EAST CORNER
1.30PM

BRING BOOTS AND MOUTHGUARD
COACHES WILL RUN A SHORT
NON CONTACT GROUP TRAINING
GEAR SIZING ON THE DAY!

REGISTRATIONS

REGISTER ONLINE



SEASON STARTS

SATURDAY
15 AUGUST
RUNS FOR 6 WEEKS

REGISTRATION FEES

- ★ \$30 FOR THE FIRST CHILD
- ★ \$55 FOR A FAMILY WITH 2 OR MORE CHILDREN

OPTION TO BUY A TRAINING TEE AND/OR SHORTS

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- ✓ BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME
- ✓ ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME
- ✓ NEW PLAYERS ENCOURAGED!

THANKS FOR HELPING US RECONNECT WITH OUR OUTLAWS WHĀNAU AND KEEP THINGS TIDY FOR THE SEASONS AHEAD.

RIDE TOGETHER. RISE TOGETHER.







SUPPORT LOCAL. GROW FUTURES. BUILD LEGENDS.
*** PARTNER WITH THE TIMARU OUTLAWS AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY. ***

Tongan Language Week: 16 - 22 Aug.

Polokalama Uike Lea Fakatonga 🇳🇵

Sun 16: Pō Lotu (Opening 5pm)

Mon 17 - Fri 21 Schools' Celebration.

Fri 21st Aug at Caroline Bay Hall

12:00: Doors Open

12:30 Prog start

- Schools Performances
- Food Stalls

3:30 - Program finishes

All are welcome!









mrs A's
music school

BUS BAND



- We have all the equipment and instruments on board. You get to experience Keyboards, Ukelele, Guitar, Bass, Drums and Singing. You can try a few instruments before you settle on one.
- It's in school time, Primary school students pop out of class for 30 minutes per week and for the first few terms in a group minimum 3 maximum 6.
- As students become more competent it will be time to advance to one to one lessons at the studio after school.

Igniting musical passion and fun

GROUP LESSONS

INSTRUMENTS PROVIDED

VARIETY OF GENRES



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