

Have you completed your Swimming Consent Form?

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau / greetings family

We are feeling grateful that our Year 8s got to camp last week as Banks Peninsula has received a confronting amount of rain over the last 48 hours. While we were there, the weather was very good, and it was a great camp experience. This week our Year 6s are based at Peel Forest and their forecast is for excellent camp conditions. I'm looking forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

I want to draw your attention to the fact that all ākonga (learners) are swimming later this Term and that CBay require your permission for them to take part. They have set a hard deadline for the return of parent permission, and those who miss it will stop their child swimming. The consent form link was emailed through Hero yesterday and here it is again for your convenience - <https://www.cbaytimaru.co.nz/swim-school/swim-school-consent>.

Today is Ash Wednesday in the Catholic calendar and we took our seniors to Mass to receive the ashes. Father Tang (pronounced 'tongue') reminded them of the three actions we are all encouraged to do in Lent – pray more, fast (give something up), and alms giving (give to the poor). It would be great if you discussed these at home to reinforce the message as we all work towards the miracle of Easter.

Finally, if your contact details have changed recently, please let our friendly Office team know.

Ngā mihi
Dave



Today we celebrated Ash Wednesday –
Our Year 4, 5, 7 & 8 students attended Mass in the Basilica this morning.

Ash Wednesday Prayer:

Loving and compassionate God, teach us to show love and mercy to each other. As we begin our journey through Lent, inspire us to be generous and kind. Through our joy, patience and charity, may we help to build a better world. Amen.

Ash Wednesday and Lent.

Wednesday 18th February is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and penance before Easter, symbolising mortality and repentance as followers receive ashes (from last year's Palm Sunday palms) on their foreheads, often with the words "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return," urging spiritual renewal and turning towards God.

First Communion Programme:

All children who have been baptised and are aged 8 at the beginning of the school year are eligible to make their First Communion. Families of children baptised in our Parish of Holy Family, Timaru, will be sent an online enrolment form.

Paper copies of the form are available in the porch at the Basilica and the foyer of St. Thomas' Church. Enrolments need to be returned by Friday 27th February.



Every student. Every day.

Student Absences

A reminder to please notify the **School Office** of your child's absence **before 9am** that day. This can be done through your **HERO** app or by sending a text to the Office cell phone – 027 369 0947. We are currently unable to clear any voicemails on the absence line, so please use the **HERO App or Text**. Unexplained absences will be recorded on your child's attendance record.

Whole School Swimming – Important Information

During the last two weeks of this Term, all students will receive water safety lessons at the CBay swimming complex.

For health and safety reasons, you are required to give permission before your child can join the lessons.

CBAY have a "no consent - no swim" policy and do not make exceptions. When you fill in the form, please do not overestimate your child's ability, as it is better to be moved to a higher group (easily done) than potentially be put in a situation that is not safe. The form link is below.

All consent forms are due back before 5pm Thursday 19/03/2026.

[Water Skills for Life Consent Form | Caroline Bay Pool](#)

Tuckshop Pricelist – Weds, Thurs & Fri Only

- Wraps chicken salad/ham salad \$4.00 half
\$5.50 whole
- Sandwiches – Ham & cheese \$5.00
 - Chicken or ham salad
 - Chicken & mayo
 - Bacon, lettuce & tomato
- Pork Riblet Sub with cheese and bbq sauce \$5.50
- Ham & cheese toastie \$4.50
- Open toastie spaghetti & cheese or cheese & bacon \$3.00
- American hotdog, cheese & tomato sauce \$4.50
- Nachos with beans, cheese & sour cream \$5.50
- Burgers Chicken, beef or vegetarian, with cheese, tomato sauce & coleslaw \$5.50
- Sausage roll x 2 \$3.00
- Pasta salad \$4.00
- Ham, cheese & tomato croissant \$4.50
- Chicken Sushi (4 piece) \$4.50
- Bacon egg quiche \$4.00
- Brownie \$3.50



CAN YOU HELP? RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!



**Sacred Heart Primary School
QUIZ NIGHT | 18 MARCH 2026**

Kia ora Sacred Heart whānau!

Our Quiz night fundraiser is coming up soon, and we are on the hunt for raffle and auction prize donations to help make the night a big success!

Popular donations include:



- Gift vouchers
- Treats & goodies (eg, chocolate, wine)
- Products and services
- Sports equipment

**Anything you think would make a great raffle prize.
All prizes big or small are appreciated!**

Please drop prizes into the school office by the 13 March

Any questions please contact:

scg@sacredhearttim.school.co.nz

**Thank you for your generosity in
supporting our school!**



Living Springs Camp 2026



LEARN TO SPEEDSKATE

INLINE SPEED SKATING BEGINNERS COURSE

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026

Where: SC Roller Sports Club on Marine Parade.

When: Sundays at 10am

Cost: \$3 per session (first session free)

Who: Anyone 5 and up

You can use your own skates or borrow a pair of ours. Bring long socks, a helmet and a drink bottle



Weather permitting - If it's wet, we will start on the 22nd
For more information - Contact Cheryl on 021 026 26277



Reporting incidents to Police for Educational Facilities

Guidance for when and how to report incidents.



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POLICE
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CALL 111 FOR EMERGENCIES

WHEN?

- ▶ Is it happening now or about to happen?
- ▶ Is somebody's safety at risk?
- ▶ Is property being damaged?

You need an Emergency Police response to an event.

USE 105 FOR POLICE NON-EMERGENCIES

WHEN?

- ▶ Has it already happened?

You need non-urgent Police attendance.

You need to notify us of an offence or incident for follow up by **calling 105.**

Incidents can be reported online at 105.police.govt.nz

OTHER SUPPORT

NETSAFE

- ▶ 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723)
- ▶ help@netsafe.org.nz
- ▶ netsafe.org.nz
- ▶ Text 'Netsafe' to 4284

CRIMESTOPPERS

- ▶ 0800 555 111
- ▶ crimestoppers-nz.org



EMAIL OR TEXT / CALL

EMAIL

When you want to contact your local School Community Officer (SCO)

- ▶ For Early Intervention notifications to Police, suspension or incident worth noting by Police Youth Services.
- ▶ For notifying of issues or incidents being experienced that you would like assistance or general advice about.
- ▶ Organising meetings.

TEXT / CALL

- ▶ Call your local SCO / Youth Aid Service (YAS) Officers to seek general advice, organise meetings or arrange SCO programmes.

Our SCO or contact at Police is:

[Deb Gested](mailto:Deb.Gested)

Ph: [021 192 1382](tel:0211921382)



NOTIFY OTHER AGENCIES

When you feel an incident requires one of these services:

ORANGA TAMARIKI

- ▶ Complete a Report of Concern (ROC).
- ▶ Is a child/young person's safety at risk?
- ▶ Is a child/young person experiencing or witnessing Family Harm at home?

Call: **0508 326 459**

Or schools only: **0508 332 774**

Email: contact@ot.govt.nz

EMERGENCY DHB MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS TEAM (CRS* TEAM)

- ▶ Is a child/young person self harming or suicidal? Dial **111** and contact CRS team.

Lifeline's Suicide Crisis Helpline: **0508 TAUTOKO (0508 828 865)**, or visit lifeline.org.nz/services

If there is immediate risk, dial **111**

*Crisis Response Service



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2. Register in person at 34 Church St:

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- 10am-12pm March 1st
- 5-7pm March 5th
- 9am-11am March 7th

\$50 per player
\$25 for each sibling



CELTIC RUGBY

JAB REGISTRATION

Monday Feb 23rd

5:30 - 7pm

&

Wednesday Feb 25th

5:30 - 7pm

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Grief and Loss Peer Support Programme

Oceans grief and loss is a peer support programme supporting people who are missing people in their lives. Grief from death, separation or changes in our lives can last a long time and sometimes it helps to be able to share our journey with others.

During the six (adults) to eight (children) week length of the facilitated programme people find support, strengths and encouragement in sharing and learning from each other.

“Grief is like the Ocean; it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes it is calm and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim”. Vicki Harrison

Check out further information and register on
anglicancare.org.nz

Contact Alexia, Oceans grief and loss coordinator

Text/phone: 0274 OCEANS (623267)

Email: oceans@anglicancare.org.nz

Note: There is a \$20 commitment fee to assist with related costs



DANCE

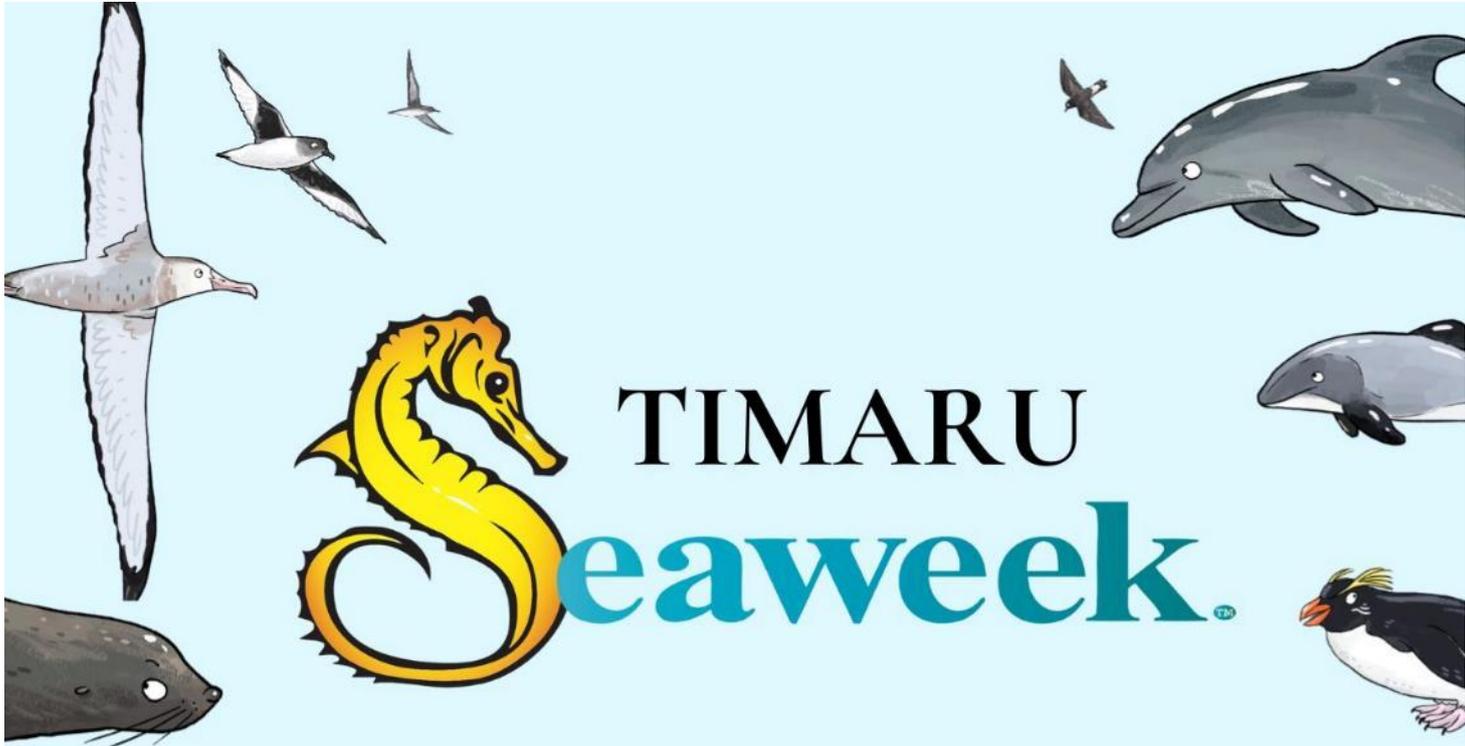
CLASSES

B.B.S.D.

Email bronzbeat2022@gmail.com for more information. Spaces available for most Introductory Level Classes.



BRONZBEAT STUDIO OF DANCE



TIMARU Seaweek.

Sat 28 Feb – Sun 8 March

Community
events
timetable:



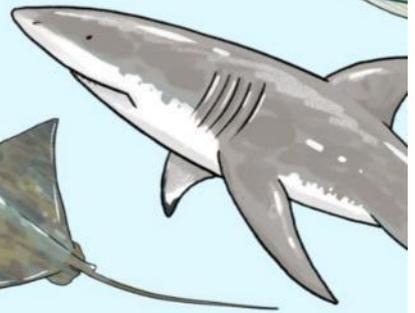
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