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Growing in Wisdom and Stature Stand and be Confident

Tena koutou,

I have had conversations with people who ask me if I am bored in Mark's role – referring to being out of the classroom. My response is that I don't have time to be bored – there is always something new and challenging just around the corner!

One area which has been particularly challenging has been around words and actions used in all manner of places that are not honouring – either to God, others or in fact, the speaker's own reputation. This is something I am particularly saddened by. In James chapter 1 we are reminded to 'be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.' I was once told that God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason – twice as much listening as speaking. And then in Romans ch 12 from the Message: 'Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognise what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.' Can I ask that as a school community we look at the intent of these passages, personally, with our whanau, and within our school community. God's word is meant to be something that challenges us to reflect upon our own practice and draw us closer to Him. As I have pondered what I feel God saying to me, my conscience has been prodded. It seems more and more, that people in society are very quick to criticise without having all the relevant information, and are easily led by their emotive state instead of taking time to consider the impact of their words and actions on others. Not only am I seeing this in school, but even at the highest levels of our nation's leadership, which means we need to stand, and be confident that we are setting a Christ centred example to others, when face to face, in written pieces, on social media, and so on.

I'm pretty sure you will have noticed the amazing job a parent has done, in their own time, on the Kiss and Go area. On your behalf, I'm passing on a massive vote of thanks to the parent concerned. I'm also passing on a plea that we keep to the speed limit posted at the entry. Not only does it show respect for other parking space users, especially our tamariki (children), but also, to the work done on the road surface. A slower speed really will support the reworked road surface. Thanks in advance.

This week we have had the teacher strikes – an event that has not happened in a long time. I really do appreciate the fact that it was incredibly difficult for many of you to rearrange your work and childcare arrangements. My hope is that such a massive call for action will not need to be repeated for a long time!

On Friday, we have our teacher only day. It is always so worthwhile to have time to look at our practice and as a full school, establish new ideas that will enhance the educational opportunities of our school.

A reminder too, that on Monday, school is closed due to Queen's Birthday.

Our Middle School have two very exciting overseas trips ahead of them – one group travelling to China in July, and another group going to Rarotonga at the end of term 3. These are amazing opportunities for our young people to be immersed in different cultures for a short period of time, and our Rarotonga group will be helping with the YWAM team there running a holiday programme, so an excellent chance to share their love and knowledge of Jesus with others. Thank you for supporting these people in their fundraising.

Finally, a massive thank you to our Board of Trustees. This year Matt Parker as a parent representative, and Ruth Richardson as a staff rep, are stepping down from their roles on the board. The collective wisdom of this group and the sacrificial giving of their time to attend meetings, address areas of policy, and ensure the school continues to maintain an excellent standard of God honouring, and Bible based education whilst also preparing our pupils for the world of today. Matt and Ruth, we thank you and honour you, and your family, for your commitment to this group.

Following the recent elections, we have the following new member, Zhu Hui Lam to work alongside the other parent representatives who have remained on the board Andrew Henderson, Simon-Pierre Mbonyinshuti, Matthew Pratt & Mark Peters along with Mandy Cleave, Judith Bullin, Mark Larson as Proprietor representatives.

Have a wonderful weekend, and stay dry as the weather is apparently going to change from summer to winter overnight almost.

Kaye Lawn, Acting Principal

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Year 4-6 Camp - Hanmer Springs

The Year 5/6 students had a fabulous three days at Hanmer Springs Camp. They participated in a range of activities that were challenging and enjoyable. We were so proud of the way all the students behaved, participated and worked together. It was so great to see children interacting with those outside of their normal peer groups and there were plenty of new friendships formed over our time together. Our year group has been strengthened and have made many memories to last a lifetime.



I enjoyed going to the hot pools. It was awesome to swim with my friends. - Grace M



My highlight was getting to try new activities. I learnt helpful bush skills and can now make a bivouac! - Harrison



My highlight was orienteering. I learnt how to read a map and my team were great at encouraging one another. - Caleb O



I loved mission impossible. My team learnt to communicate with one another to complete the challenges. - Celine W



I loved the food. The flavours were delicious. Mrs Harrison is a great chef! - Joshua S

Year 4-6 Camp - Hanmer Springs

Charlotte L Recount:

I woke up to my alarm, only seeing a grey, cloudy morning. But for some strange, abnormal reason i felt like i might start floating in the air with joy. Then it struck me as fast and as clearly as daylight. I was going on year 5/6 camp! I raced out to the dining area, and gobbled up my breakfast. Then i slipped into my clothes, i brushed my hair, double checked everything and stumbled into the car.

Once at school, i slammed all my bags down at the hall and ran off to the Kowhai shared space. After what seemed like forever, we finally leapt into the cars and drove off. While we were driving I gazed at the scenery and started thinking about how amazing God was. Then out of nowhere the car jolted to a halt at Amberly beach. We all jumped out to gobble up morning tea! Eventually we got back on the road and headed to Hanmer. I was so excited. I walked out of the car and tried to take everything in. It was nothing like i expected it to be. Instead of hot pools, i saw trees, flowers and different types of plantation.

We then met on the damp, muddy grass and were sent on our first rotation of activities. We trudged up the hills and stopped at a flat area to do bush skills. We were all supposed to make a hut that would keep us dry and warm, though i don't think mine would! After that we headed back to camp, had dinner and got ready for the night walk. As we travelled through the dark together, we looked up at the memorising stars and sung worship songs.

The following day we began by doing orienteering. I found it quite fun, even though i almost got lost. Next i went to mission impossible. It was exceedingly fun to work out the puzzles and watch my theories fail. After all these activities i was ready for a good rest. The next few hours flew by and before i knew it our time at camp was over. We had an amazing time together and made many memories.



School App



The school app is now available to download.

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Homestay Families

If you have a spare room in a warm and loving home, we would love for you to consider sharing your family with an International student in 2020. These students will be studying at ACS for part of the school year and require an english speaking home to live in. Length of stay is likely to be no more than one month and families are well reimbursed.

Please prayerfully consider this, and if it interests you, contact int.admin@acs.aidanfield.school.nz.



We have a number of children in our school who are severely allergic to peanuts. To support them can we please ask that you do not put things like peanut butter sandwiches, nut museli bars etc in your child's lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Community News

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We provide a warm, caring environment with structured sessions:

morning (8:30-12)
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full day (8:30-3:30)

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2 DRUM

...or not to drum?



Does your son or daughter want to learn how to play the drums?

Drum Tuition (in school)

Graham Thomson

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