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Growing in Wisdom and Stature Stand and be Confident

Kia ora Aidanfield whanau

Just like that the term comes to an end! Although it has not been 'just like that' at all. This term has been a particularly busy one in the life of the school. Not the least of the events has been the shifting of almost all our classes into new rooms in the middle part of the year, a first in my teaching experience!

Thank you for your patience and flexibility around the early finishes this week and the understanding required to let the organisational things happen. It has been disruptive but we now have a school full of settled classes in their new rooms and next term will start with no disruption at all. Having said this I know of multiple people who are praying for snow days next term where the school is closed. On that we will need to wait and see!

Developing our property

If you haven't joined the discussion on the schools Facebook page about ideas for the next stage of property development then please do. There are a range of ideas. All of them are worthwhile. The BOT and our proprietor will capture all of these and work out a priority order for consideration. Some will be achieved, some are likely to be beyond us and some are outside of our control (for example, the land in front of the school belongs to the Council not the school, it is reserve land and we have no say on it at all – even down to when it is mowed!).

Car park

There is a group of parents who have volunteered to work in the car park next term. They will be there to remind all our parents about the rules for car park use, which way to drive, where you can not stop and drop, and speed. Please respond to their directions to help keep our kids safe and our vehicle movements organised. AND, REMEMBER THE SPEED LIMITS!!!! We still have families who feel they can drive at ridiculous speed within the school grounds. This is the one issue that stops me advocating for sealing our driveways! The pot holes make people slow down. Imagine how fast some would drive on beautifully smooth surfaces that resemble a racetrack.

Holidays

What are your plans with your children this holiday period? I know that for many families they can be a real juggle as work and family commitments hinder the chance to spend really good time with your children. Others are able to take time. Some of you are able to travel and others need to stay at home.

Can I encourage you, no matter what your situation, to do some things differently with your kids this holiday period. Focus on them in a different way. Perhaps use an evening to be family together. Play some board games, watch a DVD together, or a TV movie. Maybe microwave some popcorn and snuggle on the couch together and let the kids wake you up when you drift off in a movie they love but doesn't grab you (confessions of an aging dad here!). Go for a mid winter walk after dark or explore a local track. In some way, go out of your way to focus on them this holidays. Tell them you love them, you are proud of them. Show them you enjoy their company. Build your family memory this two weeks and as you do, reflect the love and acceptance that our heavenly father has for us. Let your kids see Jesus through the way you love them this July holiday period – that is something that doesn't require money but a commitment of time, sometimes sacrificially, but always so very worthwhile.

Grace and peace.
Mark Richardson
Principal

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New Classroom Names

As you know we have finally renamed all the rooms and blocks in the school. We considered a range of themes to build the renaming on and eventually decided on using the native trees and bushes that used to and currently still do grow in the South West of Christchurch. In this way we are reflecting on the cultural narrative (story) of the area and capturing something of our connection to the land we are on. It also reflects our Learning Tree, which we talk about a lot with our pupils. Our overriding theme is growth in Learning, Character and Purpose as we become the people God has called us to be. The image of a tree captures this idea beautifully. You may also notice the connection to our planting programme that has occurred over the last number of years as we seek to establish an excellent property for our children to learn on.

A map of where everything is can be found on this page. Each block of classrooms now has a name; Matai, Horoeke, Harakeke, Kowhai, Akiraho, Totara and Ti Kouka. There are examples of each tree planted around the blocks that are named after them. Inside each block are a number of teaching spaces and these are simply named as a number; 1, 2, 3, 4 and so on. So, Kowhai 4 is room 4 in the Kowhai block. Totara 3 is room 3 in the Totara block...easy!

Signs will go up on the outside of each block over the holidays to make the finding of the blocks easier. Map boards will go up in various places around the school in the coming month to help with directions. Each classroom doorway will have the new name on it for the start of next term. All that is needed is for each of us to remember which is which and who is where. So far I have been caught out a number of times!



New Classroom Names

Block Name	Room Name	Teachers Name	Year Level	Previous Name
Mataī	Ma1	Mrs Janice Phillips	Year 1	RmA
Mataī	Ma2	Mrs Rachel Krueger	Year 1	RmB
Mataī	Ma3	Mrs Nicola Crawford	Year 2/3	RmC
Mataī	Ma4	Learning Support Room		
Mataī	Ma5	Library		
Mataī	Ma6 (Science)	Mrs Colleen Willard	Year 10 Whanau	
Horoeka	Ho1	Mr Andy Bibby	Year 1	RmD
Horoeka	Ho2	Shared space		
Horoeka	Ho3	Mrs Anna MacGregor	Year 1	RmE
Harakeke	Ha1	Options/International		RmL
Kowhai	Ko1	Mrs Sharon Burt/ Mrs Nikki McAven	Year 2/3	RmK
Kōwhai	Ko2	Shared space		
Kōwhai	Ko3	Miss Naomi Skelton	Year 2/3	RmJ
Kōwhai	Ko4	Mr Lyndon McIntosh	Year 4/5	RmN
Kōwhai	Ko5	Shared space		
Kōwhai	Ko6	Miss Jody Lickfold	Year 4	RmM
Akiraho	Ak1	Maths/Options	Year 9 & 10	new building
Akiraho	Ak2	Mrs Karen Strijbis/English/ Social Studies	Year 9 & 10	new building
Akiraho	Ak 3	Learning Space		
Tōtara	To1	Miss Ruth Nixon/ Mrs Alisha Woods	Year 7 & 8	RmH
Tōtara	To2	Shared space		
Tōtara	To3	Year 7 & 8 Options	Year 7 & 8	RmI
Tī Kōuka	Ti1	Mrs Von Hamilton	Year 5/6	RmF
Tī Kōuka	Ti2	Shared space		
Tī Kōuka	Ti3	Mr Josh Harding	Year 5/6	RmG

ANZAC Day Remembrance Service



Another new experience for our ambassadors this year was their involvement in the Halswell Anzac Day Remembrance Service. This year, three of our ambassadors (Munash, Brianna H and Brianna HB) were able to attend, and on behalf of the school, lay a wreath during the service.

Once again, our school was represented well with our student leaders also able to learn some of the detail around the sacrifices made by those in the Halswell district during periods of conflict.



Stand and Be Confident



Daisy Couper Yr9 competed in her first competition for surfing and won the Under 14 girls section (she actually competed against all the U18 girls). She got second in the longboard mixed competition. Congratulations on a fantastic achievement.

Kapa Haka - Cultural Festival

Kapa Haka - Cultural Festival 2017, 14th August-18th August.

When: Tuesday 15th August 2017 (Evening Performance)

Where: Horncastle Arena

Time: Start time for the event is 6.45pm-9pm

Aidanfield Christian School are the 6th act to perform for the night

For those who have ordered tickets through the school, they will be issued at Kapa Haka Practice on the 1st of August.

PAACS

What a fabulous Disco we had! It was great to see so many of our School Community come together, dancing, playing and having a great time. Such a fantastic evening!

Thanks to everyone who participated it wouldn't have been the success it was without you!

In case your interested, PAACS does this event mainly as a community event to get everyone together, it is not necessarily a fundraiser. The cost of entry and food goes towards booking our DJ, food purchased and rental of the hall. However due to the great amount of people who came and participated we are fortunate to have raised a bit extra this year!

We have decided to donate this money towards the Art Department. The Art Department was in desperate need of a art drying rack to dry all our children's creations so we have used this money to purchase it for our school. Isn't that fantastic?! Thanks again to all of you who made our School Disco the success that it was!

