

# How to make YOUR choices count



So often the misconception around "Free Schooling" is that our school is fully funded by the government (or school fees). Aidanfield Christian School is a state integrated school. We are not a private school and because of our higher decile rating we get less money per pupil from the government than most schools. We actually need parents to help cover the costs of our 'free education' and rely on this heavily.

At Aidanfield our school attendance dues exclusively go to the Board of Proprietors who steward funds for future development of our school and also pay debt that they carry due to the building infrastructure we currently enjoy.

As you know we have a voluntary donation request at the beginning of the year (recommendation \$200 per student). This is not compulsory but highly important to maintaining everything that you currently see happening in our school. It contributes towards the cost of learning support, extension programmes, provision of laptops and ipads for all pupils (we don't ask parents to provide technology like other schools do – no Bring Your Own Device), extra sport and arts coordination, youth workers and various other aspects that flavour our school. We need the general donation to continue to provide what we currently do. The government does not provide enough to do half of what is listed above!

Compared to other schools of similar size and decile our donations are very low. We receive about \$20,000 a year from these. If everyone paid the suggested amount, we would receive \$60,000 per year. Thank you to those who have already contributed to this fund. Can we suggest if you haven't already, that you consider donating? We also acknowledge that some families budgets are very tight and you should feel no pressure to donate.

Secondly, we are no longer permitted (due to Government decisions) to invoice for activities such as camps, school trips, swimming and other one-off trips or events. Contributions to these types of activities come from parents in the form of a voluntary donation. We no longer send invoices as we did in the past for these types of activities, all we can do as a school is detail the costs involved and request a donation to activities. Again, can we encourage you to take note of notices that come home and the suggested donation amount and if you are able, contribute from that information (remember, no reminder will be sent). No child will be excluded from an activity if parents don't or can't donate.



***All donations are able to be receipted by the school and you are able to claim 1/3 back from Inland Revenue.***

As a school we are always trying to think of creative ways of generating more income so our students benefit. Late last year we started advertising Upstream. We are excited to partner with this organisation who coordinate the distribution of generous gifts from businesses within their network when you use their services.

There is no added cost to you as a consumer, and all consultations/quotes are no obligation.

This month Upstream have a promotion running for Life Insurance. If you make a no-obligation personal insurance consultation you will receive a \$30 HOYTS GIFT CARD and the BONUS offer if you implement a life insurance policy, you will be able to choose either the MONEY or the BAG - either a prezzie card or a 'treat yourself experience' to the value of your first month premium.

Upstream has 40 other suppliers you can use that directly benefits the school. Engage with the provider through the Upstream website, or mention upstream at your initial contact.

[upstreamnz.co.nz](http://upstreamnz.co.nz)

*ACS will use funding from Upstream to help pay for our pastoral support systems - in other words things that directly affect all pupils.*





# Aidanfield Christian School

## Calendar Dates 2020

Please note this is a guide only and dates are subject to change

<b>TERM 1</b>		
	10 Mar	Middle School Surf Trip (All Day)
	14 Mar	PAACS School Fair
	23 Mar - 2 April	Primary Swimming (Year 1-4)
	2 April	Learning Tree Assembly
	3 April	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
	6 - 9 April	Cultural Week
	7 Apr	Primary Whanau Fun Day
	10 Apr - 26 Apr	School Holidays
	27 April	Anzac Day Mondayised (School Closed)
<b>TERM 2</b>		
	5 May	ACS Cross Country (Postponement date 7 May)
	11 May	PAACS Mother's Day Morning Tea
	26 May	World Vision Mufti Day
	29 May	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
	1 Jun	Queens' Birthday (School Closed)
	5 - 7 June	40 Hour Famine Weekend
	8 Jun - 30 Jun	Gymnastics (Year 1-4 )
	15 - 19 Jun	Book Week
	25 or 30 Jun	Mid Year Interviews
	2 - Jul	Learning Tree Assembly
	4 - 19 Jul	School Holidays
<b>TERM 3</b>		
	28 Jul	Winter Tournament (Year 5-8) (Postponement 4 Aug)
	7 Aug	PAACS School Disco
	13 Aug	Middle School Ice Skating (to be confirmed)
	3 & 4 Sept	School Production
	8 & 9 Sept	School Photos
	15 Sept	Athletics (To Be Confirmed) (Postponement 17 Sept)
	24 Sept	Learning Tree Assembly
	26 Sept - 11 Oct	School Holidays
<b>Term 4</b>		
	26 Oct	Labour Day
	27 Oct - 6 Nov	Primary Swimming (Year 1-6)
	3 Nov	PAACS Mufti Day – Soft Toy Collection for school Fair
	13 Nov	Canterbury Anniversary (School Closed)
	2 Dec	Year 6 Celebration Day
	2 - 4 Dec	Year 9/10 Journey
	7 Dec	Prizegiving
	8 Dec	Middle School Leavers Dinner
	9 Dec	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play
	10 Dec	Learning Tree Assembly
	11 Dec	Last Day of School

South West Zones: (If your child qualifies in a sporting event to represent the school, these dates will be the dates they will compete at South West Zones). You will be notified if this is the case.

13 Mar	South West Zones Swimming
27 May	South West Zones Cross Country (Postponement 3 Jun)
4 Nov	South West Zones Athletics (To Be Confirmed) (Postponement date 11 Sept)