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Christian School

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Term 4 - Week 5, 2019

Growing in Wisdom and Stature Stand and be Confident

Kia Ora Aidanfield Whanau

There are so many things to mention in a short newsletter. Where to start?!

I have been confronted on many levels over the last year. I once thought that stewardship of the environment was outside of a biblical idea as we were heaven bound and the earth was dying. How I have changed. Stewardship of the things that are placed into our care is a very strong biblical mandate and I am surprised I missed its God given importance for so long. The Godly instruction starts right at the start of the bible in Genesis and carries on from there. As people of faith we have the responsibility to steward not only our part of the earth but the resources and places that we have at our disposal. Such stewarding happens in so many different ways. Our pupils have been involved in a range of such initiatives over the last few months.



Have you tried walking? Three of our pupils have been involved with Mrs Anne Galloway, the City Counsellor for our area and pupils from other schools. They have been considering solutions to issues in and around the

area (learning to be active stewards of our environment). This month they have taken an idea from a discussion to an outcome and they have done a great job. Making ACS families aware of the parking and paths from the Nga Puna Wai grounds to the schools back gate was a great idea. So many families enjoyed the prompt to consider the safety and freedom the open spaces offer. A coffee van was available and the weather was beautiful. For those that tried this route – well done! It is a positive thing to spend time walking

with your children and others. It reduced the parking and traffic issues outside the school and it opened up new possibilities. Given the number who tried this route, the Council will now look at forming a better path across the 'river' and the BOT will consider establishing a dry and more permanent path into the school. (Unavailable dates are 19th Nov and 4 Dec due to Nga Puna Wai onsite events).

Technology Year 8 Projects A group of Year 8 pupils have started a design project with the technology teachers at Hillmorton. They are looking to provide better scooter storage at ACS. The project involves considering the needs, the spaces and the outcome through to making and installing the solution. Another example of learning to steward the environment responsibly. We are looking forward to the outcome.



Zone Athletics Having Nga Puna Wai on our doorstep is a huge advantage to our school. Not only have we used it for our school athletics but the school zone athletic competitions are held there as well and we attended those last week. Our pupils performed really well with a number of placings in the events. Thank you to Mrs Richardson and Mrs Fairhall for their work in organising our entries.

ERO As I mentioned at the start of the term, we have hosted the Education Review Office (ERO) who were here to audit the school. They spent two days in school and interviewed a lot of people and considered a lot of systems and documents. Their verbal feedback was glowing and they found nothing that was not already in our strategic plan. Their report will be available early in 2020 for your consideration. I would like to thank the BOT and our amazing staff for their work through the years. We really do have an amazing group of professional, dedicated and



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motivated people working for the good of your children.

Upstream Please look out for the information on this new initiative. It will help you and it will help the school. It has been set up through Hope Church and allows families who need goods or services purchased through specific businesses to nominate the school who then receive donations from the business to support wellbeing initiatives in the school. For us, this will help us fund our counselling and youth worker support. Have a look and see how it might help you. Take a look at www.upstreamnz.co.nz.



More information from the school will follow.

COMING EVENTS:

Marae Trip Yr 4 Our Year 4 pupils are heading to Taumutu marae on Wednesday for the day. We are developing our relationship with Taumutu who are our local marae. The Year 4's will enjoy the day and will hear of different ways that the iwi are seeking to look after the land in their care.

ACS Triathlon By now many of our pupils will be organising their entries for the ACS triathlon which will be held (weather permitting) on 28 November. It is a great day of competition and you are welcome to come down and encourage the competitors.

Prize Giving and End of Year Don't forget – Friday December 13, Lincoln Events Centre from 5pm. We should be finished about 7.15 - 7.30 and this is the last event of the

Rarotonga Mission Trip

In the October holidays a team of six students and two teachers flew to the tropical paradise of Rarotonga. Our primary purpose was to serve at the Youth With a Mission base, by running a holiday programme for local children. This involved teaching memory verses, and leading bible studies, singing, group activities and games. We did some gardening and cleaning around the base and helped in their second-hand shop. We also had the opportunity to explore the island and attend a cultural show.

Highlights included the Cross Island Walk, working with the local children, and the Glass Bottom Boat Trip.

We were blessed by our time with the YWAM family, challenged by the simple food and accommodation, and wowed by the beauty of the island. Thank you to all of you who supported our fundraising.

Mrs McAven



Camera Club

Camera Club started this year for year 7-8 to help us expand our knowledge on cameras and photos. The Camera Club was run by Mr Mackay who comes every Tuesday lunch to teach us new photography skills. A couple of things that we learnt were camera angles and he showed us how to use the light to our advantage and the effects of editing our photos to improve their quality. Finally he brought in a guest to teach us how different lenses work and their abilities.

Thank you, Mr Mackay, for taking time out of your day to teach us about photography.



Home Stay Families Wanted



We have an amazing collection of families at ACS and we would love it if you were able to share your family experience with others!

We have a group of 16 German students arriving for an Intensive English language learning programme in February 2020. They will be here for 3 weeks, and we need homestay families to care for them.

These students are 14 - 15 years old, and are looking forward to sharing time with genuine families in NZ, and to be treated as part of the family. There is some financial recompense for this. Please email Angela Jin, our International Administrator with expressions of interest as soon as possible, particularly if you would be able to host a male student.

Have You Got Our School App?



Download "SchoolAppsNZ" to keep up to date with urgent information. Once you have downloaded it search for "Aidanfield School".

Did you know you can use the app for your child's absences? Otherwise, email:

Junior Coffee Group



Our Junior Coffee group runs on a Wednesday 9am in Matai 1, all are welcome including pre-schoolers. Come and enjoy some good coffee/tea and baking and get to know other school parents/grandparents.

Adrenaline Forest Day Trip

On the 29th of October 2019, the Year 7/8's from Aidanfield Christian School went to Adrenalin Forest. We were doing high ropes in the tall treetops. When we arrived we got taught some important stuff like learning how to put our harnesses on. Then we had a short practice on a mini level, you have to use your hands to pull yourself to the end of the mini zip line. The types of obstacles we faced were a ladder, wobbly steps, shaky platforms and zip lines/flying foxes and more. We went to the adrenalin forest for our William Pike challenge award for our outdoor activities section. We also made goals before the trip to achieve and when we got back we saw if we accomplished our goals or not.

Nathan and Joshua



Fostering Strengths



Fostering Strengths is the name given to an extension programme we run at our school. Our staff strive to observe, encourage and extend students in their God-given areas of talent. Students are selected to be part of a small withdrawal group and work on a project or in a

specific subject area where they would benefit from extension. This year we have run a wide range of programmes including Reading, Language, Art, Technology, Building, Mathematics, Leadership, Sign Language, Dance and Mission.

We are grateful to the Board of Trustees for their willingness to fund this programme and to the teachers who have shared their passions.

Kaye Lawn and Kathryn Renner



Dates for 2019 Term 4



please keep an eye on your email for further information from your child's teacher

15 Nov	Canterbury Anniversary (School Closed)
21 Nov	Mufti Day (Disney Theme)
29 Nov	Year 4-10 Triathlon (no postponement date)
4-6 Dec	Year 9/10 Journey
5-6 Dec	Year 2/3 Camp
9 Dec	Year 6 Celebration Day
	Yr 10 Graduation Dinner
13 Dec	Last Day of School / School Wide Prizegiving (Compulsory Attendance)

Term Dates 2020

Term 1: Monday 3rd February to Thursday 9th April
Waitangi Day: Thursday 6th February (School Closed)

Term 2: Tuesday 28th April to Friday 3rd July
ANZAC Day: Monday 27th April (School Closed)
Teacher Only Day: Friday 29th May (School Closed)
Queens Birthday: Monday 1st June (School Closed)

Term 3: Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September

Term 4: Monday 12th October - Friday 11th December
Labour Day: Monday 26th October (School Closed)

Changed contact details or address?

Have you let the office know?

Community News

LOVE and dads

We need dads of all ages (19 or 99 years old) for a gorgeous book project. We're offering portrait photography sessions for \$65 (usually \$99), and a place in a beautiful book that celebrates relationship between dads and their children.

Dads + Support = 

All proceeds go to Breast Cancer Foundation NZ, the charity whose vision is zero deaths from breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the number one cancer for women in New Zealand, with 9 women on average being diagnosed daily. You can make a difference.



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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)
Graeme Thomson
g.thomson@hotmail.com or 021 365 310

Music Lessons

with Christine Rudd

Piano - Violin - Guitar - Recorder
Singing - Music Theory - Ukulele

Onsite at school starting from 8am till afternoons.

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The Community Dental Van will be visiting school in Week 8. They will see children who are new and any others they need to see. Parents do NOT need to make appointments.

Swimming



We are so grateful to have Starfish Swim School so close to support our children in their swimming confidence and learning. The children have loved their two week intensive. Thanks to all our parents who assisted with changes and came to watch their children swim.




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2020 Positions Available

We currently have positions available at Aidanfield as part of our team for 2020.

You can view these online under "Vacancies" on the



You can stay in touch with our official school facebook page "Aidanfield Christian School"

You can also follow our Parent Association independant page at "Aidanfield Christian School Parents Group"

Save the Date!

Year 4-6 Haiku Poetry Winners

1st Prize - Renee

Roaring angrily
Holds a fabled history
The strength is reckless

2nd Prize - Nadya

Shining bright like stars
The moon woven into it
A babies great gift.

3rd Prize - Zoey

Patterns or sparring
Bullet speed punches and kicks
Glistening medals



Aidanfield Christian School FAIR

RETURNS: MARCH 14TH 10am-2pm

FUN GAMES AND RIDES, LIVE MUSIC, AUCTION, FACE PAINTING, INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALL, HOT CHIPS, CAKES AND MUCH MORE!