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Growing in Wisdom and Stature Stand and be Confident

Kia ora whanau,

As this term draws to a rapid close, we, as a staff, thank you for the myriad of ways you have supported us through this very busy and at times, difficult term. It has been obvious to us that God has been faithful in each and every circumstance, and we do indeed, celebrate the truth of Psalm 139, not only knowing we are made in amazing detail, but that where ever we are, there God is also, faithfully surrounding us with His awesome presence, our very breath of life.

Our school fair was a stunning example of your support and God's faithfulness, with so many of you involved in ways too numerous to mention. Particular thanks must go to the fair committee, linked to the Parent Association, and ably led by Katharine McNeill. I was interested to hear that they are already talking about Fair 2020. There is more information about the 2019 Fair on the back page of this newsletter.

This term, we have had children visit beaches and museums, take part in coasteering and swimming sports, put effort into assessments and sports events. Teaching and learning have long been operating outside of the classroom, and this term is great evidence of that. We could not do the many activities, both inside the classroom and in using our wonderful local environment without your support in being parent helpers, giving constructive feedback, contributing financially, attending school events, covering each day in prayer, and in ensuring your child is well prepared for each day. For each of these actions, and the many more which I cannot list, we are incredibly appreciative.

Easter brings a whole new dimension to not only our school term, but indeed, each life. Yesterday at our assembly, Ben MacGregor, a Youth Pastor at Grace Vineyard church, shared the powerful message of how Jesus loves us, even when we feel we are not worthy to be in God's presence due to our sin. As the world gradually turns it's back on the climax of the Christian message of salvation, knowing the truth of God's forgiveness to each one who asks, is a message that is important to share – it is life itself in a sick and broken world. I challenge you to consider how and to whom, you will present the truth of the Easter story in its fullness from the triumphant welcome as Jesus entered Jerusalem through every heart-breaking step of the trial, betrayal from his friends and the physical agony of death, only surpassed in pain, by his separation from his heavenly Father.

For some, this is the end of the story, but we know the power of turning the page to begin the new chapter!

Come Sunday, history shows just how weak the power of darkness is over the Lord of Light, and if that is not something to celebrate, I don't know what would be!

As you enjoy the Easter break, please share the full story with your friends and family. This term, we have seen how broken some in the world are, and the truth of Easter teaches us that the only way to become whole, is to follow through on the invitation of Jesus for personal salvation, staying true to Him each day.

Forgiveness that the risen Christ brings, with the extravagant demonstration of love by way of invitation to be called a child of the living God, is the essence of Easter and I invite you to celebrate this fully over the holiday break.

*Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.*

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Kaye Lawn  
Acting Principal

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# Rocky Shore Trip

In the first term of 2019 the Junior classes (years 1-3) had a field trip to Taylor's Mistake, to view the Tide Pools.

In class we had been discussing that the beach is a place of significance – created by God for us to enjoy. In light of this there was much discussion around the different habitats and the variety of living things at the rocky shore.

There was much excitement as we all gathered into the cars and off we went.

We had a wonderful day exploring the Tide pools and discovering the many animals that lived in them. It was lovely to see the delight on the children's faces as they found starfish, crabs, sea weed and many different shell animals.

Much fun was had when we played beach games and made wonderful sand creations. All these activities built up an appetite and we were able to enjoy morning tea and lunch in a shady area.

Our discussions in class also included looking after the beach and its animals. With this in mind all the children had time to look for rubbish before getting into the cars and heading back to school.

Many thanks to the parents who made this trip possible. May the Lord bless you.



## Year 4-6 Musuem & Library Trip

On the 12th of March the year 4-6 team went to visit two important locations in Christchurch to help us learn about Tūrangawaewae (Their place of belonging). The first place being the Canterbury Museum where the students explored the many wonderful exhibits and had a focused lesson about early Christchurch settlers. The second location was Tūrangā Central Library. There the children explored the multi-story building and all that it had to offer and also the Kā Huru Manu. This is a cultural mapping project undertaken by Ngāi Tahu to help preserve their place names and people.

"The best part about the trip was learning more about early Māori life at the Museum" – Arianna

"I enjoyed the 3-D printer we saw at the Library" – Mateo

"Having lunch in the gardens because we missed morning tea so it was extra good!" – Lewis

"Seeing the 3-D printer at the Library and being able to look around the new Library facility" - Zoey



# Book Week

This years theme for our annual Book Week celebration was "Finding Our Treasure in Books". The library was very busy every lunchtime with students hunting for book treasures. Whanau class explored the treasure in books in a variety of ways – the Junior School followed a beach theme. Our greatest book treasure is the Bible.

Everyday the "Drop Everything and Read" pirates came around the classes encouraging us to read and the Book Character Parade was a big success. There were a wide variety of interesting costumes and books on display. The teachers dressed up as pirates this year. The teachers and support staff also read their favourite books to different classes each day. It was fun finding out who was reading each day – would it be Mrs Penny, Mr Richardson or Mrs Shirley?

## From the Head Librarians –

*"The library book hunt was very popular – the younger students were excited about hunting for books. They got to see new books in the library and it was challenging for some! The library was busy with lots of people visiting. The dress up day was really fun! The teachers dressing up as pirates was really cool and encouraged us all to get involved."*

Jessica, Ella and Abbie

## From Students in the library -

*"I liked the different teachers reading stories to us after morning tea."* Micah

*"I liked dress up parade – especially the teachers as I didn't recognise some of them!"* Adara

*"I liked the library hunt and the dress up parade."* William

*"I liked all the costumes the children made for the parade"* Anya

*"We love books!"* Thomas and Brodie



# School Fair

In November 2018. We formed a small fair committee Carley, Jason and myself . As plans were being made for the fair , Fiona , Zhewy , Lorraine, Brydie and Debbie without knowing became a very important part of the fair committee . Wow what an amazing team . We all worked so well together. Our first priory was about bringing community together and WOW we certainly achieved that ...Lots of time and energy went into planning the fair and we all feel it was well worth every minute of it . So on behalf of the fair committee we would like to thank everyone that made the school fair a huge success. It was a great school and community event, we had lots of great comments about the fun atmosphere by having everything in the same area. Thanks to all our volunteers and sponsors we made just over \$16000!! Everyone's help was very much appreciated.. many hands make light work . Without everyone's help we could not have pulled this amazing event off .

Have a blessed and safe holiday

Your 2019 fair commitee

Catharine, Carley, Jason, Fiona, Zhewy, Lorraine Brydie and Debbie



## Community News



**Bookings for the April Holiday Program are now open!**  
**Monday 15th April – Thursday 18th April**  
**Closed Friday 19th April (Good Friday)**  
**\$52 for the week.**  
**Email: [info@starfishswimschool.co.nz](mailto:info@starfishswimschool.co.nz)**



Looking for a new opportunity for your child to learn an instrument?  
 The Ukulele is an easy, fun and unique instrument to get started with.

Term lessons available starting from \$89.00. If you wish to know more details please contact Alexei at [alexeidath@gmail.com](mailto:alexeidath@gmail.com) or text him on 0279444804.

2 Nash Road (right here on the school grounds!)

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Email: [cornerstone@aidanfield.school.nz](mailto:cornerstone@aidanfield.school.nz)

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**We provide a warm, caring environment with structured sessions:**

**morning (8:30-12)**

**afternoon (12-3:30)**

**full day (8:30-3:30)**

- ☺ Quality, friendly care for 2½ year olds and up.
- ☺ Limited numbers to ensure quality teaching and a sense of family.
- ☺ Teachers faithful to Christian character.
- ☺ Fantastic outdoor play area.
- ☺ Open during school holidays.
- ☺ Fees: Under 3's - \$6 hour (up to 30 hours), and over 3's - \$8 hour. 20 Hours Free ECE for over 3's, and WINZ subsidies available.

*For more information, contact Niki in the office (who works mornings), leave us a message, send us an email or even a text works just as well ☺*

## 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  
[e.grayim@hotmail.com](mailto:e.grayim@hotmail.com) or m. 021 365 313

# Our new School App is now available



The school app is now available to download.

To download the app just search SchoolAppsNZ in the app store, and then enter Aidanfield Christian School to find your School App. These are the links available: on our app:

**Absentee** - You can click on this and either call or email the school for any child who is absent or going to be late.

**Contacts** - A list of all contact email addresses for staff

**Links** - A direct link to our school website

**Calendar** - This will show any events coming up at school

**Newsletter** - Newsletters will show here

**Sports** - A link to the sports information on our website

**Alerts** - This will show any alerts that are sent out by the school. Please make sure you are subscribed to this.

## Homestay Families

We are looking for warm and welcoming families to host and care for International students (male or female, long or short term).

### Benefits:

- A really rewarding experience for the whole family
- Chance to meet students from all over the world
- Learn about other cultures and opportunity for your children to be exposed to other languages and customs
- Offer good remuneration to cover student costs

### Expectation of host:

- A spare room (or two) and the time to care for another child in your home
- Willing to integrate the student into the New Zealand lifestyle
- Genuine interest in enriching the life of the student and your family

We are always happy to hear from prospective host families, so if you are interested or would like more information, please email me.

International Homestay Coordinator: Angela Jin

Email [international.admin@acs.aidanfield.school.nz](mailto:international.admin@acs.aidanfield.school.nz)



## School Uniform

Don't forget that from Term Two children should be wearing winter uniform.

Please check the Parent Information page on our website for uniform details if you are unsure what this means for your child.

## Fundraiser for the ACS Team Trip to China

Do you have any old metal lying around? We can collect it and take it to be recycled for you, free of charge.

Old car batteries, rusty corrugated iron, old appliances (fridges, microwaves, etc), old pots & pans, old car parts, old trampoline parts, all of these and more can clutter up your place & you don't want to just throw them away. Let us pick them up for you and take them to be recycled. If it's stuck behind a shed or overgrown with weeds – no worries, we'll help grab it out for you.

Collections will most likely happen on May 11th, 12th, 18th & 19th.

If you'd like your scrap metal collected, to arrange a time, please contact us by

email: [justinharrison@yahoo.com](mailto:justinharrison@yahoo.com) or text: Lisa on 021305310

This offer is open to anyone in the Christchurch area, so please share this with family and friends. We look forward to helping you.