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Growing in Wisdom and Stature Stand and be Confident

Kia ora whanau

Friday

As a school staff and community we hold the Muslim community in our prayers. Our thoughts and prayers are for each individual family involved in this time of need. While the numbers involved are large, the numbers do not reflect the individual impact of each person who has lost a loved one, a family member or a friend. Each person is created unique and is special. Each individual will be missed and we grieve their loss, albeit without the close relationship that those that knew them had.

Friday took the gloss off what has been an excellent start to the year. Friday has shocked our city and our nation to the core. Friday has challenged our understanding of how safe our small corner of the world is. Friday has called into question the sense of freedom that we expect in New Zealand. We expect to be able to worship freely, to express our views and opinions freely. We expect to live in a way that is the expression of who we are without judgement or condemnation and, within the bounds of the laws of a civil society, without consequence.

The same freedom that allows us to express our Christian faith also welcomes Muslims to express their faith, Jews to express theirs and Buddhists the same. We welcome people from all over the world to our country and our city and this becomes their home. In our home we are all welcome to be who we are, free and united in our individuality within the wider community.

On Friday it appears one individual decided that his understanding of the world should stand above anyone else's. Not only that, he determined to act in such a way that is beyond what anyone could conceive in our corner of the world. In doing such a vile act he (and anyone who may have been associated with this event) struck a blow at not just the Muslim community but all communities. It is out of such an act that fear grows and this is one of the challenges that we now are faced with.

Fear leads us to give away freedoms that are ours. Fear leads us to second guess what used to be natural. Fear unsettles us, binds us and allows the unspeakable acts of violence to have an enduring effect.

Love casts our fear. Love masters fear. Love is active and involved and seeks an outlet. Faith, hope and love endure. We have not been given the spirit of fear but of love, joy and a sound mind.



We have a choice to make this week, next week and each one that follows. Will we choose to live guided by fear in the small things that shape our lives negatively and sucks the joy from it? Such a choice is made when we hesitate to drive a certain direction, visit a certain place, talk to particular people, walk down a determined road. Such a choice is made when we reach out in friendship to others that are different to us. Choice is made when we allow our children to go somewhere, play freely, meet in large groups to celebrate. Will these decisions now be guided by a nagging fear or a different path? Will we choose to stand and work in the spirit of love - the reflection of God who chooses to stand in the dark places with us?

As we make personal choices we teach our kids who are watching us. In this uncertain period lean into and towards walking in the strength of Godly love which leads to freedom.

Grace and peace at this time.

Mark Richardson
Principal

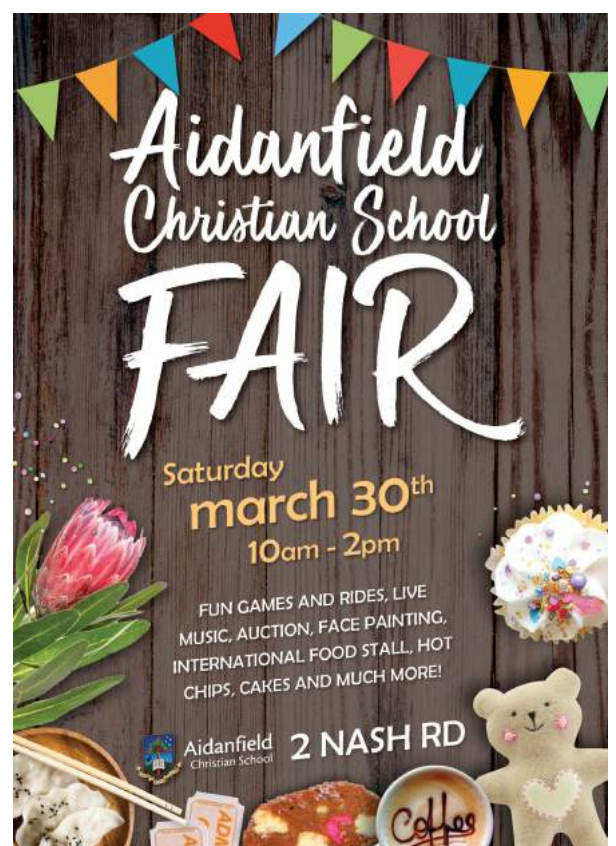
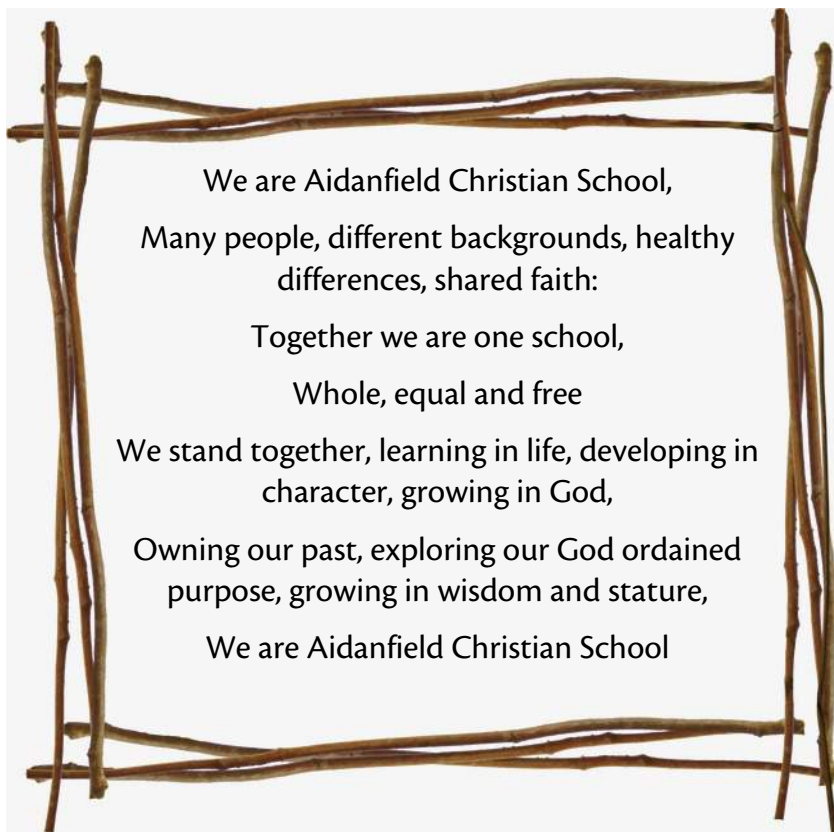
OTHER NOTICES

Communicating during incidents

Please remember, we communicate in multiple ways, especially when we need to do so in a hurry. On Friday we used Facebook, our website and email. Both Facebook and Website communication was instant. Please remember to check our website for all news and updates. You can even get to the Facebook page from there! We are trying to determine why the email path was so slow. At the moment it appears to be an issue with an external provider. In a few weeks time we will launch the ACS APP. I encourage you to download this app as soon as it is available as it will be a third instant form of communication.

Helping structure the conversation

Included with this Newsletter (refer to the email attachment or check our website under news) is a resource that may be useful in framing your conversation with your children. The aspect that it leaves out is that God is our hope and salvation. He is our foundation, He chooses to walk with us in uncertain times, He is closer than our breath and hears our cry and is there – always.



Cycle Safety

One of the tricky things was wobbling while doing the stop sign and signal! We had to stand in the sun for hours and go around the roundabout. The best thing was riding past the sprinkler and it was fun because it was our first time.

Yuri and Jua.

The hardest thing at cycle safe was to follow all the rules and memorise it. The best thing was going on the road. It was most fun to go out of school grounds and going on the road.

The trickiest thing was to go around the roundabout and leading the group. It was really easy to do our signals and stop signs. We enjoyed doing the whole two days, and we had so much fun. Alyssa and Claire

Levi enjoyed riding around the roundabout, but found the roundabout rules challenging. His greatest challenge was the slow race.

David enjoyed playing the slow race and found the most challenging thing to signal going round the roundabout.

Luke and Ethan both thought the most fun activity was road riding, but for Theo it was learning to glide a bike. Jesse thought it was learning to go past parked cars. The trickiest thing for them was learning how to go one handed with their left hand, looking back over their shoulder and remembering to do the right hand signal, all at the same time, ready to go round the roundabout.



Garden Club

Garden Club is well underway for the year, with Year 5/6 students involved in planting and maintaining our beautiful grounds. We are also learning about salad crops and sowing seed for winter vegetables. Check out our lettuce seedlings outside Ti Kouka block.



Community News



We are looking for another 3 players to join our Yr 7 / 8 netball teams. If you are interested in playing netball for Halswell Rugby League Netball Club this year, then please send us an email on

hrlnetballclub@gmail.com. You will practice once a week at the netball courts in the Halswell Domain, the day & time will be decided by the team & the coach. Then you will play on a Saturday at Selwyn Netball in Lincoln - where the parking is much easier than in town.

Any questions - please just email the club on the address above.



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

Or phone us at: 03 3381795

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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
e. grayim@hotmail.com or m. 021 365 313

MCDONALDS YOUTH DUATHLON ORGANISED BY GARDEN CITY ROTARY Registrations open now.

The 2019 McDonald's Duathlon to be held at Hagley Park on Sunday, 7 April 2019. This event is run by volunteers from Garden City Rotary Club. Entries are open to 7 -15 year olds and the duathlon includes a run, bike and run. Entrants can look forward to receiving a Competition Medal, Gift Pack of sponsors' products and a competition T-shirt.

7 - 10 Years - Run 1km, Cycle 4km, Run 500m
11 - 15 Years - Run 2km, Cycle 8km, Run 1km

This community event is held by Garden City Rotary Club. To enter go to www.gardencityrotary.org.nz

Have you considered being a Foster Parent
"Supporting Families Caring for Children"

Do you have a passion to make a difference in the lives of children/tamariki and young people/rangatahi in Canterbury? We are hosting an Information Evening to share our needs for Foster Parents; short term relief, 12-18 month care to permanent placements. Our most urgent need is for a child aged 10-16 and supporting a young person to learn independence skills. Full training and 24/7 support provided.

OHF is committed to mobilising the mainstream Christian community to serve children/tamariki and family/whānau in Aotearoa NZ.

To register, please contact:
Debra Victor at our Canterbury Service Centre
e: Debra.Victor@ohf.org.nz or p: 03 366 5977

www.ohf.org.nz A Christian Community Response

HORNBY HOCKEY
"HAVE A GO" DAY

WHEN
Sunday 24 March 2019
9-00 – 10am

WHERE
Nga Puna Wai—wet or fine

ALL PRIMARY AGE BOYS AND GIRLS FROM YEAR 1 - YEAR 8

IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN STICK PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU

AT THE GATE
Please complete the registration form before being directed to the appropriate field

FEATURING • Guest Instructors • Basic Skills • Spot Prizes •

To register your interest please email hornbyhockeyjuniors@gmail.com

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

Air Force Museum
45 Harvard Avenue, Wigram

Thursday 21st March
12:30pm – 5:00pm

Appointments Recommended. Phone 0800 448 325 or book online. Please bring your donor card or photo ID. Remember to eat and drink PLENTY before donating. Check the online Travel Information.

0800 448 325 www.nzblood.co.nz To donate, contact us today to book your appointment.

UKULELE LESSONS
WITH ALEXEI D'ATH

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 or text him on 0279444804.

Cross Country 2019

All those interested in training and/or competing in the Winter 2019 season are invited to attend our open day and fun run.

Sunday 10 March 2019, 10am—12pm, Brookside Park

2km run 10.30am
4km run 11.00am

Children and adults are all welcomed.

A great way to keep fit over the winter!

Contact: Ann-Marie 027 560 6233 or email selwyn.athletics@gmail.com

WHAT DO WE NEED FOR THIS JOURNEY OF LIFE AND WHO KNOWS THE WAY?
TAKE OFF!

15-18 APRIL 9-3PM

GAMES ACTIVITIES BIBLE STORIES LOADS OF FUN

DETAILS:
15-18 APRIL, 9-3PM

- \$30/WEEK FOR ONE CHILD
- \$10/WEEK FOR EXTRA CHILD FROM SAME FAMILY
- OR \$10/CHILD/DAY

AGES 8-12 YEARS

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