



Aidanfield Christian School

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House Points



Hauāuru



Pōtonga



Tūāraki



Mārangai

Kia ora Aidanfield Whānau

We have had an excellent start to the year. Thank you for sending your children to us and for the trust you place in our school to do well for them. We welcomed many new people, both domestic and international students to Aidanfield on Thursday morning, as well as our new staff members through our mihi whakatau. Through this process we acknowledged our Lord who is over all things, we challenged all who are at our school to be the best they can be in 2024 and noted that this can only happen when we find who we were created to be and live how we were called to live through the scriptures and in relationship to our God. We also invited everyone at ACS to discover more about who God is through the learning that we will do through the year as He makes himself known not only through His Word, the Bible, but also through creation - His world. 2024 could be an adventure! Welcome to the journey.

Interested in working at ACS as a support staff member?

One position covering a number of aspects including: Homestay administrator, international education finance and payroll support. You will likely have a finance/accounts background and be able to work accurately and confidentially, be comfortable interacting with all manner of people of different backgrounds and have a desire to serve our community both locally and internationally. Information and applications forms are on our website (www.aidanfield.school.nz) under **Vacancies**.

The following information is useful for you to know as we get the year underway.

Concerns and complaints policy

There is always a chance that you do not like something that happens at ACS. This is the reality when many people are in close proximity for a lot of time. We welcome your comments and concerns. The attached policy is designed to help you know where to take your concerns or complaints. Please consider it. It is on our website as well if you need it later in the year (click on "[about us/policies and procedures](#)").

Car park - new layout

We have modified our carpark/kiss and drop area a little. Please consider the parking diagram carefully and follow its directives so that everyone is able to move safely and reasonably quickly.

Cell phones and similar such devices.

You will be aware of the new Governments move to curb the use of mobile phones in schools through law. ACS has had a 'no phones' policy for numbers of years. At this stage there appears there is very little change for us. Our current student diary (also found in the parent handbook on the website) states the following:

Cell phones/smart watches that are brought to school must be turned off and out of sight OR used only under the direction of the teacher. This includes interval and lunchtimes. If seen or heard, they will be confiscated by staff and taken to the Head of School. Pupils may only use their cell phones/smart watches after school once the bell has gone. Pupils are expected to respect the privacy of others. Photos and video clips must only be taken with the permission of those whose images appear in the file. There is to be no circulating either within the school or on social media platforms of any sort, any photo, video or recording of any pupils, parents, staff members or volunteers.

Please note - this INCLUDES watches that link to phones (eg. Apple watches or similar). There is little to no need for a primary or middle school student to have a watch that links to a device at school.

School App

- * Stay Up To Date *
- * Notify Absences *
- * Link to our Website *
- * School Calendar *

Download at

www.aidanfield.apps.school.nz/install



We have a committed group of parents that are available to support you in prayer. Contact them in confidence at prayerrequest@aidanfield.school.nz

Has anything changed for you and your family this term? Moved house / changed email / contact details? Please do let us know.

office@aidanfield.school.nz



For confiscated items our rules have stated for a number of years:

All pupils are expected to respect the school's requests regarding unsuitable items at school. Where a pupil chooses not to, these items may be confiscated. Below applies to any confiscated item and its return to the owner. 1st time confiscated: Collect at end of school day. 2nd time and subsequent confiscations: Parents are to collect any confiscated item from the Head of School.

Days away from school?

We have a goal of having an average attendance at ACS of 94% for the whole year. It is common knowledge that to learn school work a student needs to be in school. As a community of parents we are generally very supportive of this however, our average in 2023 was 90%. Our trend is downwards - we have slipped 5% over the last three years.

If your child is unwell please keep them at home - this is justified and looks after both your child and everyone else and we all appreciate that. However, holidays in term time, taking days off just because and similar patterns are not justified under the law and do not help to teach young people the habits that support them well in the out-of-school world.

Please contact the school every day your child will not be with us at ACS. We have to account for each day. School App is the easiest and quickest way to do this. Email absence@aidanfield.school.nz as an alternative or - if you prefer the personal approach call the school and leave a message.

How did we go in 2023?

If you are interested in reviewing our achievement results in 2023 you can find this information on the website under /policies and Report/2023 EOY Variance Report.

2025 enrolments

I know - we have just started 2024 but we already have enrolments for 2025 coming in. Please be aware that enrolments for middle school (year 7 to 10) will close in early June. Enrolments for years 1 to 6 will close mid-August. It is helpful to get applications in early although this does not give an advantage to those who apply early but it spreads our work load, which is significant with over 250 applications received for the 2024 year. If your child is already enrolled at ACS in 2024 you do not need to reapply. Please complete enrolments online if possible.

Grace and peace
Mark Richardson
Principal

Interested in tutoring for your child?

Primary, intermediate and college students. Visit www.boostyourlearning.co.nz for more information or contact Anna on 020 4031 6035 to book a free consultation.

2024 Attendance Dues - The Christian Schools Trust (CST) are making changes to the invoicing and collection of attendance dues from 2024. Please [click here](#) to view 2024 Attendance Dues Information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email attdues@cst.org.nz or call Rhonda on 03 348 9826 ext 604.

TERM ONE DATES

February 2024		March 2024	
Monday 12	ACS BOT meeting	Friday 1 st	Year 9 & 10 CS Athletics
Tuesday 13	Parent Teacher Interviews	Monday 4-Fri 8	Walk to wheel to school week
Wednesday 14-Mon 19	Year 6 Cyle Safety	Wednesday 6	PP: Swimming trials Y5-10
Wednesday 28	Swimming trials Yr 5-10	Wednesday 13	SWZ Zone Swimming
Thursday 29	Mufti Day PAACS Toys	Tuesday 19	Mufti Day for PAACS Bottles
April 2024		Wednesday 20 – Fri 27	Culture Week – Easter Focus
		Monday 1 to Tues 2	Easter Holiday
Wednesday 3 – Fri 12	Swimming NE – Year 4	Thursday 28	Teacher Only Day
Friday 12	Last Day of Term	Friday 29	Good Friday

Board of Trustees

Policy – Concerns & Complaints

“How Parents May Communicate Their Concerns” Pamphlet

This procedure is designed to help all in the school community understand what to do if there is a concern about some aspect of the school.

The school encourages open communication and prefers that issues are talked through in an open and constructive manner rather than discussed in the community as gossip.

True to our biblical foundations and expressed values we encourage all issues to be first addressed to the person to whom the concern relates. If a suitable conclusion is not reached, then going to the next level is encouraged as outlined below.

Parent Complaints

If the matter involves a classroom programme or a teacher, the following steps are to be followed:

1. The parent should write a note or phone the teacher concerned at school with a view to making a time to discuss the concern.
2. The parent needs to inform the teacher before the meeting what the concern is about.
3. It is hoped that the concern can be resolved by open discussion between the parent and the staff member. If appropriate, either the staff member and/or the parent may invite a support person to the meeting.
4. The parent shall provide feedback to the teacher as to whether they are satisfied or not, to ensure the problem is settled.
5. If the issue is not resolved, the parent (or teacher) should contact the relevant Head of School and communicate a full account of the concern and developments to that point.
6. The Head of School will ensure the concern is addressed, and will give an account of how it was addressed to the parent.
7. If the matter is still unresolved then the parent (or teacher) should approach the Principal who will investigate the issue and advise on the next course of action.

Complaints against a Senior Leader in the School

If the concern is with School Senior Management (i.e. Principal, Head of School), these steps are to be followed:

1. The parent will contact the person who they have an issue with to arrange a time to discuss the concern.
2. If the concern is not resolved through discussion, the parent should contact the Principal or Chairman of the Board if it is the Principal with whom the issue lies.
3. The Principal or Board Chairman will ensure the concern is addressed, and will give feedback of how the matter was addressed to the parent.

Complaint involving School Policy or Procedure.

If the concern is over a school policy or procedure, the parent is to write a letter to the Principal outlining their concern. The Principal will, in the first instance, discuss the matter with the Chairman of the Board then, if appropriate, bring the matter to a full Board meeting.

The Principal will write to the parent describing the outcome of their complaint.

At the Conclusion of a Complaint

It should be noted that all parties within the school should and will endeavor to be fair and to listen to concerns. In doing this, there is a commitment to resolving any issues raised. On occasion it may be that the outcome of a complaint is not satisfactory to the person bringing the complaint. It should be noted that bringing a complaint is not a guarantee of gaining a desired outcome. The school reserves the right to make decisions that it feels are in the best interests of pupils, staff and parents.

No waiting in carpark areas unless parked in a parking space. Consider picking your child up between 3:10-3:15pm.

- NEW LAYOUT – the blue space**
- Waiting line right next to the grass area.
 - Children **MUST NOT** enter a car in this line.
 - Stay in your car.
 - Rejoin the flow when you can see your child- pick up from kiss and drop off / pickup zone only.
 - Ensure the traffic flow is not hindered by your vehicle.

Kiss and Go Dropoff / pickup
30 second time limit

NO EXIT THIS WAY
from 8:45am to 9:10am and 2:50pm and 3:15pm

ONE WAY - EXIT THIS WAY

This sealed carpark is NOT a drop off zone. It is for parking only. If you park here you **MUST** exit following the one way arrows from 8:45am to 9:10am and 2:50pm and 3:15pm.

Aidanfield Christian School



Please avoid turning **RIGHT** onto Aidanfield Drive between 2:50pm and 3:15pm. Turn left, drive to the roundabout and double back. This helps everyone avoid long queues.

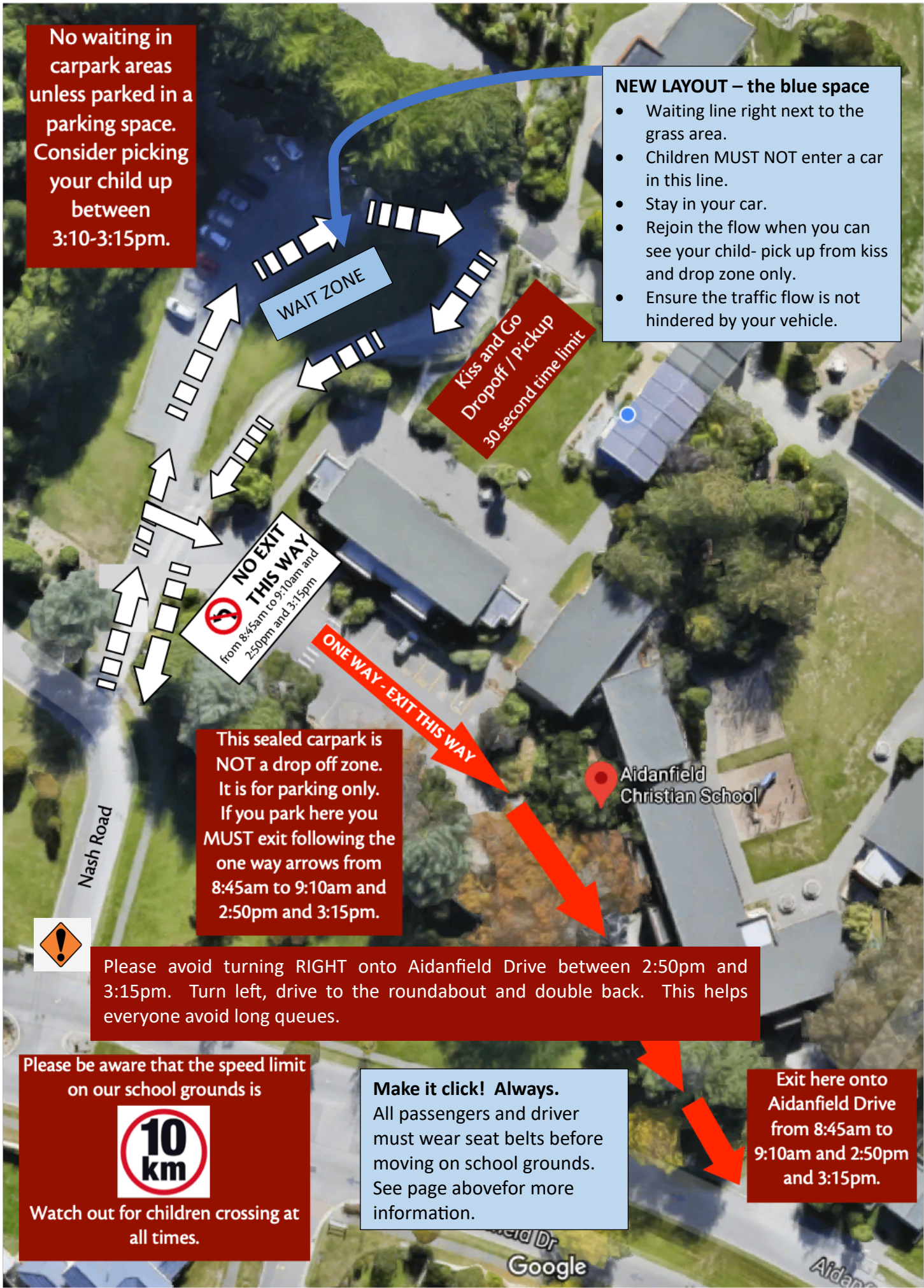
Please be aware that the speed limit on our school grounds is



Watch out for children crossing at all times.

Make it click! Always. All passengers and driver must wear seat belts before moving on school grounds. See page above for more information.

Exit here onto Aidanfield Drive from 8:45am to 9:10am and 2:50pm and 3:15pm.



Child Restraints while in the car

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/what-waka-kotahi-is-doing/education-initiatives/child-restraints/using-child-restraints-in-new-zealand/>

Under New Zealand law, all children under seven years of age must use an approved child restraint appropriate for their age and size. Children aged seven must be secured in a restraint if one is available in the vehicle.

Requirements for child restraints

Age of child	The law says you must:
Until their 7th birthday	Correctly secure your child in an approved child restraint
From their 7th to their 8th birthday	Correctly secure your child in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle (and if not, in any child restraint or safety belt that is available)
From 8th birthday to 14 years old	Must use safety belts if available. If not available, they must travel in the back seat.
Over 14 years old	Must use safety belts where they are available.

International best practice recommends the use of an appropriate child restraint (or booster seat) until your child reaches 148 cm tall or is 11 years old. Child restraint and medical professionals recommend that you keep your baby in a rear-facing restraint until as old as practicable, at least until they are 2 years of age.

For more information www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/

- download the [Child restraints save lives information brochure](#)
- download the [My booster comes with me brochure](#)
- [find a certified child restraint technician](#)

What are child restraints?

Approved child restraints include:

- infant restraints for young babies (often called baby capsules)
- restraints for older babies, toddlers and preschool children (often called car seats)
- booster seats for preschool and school-aged children
- child safety harnesses (used with or without a booster seat) for preschool and school-aged children.

Child restraints protect children from crash forces

Children must be correctly seated in child restraints that are correctly secured into the car to keep them safe from crash forces.

It's a driver's responsibility

When you are the driver, children in your car must be protected in the event of a crash.

As the driver, you are responsible for ensuring that any child travelling in your vehicle is correctly using an appropriate child restraint. [Find out the legal requirements \[PDF, 243 KB\]](#)

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/213ebb>



GIRLS SMASH girls SMASH

HALSWELL DOMAIN

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TUESDAYS
4-5PM

20TH FEBRUARY - 26TH MARCH

Girls Smash is back for another term at Halswell Domain. Please see attached a promotional poster and some information below. I would appreciate any support in promoting this opportunity amongst your school community through newsletters or similar.

Girls Smash Halswell

Where: Halswell Domain

When: Tuesdays 4-5pm, 20th Feb- 26th March (6 weeks)

Who: Year 3-6 girls

Cost: \$30 for the 6 week programme (all new participants receive a pink tshirt)

Registration link- <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/213ebb>

You are welcome to direct any questions my way- rgillett@canterburycricket.org.nz

"Does your daughter like music and dance? Then she will probably love rhythmic gymnastics! Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics has two fantastic new beginner classes on Mondays and Thursdays 4-5pm at the new Christchurch Netball Centre at Nga Puna Wai sports hub in Wigram plus more options in Bishopdale and Rolleston. Come along for a free trial class! Email membership@delta.org.nz or check us out on facebook."



IS RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS FOR YOU?

TERM ONE CLASSES OPEN NOW

Beginner Classes available:
Monday 4-5pm
Tuesday 4-5pm
Wednesday 4-5pm
Thursday 4-5pm
Saturday 9-10am

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After school and weekend lessons



SEND US AN EMAIL FOR MORE INFO
HELLO@STOKEDSURFSCHOOL.CO.NZ

Stoked surf school has our regular learn to surf happening after school each day as well as Sat morning salty surf girls.

Music and Dance Tutors



Graham Thomson offers drums and bass guitar lessons at school during the day on Tuesday and Thursdays ranging from age 6 and up. You can contact Graham on 021 365 313 or Email him on grayim@hotmail.com



Mel Perkins offers singing lessons all day on a Wednesday. You can contact her at melperkins5556@gmail.com

Adrian Dalton offers lessons in all Brass instruments excluding the French Horn. Lessons are offered from Year 4 upwards. They are on Monday during school hours and also offer after school tuition from private facilities 5 days per week.



Contact details for Adrian
chhchooba@y7mail.com / 022 354 8063

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Daniel Hitchens of Monster Music offers Guitar and Ukelele lessons to any age group. He can be contacted via email: office@monstermusic.nz 027 350 1829



Christine Rudd teaches lessons weekly and include one on one tuition, group practice, exam preparation music theory and knowledge. Her subjects are: Piano/ keyboard, Violin, Guitar, Ukelele, Recorder, Singing and more. She can be contacted 027 227 4856 / 960 4801

Beginner Tap Classes

Carron Aldridge will be offering afterschool Tap lessons for ages 5 to adult in the Aidanfield School Hall on Friday afternoons. Contact: carronaldridge@gmail.com / 027 326 9100

