



TERM 2 WEEK 8 2021

# Aidanfield Christian School

Kai ora Aidanfield Whanau

Thank you for your cooperation with the last Teachers Only day. The staff really valued the time to begin to look at the new NZ Histories curriculum that begins to be taught from 2022. There is a reasonable amount of work to do to get our heads around what it is and what needs to be taught. We appreciate the time.

As we make our way through term two it has been exciting to watch how well our pupils are doing the journey. As you will see from this newsletter we had a couple of our middle school pupils presenting to the Council as part of the ongoing work they are doing with Mrs Anne Galloway and pupils from the other schools around the area. Their focus is on working with Council to improve our area and they are doing a great job on these projects. The year 5 and 6 camp at Woodend was a highlight in the last term with just about every child finding something challenging and exciting to nudge their personal growth along. The Year 5 and 6 staff did an amazing job of both planning and leading this camp and, while everyone involved was a little jaded by the end of that week, the benefits were certainly worth the time and effort.

Our sports people have been hard at work with the cross country being the last big event to run for both our juniors and upper primary and middle school pupils. Again, these sorts of events are not always enjoyed by everyone but they provide challenges that teach resilience and focus in a way that is different and beneficial. Both events were really well run and the pupils did a great job. It was a bit of a challenge for the older age group event with one of the hottest days of the autumn to run in. I think at one stage it was 26 degrees – not ideal cross country weather!

Challenges help to define and test character. Challenge helps to grow resilience in our kids. Challenges are not easy (otherwise they would not be challenging) and they are not bad in and of themselves. By definition they take us out of our comfort zone. The other constant is that challenges appear all the way through our lives. Our kids watch how the adults around them deal with challenges and they learn from that. This is partly why parenting is a challenging and almost all encompassing journey over many years. Challenge can help set us up to handle change well.

Our school wide focus this term is 'panoni'- change. We have been talking with our pupils about the changing nature of this world, how we often cannot control what happens but we do have a choice about how we respond to the change and how we grow in the challenge. Psalm 62:29 (our school wide memory verse) says, "truly he is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken." Our theme invites each person in the ACS community to look to what our God says about where our foundation is in this world full of challenge. He is our rock, He is our place of standing and as we trust in this and learn to live in this reality the promise is we cannot be shaken no matter what the challenge or change. The challenge also asks each of us to reflect on how we are teaching our young ones of this safe place in Christ. How are we modelling a confidence in our saviour and a natural tendency towards trusting Him even in the biggest of challenges. May you know His enabling power to do this as you parent and as you do life.

## Upcoming

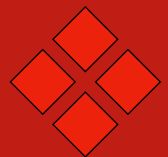
**Parent Teacher Interviews:** These are coming up at the end of this term. Please look for the email as to how to book an interview and make the time to come and talk with your child's teacher about their progress through the year so far. You have two dates to choose from Thursday 1 July and Tuesday 6 July. We look forward to seeing you there.



## House Points



Pōtonga  
56160



Hauāuru  
55030



Tūāraki  
50210



Mārangi  
50130



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

**Enrolments:** Don't forget to either get forms in for your children who intend to start school next year and remind friends who may be looking at ACS as a school of choice. The close date is the key thing to keep focused on. Late applications will only be looked at after all applications received on time have been offered. Yr 7-10 July 26 (new enrolments only) / Yr 1-6 August 20.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Planning continues towards the schools 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which we celebrate on September 24 and 25. Please have these dates in your diary. It would be great if you can spread the word and forward the link to our interests form to anyone who has been a part of the community over the last 25 years. More to come later! You can register your interest [www.aidanfield.school.nz/25th-anniversary-celebrations/](http://www.aidanfield.school.nz/25th-anniversary-celebrations/)

**ACS Website:** Have you looked at our website lately? It has had a complete refresh and is a source of a lot of the information you may find handy. [www.aidanfield.school.nz](http://www.aidanfield.school.nz)

**Are You a Prayer?** It would be really good to pray into how the Ministry of Education works with our school and other Christian schools in the city. We are asking for a roll increase as there are so many

families that would like to be a part of our school. There seems to be a blockage in the MOE regarding this. Your prayers would be valued through the coming months as the Proprietors work with the MOE on this. We also have some partnerships we are looking at and God's guidance on this would be invaluable.

**Board of Trustees Planning:** The BOT are an amazing group of dedicated parents who seek direction for the school. They are beginning to contemplate the next steps in the strategic plan for 2022 – 2024. You may like to begin to consider what we do really well as a school and where you feel we need to develop next. There will be a chance in the coming months to feed into this discussion.

### Finally

It is a real blessing to be a part of the ACS community and to watch how our community of pupils, parents and staff work to example a Christ centred life together. We are not perfect by any means but as we lean into what God is doing around the place and who He is in our lives we see wonderfully encouraging examples of His hand moving among us. How exciting!

Mark Richardson  
Tumuaki/Principal

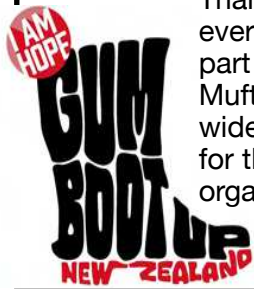
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The Junior Cross Country was run on the afternoon of Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> May. The children were very excited to gather on the field and watch their peers as they took off from the starting line. Despite the variable weather in the days before the event, it turned out to be a perfect day for a race – no wind, and not too hot. Each age group ran the same course, with the older children having to run more laps – up to four times around – quite a way! Needless to say, there were some very tired children arriving at the finish line.

We are so proud of the effort put in by all the children. It was lovely to see everyone giving their best effort and cheering on their peers. There were also some very good performances, with the older students (running as 'rabbits') struggling to keep up with the juniors! The children who came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> will go on to the Christian Schools Cross Country event later in the year. Ka Rawe!





### Gumboot Mufti Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Gumboot Mufti Day. School wide we raised \$480 for the I Am Hope organisation.

### Aidanfield Rangers Hit the Courts!

Introducing our basketball team the "Aidanfield Rangers". They had a breakthrough win for their first game against Rangī Ruru, bringing home a win of 52 - 8.

Player of the game: Ethan R (50% FGM)



### Huritini Student Council Report

The Huritini Council is a group of selected students from five local schools, who come together to talk about issues of concern to the students in the Halswell community. The students meet with Councillor Anne Galloway in a meeting room at Te Hapua Library once a month on Wednesdays. Charlotte L, Hugh K, and Theo P are our reps on the council.

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Hugh was part of a group from the council who presented to the Christchurch City Council Local Community Board their ideas for Westlake Park. Two ACS parents, Matt Pratt and Mark Peters are part of the Community Board.

The Huritini Council is seeking support and funding from the Community Board for new signage and a mural on the toilet block at the park. Hugh spoke very confidently and clearly.



### Year 5/6 Camp

- Waterslides in 7-degree weather
  - Orienteering through unknown places
  - Over exciting activities
  - Driving on a tyre-made go-kart track
  - Everyday some new activities
  - Never bored
  - Dinner and dessert
  - Camp fire roasted marshmallows
  - Awake all night
  - Making memories of year 5/6 camp
  - Playing on the green activities
- By Emily B*



Camp is the best  
 Amazingly fun  
 Mouth full of food  
 Precious memories.

*By Innes W*

Black plastic  
 Greasy, chilly  
 Whizzing, slipping,  
 colliding,  
 Shooting down fast –  
 SPLASH!  
 Waterslide

*By Arianna P*

**Woodend**  
 Awesome, exciting  
 Playing, sleeping, eating  
 Having fun in nature  
 Camp

*By Marshall S*



**Our school Library Blog is full of wonderful things to discover. You can find it here:**  
<http://rmt.aidanfield.school.nz/athenaeum/index.php>

## Book Week Parade

Thank you to everyone that supported the parade and the awesome effort you put into the costumes. The parade is such a highlight of the year for many of our students and the teacher outfit theme is always a favourite part of book week.

The students taking home the \$15 Scholastic voucher for their efforts are:

- Year 0-2 – Epeli N (Pirate)
- Year 3-4 – Daniel S (Bear Grylls)
- year 5-6 – Matthew S (Charlie in the Glass Elevator)
- Year 7-8 – Mrs Richardson's Minions
- Year 9-10 – Zachary P

Runners up will be given bonus housepoints:  
Samnang O (Tuaraki), Raksa O (Tuaraki), Sean W (Hauauru),  
Liam J (Potonga), Isaac D (Potonga).



## Multicultural Chat Group (MCG)



Keen to master the perfect pavlova for your next Christmas gathering? Then you don't want to miss our **June dessert demo!** Lisa Zandbergen will be sharing her recipe and tips on getting the perfect cloud-like **pavlova** (every time!) that is guaranteed to steal the show!

**Date: Friday 25 June Time: 2.15pm - 3pm Venue: ACS Staffroom.** Stay tuned for Term 2 MCG outing in July! We'll bring you to Sunson Asian Food Market for a quick tour followed by a delicious yum cha lunch at Jolly Seafood Restaurant. More details coming soon!



We saw an outstanding result from Southwest Zones Cross Country! The sun came out to play which was an added bonus. We have 4 students placed in the top 12 which means that they are heading off to Centrals!

Caleb P: 1st Alyssa H: 2nd  
Thomas W: 4th Renee W: 9th

## Matariki

## Aidanfield Matariki Celebration!

Aidanfield's Whānau Hui would love to invite you to our Matariki Celebration!

Friday 2nd July 5pm – 7pm

Venue: School Hall

Including: Shared dinner - bring enough for your family to eat (bring your own plates and cutlery)

Please RSVP for this event by clicking the link sent via email or on the school app or find it on our news page [www.aidanfield.co.nz](http://www.aidanfield.co.nz)