



TERM 3 WEEK 3 2021

Aidanfield Christian School

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to Term 3. We trust your holiday break was a welcome pause for rest and recuperation and are already well immersed in the richness of the term.

This week, we welcome Mr Peter van den Brink to our school community as Mrs Taylor begins her maternity leave. Just as we wish her every blessing in the next part of her life journey, so we look forward to the gifts and expertise that Mr van den Brink brings, a man of rich faith and a range of life experience. And it is experiences that I wish to unpack a little further today.

“Tell me a story?” Delight reflected in the recipients of a good story warms the heart. The request for telling a story is significantly different from reading a story? Telling invites a personal response, speaking from the depths of who you are and that which you hold dear.

Stories weave an identity blanket of warmth and colour surrounding an individual, a family, a friendship, a community, a faith. They provide valuable learning, truths and opinions that shape our lives. Every person's story is of huge value and importance. Sadly, it seems stories are becoming lost in the busy-ness of a society that relies heavily on technology, yet the treasure of stories within each family is vast.

In Biblical times, history was shared orally, stories (truths) told from parents to children of the way God had been faithful to each generation, leading them through deserts and valleys, to places of great provision. Notice He continues to do the same for us – do we tell those stories to our own children? Many other cultures have strong oral history as well, drawing strength from the past to face the challenges of the future. Matariki was a perfect example of this late last term.

I encourage you to tell stories - the personal history of your own life, that of your parents and grandparents. Tell these to your children before the stories are lost, and maybe even record them. Tell the story of how you, as parents met, your struggles and delights, challenges and successes, and watch as your children make connections with their own places in life. Tell the story of your children when they were little – their learning to walk and talk, the funny moments that you cherish. Be honest with them and tell them of the heartbreak of losing someone loved. These stories too are valuable and give insight into the reality of life and the hope of our faith. Share the story of your discovering Jesus in a personal way, the stories from the Bible that delight and nourish your soul. Speak your stories in your first and/or second language, in song, in photos or videos, dance or art work. Involve laughter or tears, in a way which reflects who you are, what your family values are, and in a way which will settle into your children's hearts and minds, giving them security in their own identity. Allow your children to tell their stories, to you and to each other. Teach them the value and importance of listening, with their heart, to the stories of others. Retell your favourite stories from books you read as a child, movies you watched, and games you played. Allow your children to see your life in the stories you share. They are powerful for each one of us to see our roots and how we have been shaped by that which has gone before us.

As you share stories with family and friends, weave through the threads of God's story as His Spirit prompts. His story is timeless history. Let yours become part of shared family history.

Kaye Lawn
Deputy Principal



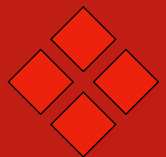
Welcome to
Mr Peter van den Brink



House Points



Pōtonga
87796



Hauāuru
86445



Tūāraki
78622



Mārangi
78369



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

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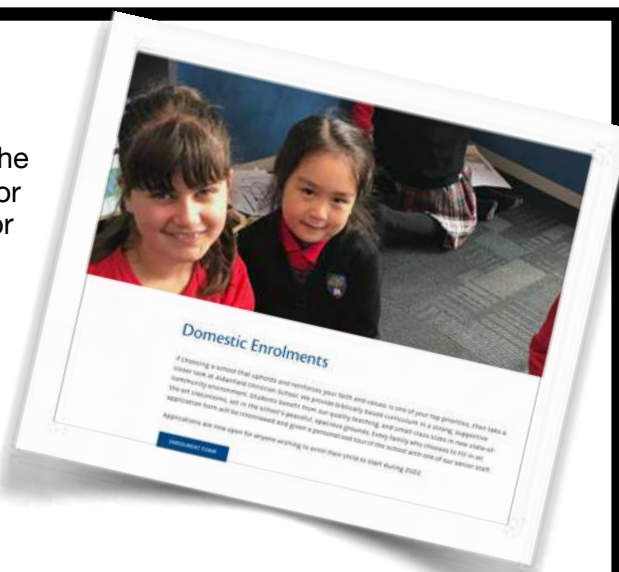
Download our School App at
www.aidanfield.apps.school.nz/install/

Enrolments

Our Enrolment season is almost coming to an end. The deadline for years 1-6 will close on the **20 August**. If you or someone you know is expecting to enrol their child for **2022** please get your enrolment application in ASAP.

(Our Middle School enrolments years 7-10 closed 18 June).

visit
[www.aidanfield.school.nz/
domestic-enrolments/](http://www.aidanfield.school.nz/domestic-enrolments/)
to apply



25th Anniversary

Planning continues towards the schools 25th 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 at
[www.aidanfield.school.nz/
25th-anniversary-celebrations/](http://www.aidanfield.school.nz/25th-anniversary-celebrations/)



Safety Around the School

Carpark: This last week we have had an incident in our school carpark where a student was almost hit by a vehicle backing out at speed from a carpark. Please be mindful of speed, children, rainy/wet days. Our young ones may not be road wise yet and need us to be looking out for them too. We would appreciate you communicate to anyone that is responsible for collecting your children through the week so they too know the risks and to be mindful.

Entrance Gates: You may have noticed that "Close the Gate" signs have been put at our main entrances. It is vital, for the safety of our students that these gates remain closed at all times.

Just a friendly reminder not to park in the auction car park (next to Principal's carpark) during the hours of 8.15-9.15am and 2.15- 3.15pm. We have had quite a few instances this term where the auction winner has turned up but someone has parked in the carpark already. If you could also mention this to anyone else who might be picking up your kids. Thank you.

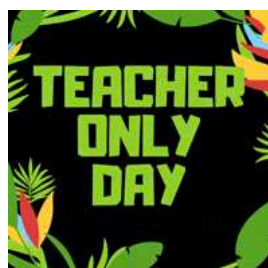


Our School Ambassadors are hosting
'Bring a Can' Mufti Day

Tuesday 17 August

We are fundraising for the food bank
Students can bring a can of food or a gold coin donation to wear mufti.
Unsure what is appropriate to wear at school for mufti? Check our Parent Page on our website for guidelines www.aidanfield.school.nz/parent-information/

For everyone who took part, raised funds,
donated and supported our school for this years 40 Hr Famine...
Congratulations and Thank You! We raised a massive \$11,568.45
as you can see, the student rewards were well worth the effort



**Teacher
Only Day
26 August
School
Closed**



Two of our wonderful
Ambassadors with the award
presented to the school for
**Auahatanga, Most Creative
Fundraising Award**
For showing a spirit of
creativity and courage in
this year's 40 Hour Famine.

We had 23 children representing Aidanfield at the Year 0-4 Cross Country Challenge. It was a fantastic event - well organised, with just the right amount on mud to make it 'fun'. There were over 350 kids from 12 schools.

Our kids did super well, both in their behaviour and performance, and we had a number of kids up on stage at the prizegiving:

Briana P Year 2: 1st!!! by at least 30 metres!
Georgina G Year 1: 3rd
Evie C Year 1: 4th

Reuben H Year 4: 2nd
Rebecca H Year 4: 3rd
Salvador S Year 4: 4th

and 1st overall team in age group: Year 3 girls: Mila S, Emma L and Natalie L.



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

Looking for school term dates or calendar information?

Our new website has an up to date calendar with all our school wide events and term dates. You can subscribe to the calendar feed by visiting the calendar page on a computer (not a device). Click on "Subscribe with Google | Subscribe with WebCal | Subscribe with iCal". This will then feed through to your personal calendar. We do our best to keep the calendar up to date, as information comes available visit www.aidanfield.school.nz/calendar

Save the date!

PAACS will be hosting a **CRAFTERNOON** on Saturday **28 August**. More details to follow.

Multicultural Parents Chat Group - 27 August 2:30pm

Our social group of parents are vibrant, fun and would love to have you join them each time they meet. Keep an eye on the school App and Facebook page for more details closer to the time.

Speech Finals Night - 8 September
Including Kapa Haka Ropu performance.



Student Christian Radio - The Fridge

"The Fridge" is operated by Middleton Grange School students. Cool, fresh and good, The Fridge aims to build faith, speak truth and bring joy.

Commercial-free, The Fridge plays new releases as well as singalong classics, with the best of Christian and appropriate secular songs.

You'll hear student voices, NZME news, Scriptures and words of encouragement. There's even quiet music to chill out to through the night, and daily sermons from respected Kiwi Bible teacher, Murray Robertson, at 7am and 7pm.

The Fridge can be heard 24 hours at www.thefridge.net.nz, and in Christchurch on 88.3FM. We invite you to listen. You can contact us on 0800 THE FRIDGE or thefridge@middleton.school.nz.

The 14th Christchurch Boys' Brigade

Are you looking for an action-packed programme for your boy? If so, we have an action-packed programme geared for Young Kiwi Men. Boys' Brigade is a fun filled Christian based programme for boys aged 5-19 yrs old. We operate in three sections, Anchor 5-7 years, Team Section 8-10 years and Company Section 11-19 years old. Activities include Crafts, games, camps, outdoor pursuits, leadership training, life skills and lots more. We meet on a Friday night at Beckenham Methodist Church Hall, 52 Martin Ave, Beckenham. New members welcome any time, interested contact Stephen Gregory ph: 027 4371565, email: admin@14thbb.org.nz or see our website for more www.14thbb.org.nz

Looking for a great fitness challenge? Canterbury Adventure Race

Saturday 28 August 2021
Includes 3, 6 and 9-hour options
Within a 30 minute drive from the Christchurch City Centre
This event is being run as a fundraiser for Middleton Grange Centre
Visit www.crazykeaevents.nz for more information.

Matua Pai
PARENTING ADVENTURES

AUGUST 28th, 2021

BECAUSE WE'RE ALL ON A DIFFERENT ADVENTURE

Topics include:
mental health, aggression, grief,
blended families, learning difficulties,
the internet & lots more

Free childcare available onsite

With Pio Terei as
Keynote Speaker

Come along
to get some tips
& encouragement for
wherever you are on the
parenting journey!

FREE EVENT
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