



Aidanfield Christian School

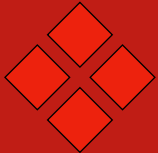
Growing in Wisdom and Stature | Stand and be Confident

Kia ora koutou Aidanfield whanau

House Points



Pōtonga
105896



Hauāuru
104345



Tūāraki
94422



Mārangi
91369

School App

- * Stay Up To Date *
- * Notify Absences *
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- * School Calendar *

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Well done! We have collectively made it to the end of the school term, a term that has been a bit different to how we thought it might look when we embarked on it 10 weeks ago. It has been interesting watching our pupils as they have progressed through this term.

We Have the Promise of Hope

I know that sometimes children present differently at home to what we see at school but here at ACS we have seen pupils embracing life, loving being at school (most of them) and looking relaxed and engaged with learning and growing. As a parent community you are doing a fantastic job of showing our young ones how to walk through uncertain times. It helps that we have a common faith. No matter where each of us is in our personal walk with God, we are able to hold onto the hope that knowing Him brings. He has promised that the world and everything in it is His, that He is working history towards His purposes. He says that we are never alone, He is always with us. I have learned over the last number of years that this is perhaps one of the strongest promises, that no matter what is happening around me and even in the darkest or hardest of places His promise is to be right there in the middle of that place with me. I am never abandoned, never alone, never without hope. Even as the world appears to have chaos at every corner there is hope for our today and our future because our God will not let us go. Our future will definitely have challenges, we were never promised easy but when we know Him we are nestled in the palm of His hand and the creator of all things - He cares for us, for me, for you. Our young ones have a strong reassurance sustaining them in troubled times when they understand this powerful aspect of hope.

Vaccinations

As I look at the chaos around, I am fascinated by the vaccination debate. As I have said before, every family will make their own decisions about the place of vaccinations and I respect this freedom to choose. The thing that challenges me to comment, however, is the nature of information or misinformation on which individuals make decisions. The ability to make a choice based on solid information that is reliable is a good thing. The choice to

Mufti Day/Crazy Hair Day for the Child Cancer Foundation

We raised \$484!!! Great effort!!



View from Mount Hutt Middle School Ski Trip

make personal decisions based on misinformation is a terrible thing. I leave it to each family to consider their own stance on vaccinations. My plea is to make well informed decisions using excellent information and to seek medical advice when needed. Some helpful sources of information could include the following:

- [COVID-19 vaccines | Unite against COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccines | Ministry of Health NZ](#)
- [Karawhiua - Protect Communities from COVID-19](#)
- [Information for Pacific Peoples | Unite against COVID-19](#)
- <https://covid19.govt.nz/iwi-and-communities/translations/>
- [The Immunisation Advisory Centre](#)

I pray that each family considers carefully the real information as they make individual decisions about this current challenge. If such consideration has been done then the operation of free choice is a freedom enjoyed.

Having Your Say

The Board has started the process of planning the next stage our strategic plan. What it looks like going forward will be based partly on what our parent community tells us is important.

I will be sending home a survey link early in Term 4 which will give you the opportunity of commenting on what is working well and what we can next seek to develop in our school. Please begin to give this some thought and look out for the link in late October.

Finally

The school is closed from Monday 4 October and opens again on Monday 18 October. May the coming weeks provide opportunity to connect with your family in ways that are tricky when the rush of school life challenges the moments!

Grace and peace

Mark Richardson
Principal



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Traveling Sports

Travelling sports was certainly impacted by lockdown and weather this term. Now that it has come to an end we want to extend a huge thanks to those parents/caregivers and grandparents who took time to coach, transport and encourage our students. We couldn't do it without you!

Term 5-6 Art

Year 5-6 art topic for the term has been "Fabric and Fibre". We create our own fabric by felting dyed wool roving using a process involving hot water, soap and agitation. We also created these yarn art squares using simple, effective designs.



Speeches

Speeches are such a mixed experience for our students, with those that thrive presenting and those that prefer not to take part at all. Big congratulations to all our students who prepared, practised and presented their speeches the last few weeks. The winners for each year group were:

New Entrant:	Leonie K	Year 1:	Victoria H
Year 2:	Isaac D	Year 3:	Sophie G
Year 4:	Beth P	Year 5:	Jemma B
Year 6:	Amber W	Year 7:	Micah H
Year 8:	Mary Hilaga	Year 9/10:	Announced Tm 4

Student Council Safety Video

Our Student Council have just released a safety video for our school site. Take a look at their amazing effort and see just what we can and can't do around the school carpark:

<https://youtu.be/f-W1FwtqN1k>



Canterbury District Health Board

The Canterbury District Health Board have asked us to share information with you that they are opening the drive-thru at Christchurch Arena (entry off Wrights Road) on October 4 (just in time for the holidays) and no appointment is needed.

No appointment will be needed at the drive thru, and CDHB are happy to vaccinate anyone who is eligible sitting at a window. So it's perfect for whānau!

Details of the drive thru are: Every day from October 4 - 31

Monday-Friday incl 25th (Labour Day) 1.30 - 8.00pm

Saturday / Sunday 11.00am - 5.00pm

www.VaccinateCanterburyWestCoast.nz



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Year 5 - 8 Athletics - Stay tuned Tm 4 for results!



Halswell Tennis Club

The 2021 season is about to get underway with two Registration and Open Days. These will be held on Sunday 12th and 19th September. Juniors Have a Go and Registration from 10am to 12noon. Our coaches will be available. Senior Registration and Open Day starts at 1pm

It is a great opportunity to come along and see what Halswell Tennis Club has to offer for players of all ages

- Juniors: interclub and coaching
- Seniors: interclub and social tennis
- Mid week Tennis: inter club, social and coaching (Tuesday mornings from 9.30am)

Our Love Tennis Day will be held on Sunday, 21st November, 1-4pm. Come along and give tennis a go. Everyone is welcome. Our Love Tennis Day will only be happening in nationwide Level 1. For further information check our website clubspark.kiwi/halswelltennisclub or find us on Facebook or

AFTER-SCHOOL BEEKEEPING COURSES FOR KIDS

Ever wanted to learn more about bees? Want the opportunity to see inside a hive? Now's your chance! Learn practical beekeeping skills in a safe and supportive learning environment.

Tuesdays - Phillipstown Community Hub

Fridays - Seven Oaks School

Courses are for children aged 7-13 years

Courses run from 4pm-5.30pm once per week during the school term, \$250 per term

For enquiries and bookings, please contact Kathryn at dodowithbees@gmail.com or 027 863 8730.

All PPE provided (except footwear)

Family and adult classes are also available, please contact Kathryn for more information.

www.cleverlittlebees.co.nz - dodowithbees@gmail.com

bricks 4 kidz

2021 FINALE - OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

11th - 15th Oct, La Vida Centre, Riccarton, Christchurch

www.bricks4kidz.com

<https://www.facebook.com/b4kchc/posts/257807869574115>

CENTRAL CITY SPORTS CHCH

INDOOR FOOTBALL

JUNIOR / YOUTH
(7yrs - 14yrs) (15yrs - 18yrs)

Friday Evenings 4pm - 9pm

ACTION
sports studios

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!

Play Cricket This Summer
FOR THE
ST ALBANS CRICKET CLUB

Games are played on Saturday mornings & finish before midday

Season runs during term time from mid October to end of March with a break during Xmas/New Year school holidays

Grades to suit all ages & skills from Year 2-4 boys & girls, up to Year 8 girls only teams

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME BOYS & GIRLS

REGISTRATION:
stalbanscricket.co.nz/register

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