



TERM 1 | WEEK 11



Kia ora koutou Aidanfield whanau

It has been an interesting term! The holiday break starting at the end of this week is well timed and will provide a much needed circuit breaker. As I write we have had 185 of our pupils who have either had COVID or have isolated with COVID in the family since February of this year (i.e. the last three months). This represents about 50% of our school roll and has

meant the classrooms have been a bit like a revolving door with pupils gone and then returning all the time. At any moment in time, we have had between 9 and 20% of the school at home. As we conclude the term it is looking like about 14%. Compared to other schools this is low – we have done well to date.

A great staff team

I find myself admiring our staff here at ACS and I would like to blow our own trumpet for a moment if I may. The staff team have carried a significant load in keeping classroom programmes going as well as ensuring those pupils who are at home have been able to keep up with what has been happening in the classrooms if they are able. This is not an insignificant load but our staff have once again been focused on adapting to the new normal and doing their very best to support all our families as best we can. The result of this effort is that most of our pupils have been able to keep up with classroom programmes and the learning journey for many, while interrupted, has not been devastated. We really do have an amazing team of staff at ACS.

Looking backwards

Through this newsletter you will get a reminder or a glimpse of what has been happening through the term. We have had our junior swim programme running. Our juniors spent a day at the rocky shore, our upper primary at Ferrymead. Our Top Team competition that replaced the swimming sports was a great day as the Learning Communities competed in challenges that really made them think. Cycle Safe was completed well and the usual classroom teaching programmes progressed in a really settled way. The start of year reports should be in your hands now and these will summarise what we are seeing in relation to your child at the start of the year. The parent teacher interviews at the start of the term were really well attended and certainly helpful at our end. Even although there has been a significant impact from isolations across the school, it has been a really good term in the life of the school.

Staff changes

At the end of this term we say farewell to **Mrs Sunia** (Ma2) as she leaves to have her baby. We wish her well and pray for a blessed period of leave. We welcome **Mrs Jo Grosvenor** into Ma2 as the class teacher through to the end of the year. Mrs Grosvenor has experience in special needs support and a physical education background.

We welcome **Mrs Kelly Penny** into a part time science teacher role in the middle school. Mrs Penny comes from a secondary science background and has a passion for emerging adolescents.

It is great to have **Mrs MacGregor** back in the primary part of the school in a part time capacity and **Mrs Taylor** doing similar but in the

middle school. **Mrs Cameron** is also filling a part role in the middle school for the year.

As I have said so often – we are very blessed with the team of people who make ACS tick. Please uphold them in your prayers as they work daily with your children to both teach them the academics and more importantly, guide them along this life's journey. Teachers have a powerful role model opportunity and their influence on people can be profound. Your prayer in this is so important.

BOT matters

We have an excellent Board chaired by Mr Zhu Hui Lam. We have Board elections later in the year and this may be a chance for you to become involved in the governance of the school. If contributing to the school in this way is something you could consider please seek further information, perhaps visit a Board meeting (May 9, June 20, August 1 all starting at 6.15 in the ACS meeting room) or talking with current Board members for their views and experiences. Our BOT page on the website has names and contacts that may be useful. If you wish to attend a meeting email BOTchair@aidanfield.school.nz for more info.

Enrolments

Enrolments are open for all year levels for places starting in 2023. Closing for Year 7 to 10 places Friday 17 June. The closing date for year 1 to 6 places is Friday 19 August. It is vital that you apply within the period if you would like to have another child attend ACS in 2023. This is important even if you already have a child already attending ACS. Please also let friends, family, church contacts know these dates.

We do not run open days but we are more than happy to spend time with anyone that would like to consider ACS as a school for their child.

Teacher Only Days

Don't forget, Friday 12 May and Friday 3 June are Teacher Only Days in Term 2, school will be closed.

Finally

It's Easter. Well the most defining period of time in human history. Why is this so? Because of all the good people, great teachers, spiritual leaders to have contributed to the human story there is only one that conquered death and is alive this moment and forever more. Every other person has passed or will pass. In doing so they become a memory, a collection of writings or rituals only. Only one claimed to be God, called people to the Father and then laid down his life by choice. In doing so he opened a way that all who call on him might have access to the creator and sustainer of all things and the giver of life. And, once taking the load of wrong doing, sin, on himself and paying the debt owed for that sin he rose from the grave. Easter is a time to reflect on this truth: of my separation from God, of his sacrifice for me, of the power of death that gives me life...and the promise and reality of his presence with me in this very moment. Think on that. Share this with your family. Help them to see it and grasp its deepest meaning. It's Easter! We are blessed indeed.

Grace and peace

Mark Richardson
Tumuaki / Principal

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Rocky Shore Trip

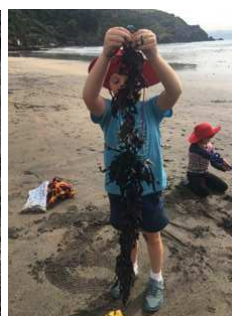


In mid-March our Junior School travelled to Taylors Mistake for a day out at the beach. We had spent the previous weeks learning about the environment and creatures that live by the rocky shore, and our students were very excited to see it in real life!

The children were very excited as they hopped onto the buses. For many this was their first ever ride on a bus, and was the highlight of the trip! The adults enjoyed watching them as they were thrilled by the sights along the way. The trip over the hill was a little 'interesting' but our drivers were very careful and we made it to Taylors Mistake right on time.

After a quick break for morning tea, we split into our groups and headed off to our first activity rotations. We spent the next few hours exploring the rock pools, building sandcastles, completing a nature scavenger hunt and playing on the beach. In-between our activities we had a brief stop for lunch. By then the sun was shining and it was getting warm. We spent another hour before doing a beach clean-up and hopping back on the bus.

It wasn't surprising that there were a few sleepy kids on the bus ride home! Thank you to the parents who came along to help us. I know they enjoyed the day as much as the children!



Fostering Strengths - Ukulele

Every Monday afternoon in Term 1, a small group of year 2 students got to learn the ukulele with Mrs Falconer. We learnt three chords: C, G7 and F. We can play lots of songs with these three chords. We played, 'The lion sleeps Tonight' in our assembly. We have a book of songs we can learn at home. We love the ukulele!

Nia, Judah, Tim, Amelia, Judah, Dani, Zac and Lena.



Wheels Whānau Fun Day

We had wheels day for our Whānau Fun Day in Term 1 2022.

We all brought a bike or scooter to school. Each class has a turn racing around the track. We had so much fun! Even some of the Matai 5 and 6 teachers came on their wheels too! We thought that was a bit funny! Check out our pictures of us!



Top Team

SPLASH!!! - Water everywhere for a second. I thought it was World War Water erupting everywhere like a wild volcano. It was burst pipe warfare. Last night I was excited but now not so sure. My senses were telling me to get out of there. Splash!! It was too late now. splash "Olivia!" I said. My hand was a shield my to my face. Splash splash!!! My t-shirt that used to be green, now black! I was so cold. By now I could see myself in a grave full of water. *Wiitten by Flynn A*



ITS TIME FOR WINTER UNIFORM

There is still a significant amount of **UNNAMED** lost property (office and Matai 3)

We **HIGHLY** recommend that you take the time during the holidays to name **ALL** your children's uniform

Garden Club - Term 1



Term Dates 2022

Term Two (10 Weeks) - Mon 2 May – Fri 8 Jul

Teacher Only Day – 12 May (School Closed)

Teacher Only Day – 3 June (School Closed)

Queen’s Birthday Weekend – 6 June (School Closed)

Matariki Observed – 24 June (School Closed)

School Holidays: 9 July – 24 July

Term Three (10 Weeks) - Mon 25 Jul – Fri 30 Sept

School Holidays: 1 Oct – 16 Oct

Term Four (9 Weeks) - Mon 17 Oct – Wed 14 Dec

Labour Day – 24 October (School Closed)

Canterbury Anniversary (School Closed) – 11 November

Last Day of School Wednesday 14 December

HOUSE POINTS TALLY	
Marangai 42700	Tuaraki 38650 Potonga 37800 Hauauru 34850

Ferrymead Trip

On the 15th of March 2022, the Year 5 and 6s were lucky enough to be able to go to Ferrymead to learn about New Zealand in the 1850’s . My favourite activity was the old school.

At the school, the teacher, Mrs Tomas, didn’t look that bad. She actually looked quite nice, but when she started acting she was the real life Devil. She was rude and strict. She had a cane that could probably put you in a hospital. Fear took over me and I couldn’t even move one bit otherwise the cane would give a loud “SNAP!”

The school looked very different from the school today. The school didn’t have a playground or a large space to play in. There was just a small square of grass and an unclimbable tree to play with. Inside the classroom, the desks were all lined up and the classroom was basically a giant box. The school is terrible compared to Aidanfield Christian School.

When we started handwriting I realised that handwriting in 1850 is very different from handwriting today. We used pens that you had to dip in ink. The handwriting words were already on the sheet, you just had to go over the words with your pen. Also the handwriting looked very different from the handwriting today. The handwriting in the 1850’s looked cooler, but it was harder to write.

The reading wasn’t that different from the reading today. Mrs Tomas made each row read all at the same time and after the row had read one paragraph, the row behind us would read the next paragraph. It wasn’t that bad.

Afterwards, we had to return to Aidanfield Christian School. I was happy that the torture had ended, but I was also kind of sad that we had to leave.

By Mitchell Z



Year 6 Cycle Safety Lessons

On the 16th and 17th of February, Kōwhiri 6 had our two cycle safety lessons. Cycle safety was set up by the city council to teach us how to ride our bikes safely and properly on the road.

On the first day, we learnt about basic skills such as stopping, quickly turning around, and looking behind us. After we had fully learnt all the basic skills, we had a fake road setup to learn about how to use a main road.

After lunch, we finally got on the road for a little bit. We got to learn different acronyms which refer to safe-riding practices. The next morning, we headed straight onto the road. We went around different intersections and roads. We practised things like going past cars and left and right turns, while watching for nearby cars.

All in all, cycle safety was an amazing experience and good opportunity for the year six’s. We got to learn things to help us with modern-day life and important safety rules regarding the road. Sometimes, it was challenging, but it was still heaps of fun for everyone.

Written by Munotidaishe S



Community Notices



Whanau Awhina Plunket online Babysitting Course

Plunket Education in Schools' Babysitting Course is available for teenagers all over Aotearoa. This course is designed to give high school students the knowledge and skills to babysit children of all ages. It's written for first time babysitters; students don't need to have previous experience to enrol.

The course ideal for students aged 14 and above and takes around 2-3 hours to complete.

Students work through nine sequential modules and on completion of the course and the final quiz will receive a certificate certified by Whanau Awhina Plunket to show employers that they have completed this course and are

ready to babysit. As well as the certificate the students are sent a Babysitter's Manual that supports all the information they have learned in the course.

This course is presented using videos, quizzes and activities which are fun as well as informative. to register: <https://www.plunket.org.nz/plunket/what-we-offer/education-in-schools/#plunket-online-babysitting-course>

DRUM lessons 2022

drum tuition

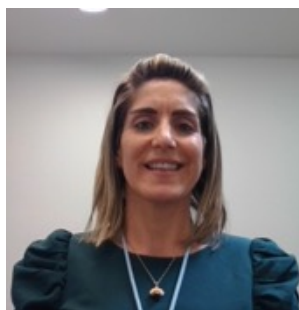
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Information on recovering from COVID that may be of interest:

Based on research to date Long COVID is thought to affect 10 to 20 per cent of people. The WHO definition of Long COVID is symptoms after 3 months. Fatigue is a common symptom of many viral illnesses and a feature of both acute COVID-19 infection and long COVID. If you have fatigue, muscle weakness, etc, do not 'push through'. Do not think that you can exercise your way out of this. Commencing exercise too early may increase the risk of long COVID. If you do have symptoms of Long COVID (ongoing, or newly developing symptoms), please seek help. Caution must be taken to be mindful of new or ongoing symptoms that can fluctuate and affect people in different ways at different times. The main advice for recovering from Long COVID appears to be:

- Don't overdo it – if you feel you need rest, rest.
- Begin with a very low level of activity, and very slowly increase – interspersed with regular planned breaks throughout the day.
- Begin with some fun things, and things that won't matter if you stop for a break
- Maintain a healthy diet.
- Ask for help from friends and family.
- When exercise is restarted it is advisable to ease back into it slowly. The current consensus is that exercise should not be undertaken until the individual has been completely symptom-free for at least seven days.
- Adequate sleep, good nutrition, hydration, and social connection are also vital to help you recover well.



A new initiative for all enrolled at Halswell Health - Introducing your new Health Improvement Practitioner! Hi all, my name is Marika. I'm a Registered Nurse by trade and here to help with any problems you may be having health and wellbeing wise that are really affecting your quality of life. We look at the main issue at the time and action plan together to minimise its impact. In these uncertain times it has never been more so important that we look after ourselves. My service is free of charge and consultations can be face to face, via video call or phone. I am based at Ensign Street, please call reception to book in..... I'm here to support you!

To celebrate Earth Day 2022 on the 22nd April TOCK the Earth loving robot from TOCK.Earth has teamed up with Christchurch City Libraries to run a fun art competition open to tamariki 0-12 year old. Starts on 19th April to 30th April with 2 prizes to be won. Go to www.TOCK.earth/earthday22 for full details.

BEEKEEPING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Ever wanted to learn more about bees? Want the opportunity to see inside a hive? Now's your chance! This is the last beekeeping holiday programme for this season!! Learn beekeeping skills in a safe and supportive learning environment.

Beekeeping Holiday Programme
Tuesday 19th April - Friday 22 April
9am to 3pm
Phillipstown Community Hub
Single days \$75 Whole week \$280

All PPE provided (except footwear). For enquiries and bookings, please contact Kathryn on cleverlittlebees@gmail.com or 027 863 8730 www.cleverlittlebees.co.nz



Studio One Performing Arts your local

dance school, is currently giving Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Acro lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Contemporary starting from age 7. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz.

<https://pouakai.basketball/camps/>
<https://canterburyrams.basketball/events/>

Dental Care During the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing urgent and relief of pain appointments during the school break at:

Aranui Community Dental Clinic, 240 Breezes Road, Christchurch

Hornby Community Dental Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Christchurch

You can access these appointments by calling our Contact Centre on 0800 846 983.

For any dental advice please call the Contact Centre on 0800 846 983 or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz