



Aidanfield Christian School

Growing in Wisdom and Stature | Stand and be Confident

House Points



Mārangi
17384



Pōtonga
20518



Tūāraki
18092



Hauāuru
19376

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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

Kia ora Aidanfield whānau

Welcome to the week the school holidays start. Our school is closed on Friday 7 April until Wednesday 26 April (note, Monday 24 April the school is closed), which means there are a lot of children across the city invited to enjoy holiday time and family time to the extent that each family is able to do.

Just human - but so much more

Easter is in the school holidays. It is one of the most important reminders in the Christian calendar. It reminds us of the period of time when God stepped onto this earth in human form. He was born and grew to be an adult just like you and me. He lived among people, ate, drank, played, joked, laughed, and cried. He probably slept in from time to time, got frustrated, tired and weary. He possibly looked forward to the end of a work day, to a sunrise, to watching the clouds form and rain fall. He no doubt swam in the rivers, sat in the shade of a tree, stubbed his toe, grazed his knee, jammed his finger between something. He was, by choice - human. And he was arrested, tried, judged and hung out to die as a common criminal feeling the sting of being misjudged, hated, rejected, alone.

Easter reminds us that being misjudged, hated, rejected and alone is not the end of the story. He who was without sin could not be held by death. The power of life from his heavenly father raised him to life - to once again walk, laugh, eat, and forgive. Easter is the reminder we can turn toward him, lean into him, cry out to him, seek him and he will be found. His forgiveness is to all who ask. His grace and His love is eternal and embracing. This Easter, have you reached out? Have you turned to Him and asked to walk with Him in forgiveness and grace? This Easter, how will you remind your children of the depth of the story of Easter? How will your kids get a sense of the magnificence of the God who made earth, made them, visited earth and calls them? Death did not hold Him down - for he is risen!

Thank you

There is no easy transition from the powerful story of Easter into the day to day!

The ACS Fair was a great success even with the rain at mid-day. We owe a significant debt of gratitude to the McNeil's and Greaves for their massive effort to pull this years event together. So many people eventually offered aspects of help but the two families really made it all possible and I am grateful for their sacrifice and commitment to making it happen - thank you!

I've been wondering

I've noticed a decline in volunteerism within our school community, and it's been causing some frustration among our staff and organising groups. For events like the fair, we rely on the help of our parent volunteers, but it seems that fewer people are willing to offer their assistance in a timely manner. While our camps and activities for younger students receive good support, we've noticed a drop in parent involvement once our students get above Year 5.

It seems true that 80% of what needs to be done is done by less than 20% of our parents. I acknowledge that work commitments make helping during the day difficult for many families. I am also aware that many employers may be open to accommodating requests for adapted working hours to be involved in school activities.



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Our school choir performing to an ESOL verification visitor in March



Culture Week Parade Assembly



Cycle Safety



Polyfest

To be able to offer a wide range of opportunities we need parents to stay involved throughout their children's schooling, even if the student says they don't want their parent's involvement. I've found that our young ones are often grateful when their parents are involved, even if they don't express it directly.

Please help us to keep opportunities open. Our staff are often in situation of having to look after multiple teams, manage large numbers of pupils, and long hours outside of teaching to give the pupils of our community good opportunities.

Please consider volunteering when help is needed, and let your yes be yes rather than saying you are available "if really needed." We always need more volunteers. and our staff members feel conflicted when an offer of help is 'only if really needed' - the message being... 'not really available but if I have to'.

In short, I hope you'll consider staying engaged and involved in Aidanfield Christian School. We rely on your help to provide many opportunities for our students, and without your involvement, opportunities will start to suffer. Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to discuss this further. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Where have the trees gone?

You may have noticed the silver birch trees have been felled down the driveway leading to the hall. We have begun work on the two new classrooms to be added to the Horoeoka block. The driveway will be moved to run down the fence line over the holidays to make room for the classrooms for year 2 and 3 from 2024 onwards.

Grace and peace for this holiday period

Mark Richardson
Tumuaki/Principal



RSVP to NCEA Parent Information Night - Thursday 27, 7pm

For parents with students in year 9 - 10 only. Things are changing in regard to NCEA and some of these changes now affect Year 10 pupils across the country. On Thursday April 27, 7pm - we welcome you to come and explore what these changes mean and what we are doing about them at ACS. It is very important that you attend this evening and understand the significant change to the external qualification framework. For more information please refer to an email sent 23/3/23 with the Subject "Year 9 & 10 Parents - Re NCEA Changes and Save the Date" **Please RSVP at <https://forms.office.com/r/L6Au2qSXUj>**

Dates

TERM TWO Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

24 April:	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
25 April:	Anzac Day 25 April (School Closed)
26 April:	Year 9 & 10 NCEA Parent Information Evening
3-5 May:	Year 5/6 Camp
10 May:	Year 9/10 Wed afternoon sports starts (runs approx 12 wks)
11 May:	Cross Country (PP TBC 16 May)
15-19 May:	Book Week (TBC Book Parade)
18 May:	Enrolment Information Night, parents of Year 6-9
24 May:	El Grego Primary Visit
24 May:	South West Zones Cross Country (PP 31 May)
25 May:	Year 5- 8 Hockey Starts for those accepted into team TBA
26 May:	Year 5 - 8 Winter Sport Starts for those accepted into team TBA approx 6 weeks
1 June:	Mufti Day
1 June:	Yr 9/10 Can't. Secondary Schools Cross Country - selected students only
5 June:	King's Birthday (School Closed)
9 June:	Enrolment Applications close for year 7 - 10 (new students only)
9 June:	Middleton Applications close for year 10 leavers
22 June:	Parent Teacher Interviews
27 June:	Parent Teacher Interviews
29 June:	TBC Early Finish (supervision will be provided)
30 June:	Teacher Only Day
<i>School Holidays: Saturday 1 July to Sunday 16 July (inc Matariki 14 July)</i>	

TERM THREE Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

7 August:	Playhouse Theatre (Primary)
18 August:	Year 4 Marae Trip
18 August:	Enrolment Applications close for year 0 - 6
23 August:	South West Zones Winter Sports (PP 28 Aug)
29-30 August:	School Photos
30 August:	MGS Theatre Sports Visit to ACS
31 August:	Mufti Day
11 - 22 Sept:	Year 3/4 Swimming
<i>School Holidays: 23 September to Sunday 8 October</i>	

TERM FOUR Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December

23 October:	Labour Day (School Closed)
8 November:	South West Zones Athletics (PP 13 November)
16 November:	TBC Primary Athletics
17 November:	Canterbury Anniversary Day (School Closed)
23 November:	Mufti Day
23 November:	Triathlon
27 Nov- 8 Dec:	NE, Year 2, Year 5-6 Swimming
6 - 8 December:	Year 9/10 Journey
11 December:	Year 10 Leaver's Dinner
13 December:	Junior Nativity Play
15 December:	Last Day of School
15 December:	Prizegiving

We would like to know your thoughts on our health curriculum. Your response will help us to review the effectiveness and appropriateness of the health curriculum we offer at ACS. For more detail refer to an email sent 5 April with subject "Survey - Teaching our children health. What are your thoughts?" Link to survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHVZTP8> Please complete by Friday 28th April.

Achievements

Do you know a student who is achieving outside of school? We would love to know. Email office@aidanfield.school.nz

★ Canterbury Secondary Schools Athletic Champs 2023 Nga Puna Wai 18/03/2023 Results - Finals Field Girls Javelin Throw 500gm Under 14 5th place Mikayla Belsham, Aidanfield Christian School with a throw of 16.91m.



★ Rhythmic Gymnastics at Auckland Champs - Claire Li, 2nd place

★ Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships 2023 - competing against the very best swimmers in Canterbury.

- ★ Alyssa Hong 3rd Girls 14 year old 100m Freestyle
- ★ Yuri Chundpravit 7th Girls 14 year old 100m Freestyle
- ★ Samuel Burford 8th Boys Open 200m
- ★ Samuel Burford 5th Boys 15 year old 50m Butterfly
- ★ Noah Caldwell 4th Boys 15 year old 50m Freestyle

★ Four Years 5-8 swimmers in Canterbury at the Primary Sport Canterbury Swimming Championships These are outstanding results for the team and congratulations to Ethan Han who placed 1st and 2nd in his finals making him the fastest Year 6 boy in Canterbury in breaststroke and 2nd fastest in freestyle.

- ★ Ethan Han 1st Place Year 6 Boys 50 SC metre Breaststroke.
- ★ Ethan Han 2nd Place Year 6 Boys 50 SC metre Freestyle.
- ★ Olivia Hong 5th Place Year 8 Girls 50 SC metre Backstroke.
- ★ Hannah Yew 6th Place Year 6 Girls 50 SC metre Breaststroke.
- ★ Hannah Yew 9th Place Year 6 Girls 50 SC metre Freestyle.
- ★ Grace Guo 16th Place Year 7 Girls 50 SC metre Freestyle.

Save the Date - Parents of students Year 6 - 9

Aidanfield Christian School does schooling a little differently to many other schools. We have students to the end of year 10. Why? Does it work? Is there a pathway to Year 13 in Christian schooling? Do I need to apply to Middleton early to ensure I get in? I have heard of ACS pupils not getting into Middleton in the past. Other high schools offer more options and subjects and extensions. All of these are questions I have heard from parents in the past. I invite you to come and discuss these with other parents wondering similar things.

For those with children in Years 6 - 9, please put **Thursday 18 May, 7pm** in your diary and come along to explore these issues. This will be a great opportunity for you to learn more about the educational programs, extracurricular activities, and other important aspects of our school and why staying at ACS is of benefit to your child/children.

During the evening, you will have the chance to meet our teaching staff, hear from our principal about our school's philosophy and goals, and get an overview of our curriculum in Middle School.

Please note, as existing families in the school you do not need to apply to attend Middle School at ACS as your enrolment carries all the way to year 10.

We encourage you to attend this important event, as it will provide you with valuable information as to why staying at ACS is important. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have and meet other parents in our school community.

We hope to see you there and look forward to the continued opportunity to work with you and your child as they transition to and through our Middle School. And as you plan to attend, please be aware that we offer a middle school curriculum that is equal to any other high school, students in year 7 to 10 have as many option choices as any other high school, our academic achievement for our middle school is at least as good and in many cases noticeably higher than other high schools, our leadership opportunities are broader than in most high schools and there is an assured pathway to MGS for preference families - no question! We look forward to seeing you on May 18, 7.00pm to explore all of these issues and so much more.

Relief Teacher Aides

We are always on the lookout for relief Teacher Aides, supporting students across the school in their learning, generally from 9am - 1pm. I'm happy to have a chat with anyone who would like to know more or, email me for more information kaye.lawn@aidanfield.school.nz



COMMUNITY dental service

- Community dental clinics are closing from 27/01/2023 to 27/02/2023 for the wintering school holidays.
- See how to book appointments and for more information please call 0800 764 633 or 0475 22 11 00.
- Please call 0800 764 633 to book an appointment. If you cannot book your travel appointment please call 0800 764 633 to book an appointment.

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April School Holiday Programme

Holiday Programme

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SEE US AT THE BAXTERS BUDDIES HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT 10:00 AM ON 18/04/2023

Come along and have the best time with our exciting April holiday Programme. Book early to avoid disappointment as trip day numbers are limited! **Book Now at: enrolmy.com/baxters-buddies** PH:021 127 5865 or or email: info@baxtersbuddies.co.nz



Halswell 2023 English Class

COST \$4

Wednesdays
3am-11am
during term time

South West Baptist Church, 6 De-cairn St

We start with a time all together and then after morning tea we divide into groups based on level of English

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We Welcome New Students