



# Aidanfield Christian School

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## House Points



**Hauāuru**  
63046



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59208



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56352



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53854

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Has anything changed for you and your family this term?  
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## Kia ora Aidanfield whānau

### Outstanding results

Congratulations to our Year 7-8 E2S group who were involved in an online interschool competition called INVENTIONATOR.

We have been piloting a programme in our middle school that allows some of our pupils to explore challenges outside of the normal curriculum. One such opportunity led to David Lam and Benjamin Wright being placed first in the winning team. What a great outcome. Well done to these young people for taking what the Lord has gifted them with and polishing it well!



We have so many talented young people throughout our school. Many achieve great things out of school in sport, the arts and a range of other things based on the opportunities and commitments parents make to support their children in such a wide range of skills. It's a privilege to have such a range of abilities in our school. Thank you to parents who let us know what is happening across such a wide range of events.

### Thank you

Thank you for your patience! I know this term has been disrupted with a range of issues interrupting the smooth flow of school. We have had planned professional development which has taken a day, early finishes to support professional development and the strike actions called by the unions. We continue to be focused on doing the very best for your young people. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we manage these interruptions - it is greatly appreciated!

**Entrance way art.** It has taken a long time and a lot of discussion but our entrance way has finally had its finishing touches applied. I hope you are able to enjoy the artwork and the meanings captured in it, which is explained on a board at our main reception desk. Our school is a beautiful mix of those who were born in New Zealand and those who come from places around the globe. We are a place that welcomes you no matter where you are from and invites you to call our place home. The waharoa over our main front doors represents the front entrance you would find at a marae and is the gate where the welcome is made. The cross on the door welcomes all to a relationship with our Lord through the work of salvation enacted on the cross when Jesus both died to pay the price of our sin and then rose again - forever opening a way to be invited, forgiven and made whole. That invite welcomes us into the throne room of creator God as sons and daughters - to know Him, to find meaning and peace in Him, to know acceptance and belonging. What a great way to enter the school. I wonder whether, having gained access through the saving work of the cross, forgiveness as a gift, we might be welcomed with a karanga (a call) in the throne room of God - with the shaking of 'rautāwhiri' - the leaves of the pittosporum, as an act of welcome to join with people from every tribe, nation and tongue before our God. I'd like to thank Ariki Creative, our Board and our proprietors for the work on the design and their patience through the consultation phase.

**New Classrooms and other property happening:** You may have noticed the building happening behind the Horoeoka block. We are adding two new classrooms and these should be ready early November this year. We have changed the driveway line to allow the new build to happen. The carpet in Horoeoka will be replaced through the current two

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This year ACS is piloting a programme for our academically able Year 7/8 students, facilitated by Mrs Kathryn Renner. The group is called E2S, which stands for "Enabled To Serve". The group meets for an afternoon per week to study, discuss and engage with a theme for the term. In Term 1 they looked at a range of aspects relating to the theme of "Intelligence". In Term 2 they have been learning about "Design Thinking" and creating design solutions. Next term students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a Passion Project, following their own strengths and interests. They hope to be able to share their learning with their Learning Community at the end of the term.



The Year 7-8 E2S group was involved in an online interschool competition called INVENTIONATOR. This competition was about Design Thinking, where students from different schools worked together to create solutions to solve real life problems. These ideas were presented to judges who asked probing questions to each team about their product. It was a fun but challenging experience for all the pupils, and we were thrilled to have two of our school pupils, David Lam and Benjamin Wright contribute to the winning team.

By Jonathan Lim & Ashley Wang

### **Camp Poem** By Adele P (Year 5 & 6 Camp)

Packing mayhem,  
Waiting until the day  
Teachers are tired,  
Parent cars were hired  
Walked through a forest,  
Louelle's dad as the tourist  
Archery wasn't hard for me,  
But go-karts went too fast for me  
Camp-fire songs,  
And some classic sing-alongs  
Mini golf and maypole,  
Were my common goal  
After camp concert,  
It was time to get on it  
Camp was fun,  
But our time is done  
Can't wait to do it again,  
With all of my friends!

Horoeka classes and we will get the original classrooms painted on the outside. At this stage, we envisage all our year 3 and 4 classes will be in this new classroom space from 2024.

During the holidays we hope to have two other work projects completed. We are going to create a waiting lane near the kiss and drop to try and solve the problem of people parking and waiting on the drive in front of the parked cars who cannot get out because of those waiting. We are also getting the bush covered hill on the backfield cleared and levelled. This will give us more flat field space and allow us to care for the poplars on the boundary more easily.

**Enrolments year 1 to 6.** Don't forget applications close for year 1 to 6 pupils in August. If your child is already enrolled at Aidanfield there is no need to apply to stay. However, you do need to make an application for any child you would like to attend who is not currently at Aidanfield – this includes younger siblings who might be three or four years old. Enrolment forms are available on our website. If you know families who would like their children at ACS please let them know of the deadlines.

Applications for years 7 to 10 are welcome although all those who applied by the June close date will be dealt with first. There may be limited space for new pupils in year 7 to 10 after this.

### **Staff changes**

We have a couple of changes to our staff coming up.

Office/Principals PA: Mrs Deb Hoffman has tendered her resignation and will finish up at ACS as a staff member July 20. She remains a parent of the school and we wish her well on her new endeavors, while also acknowledging the great service she has provided to our school community over this last 4 years. We will be placing the application pack for her position on our website by Monday 3 July (<https://www.aidanfield.school.nz/vacancies/>). If you know anyone who may be interested in this demanding and rewarding role please bring this to their attention. I would be happy to talk to anyone who was interested in exploring this possibility further.

Middle School English: You will be aware that Mrs. Debbie Watkins finished at our school last term to move out of town. Ms. Ella Wallace has been appointed to the Middle School English role and starts on August 14. Ms. Wallace is a graduate of Hillview and Middleton before completing her secondary teaching degree. She currently teaches secondary students at Oxford Area School and will be an excellent addition to our team.

Middle School PE/Health: We have taken time to find who we believe to be the right person for this role. Ms Michelle Gonzales will begin at ACS as soon as she is awarded entry to NZ through Immigration NZ. Ms Gonzales has a beautiful and vibrant faith, is qualified to Doctorate level in education with her base degree in Secondary PE and Health and will be a fantastic dynamic to our Middle School team and our community. Ms Gonzales is originally from the Philippines but has spent the last 8 years teaching in Singapore.

We have an amazing group of staff at ACS. Please consider holding them in your prayers as they invest into the lives of all our young people.

### **Finally**

May the holiday period be good to you. I realise that many families will really enjoy having their kids around the home and for some the dynamic of child care and work make the holidays challenging. Can I encourage you to make the most of the time you have with your young people at home as best you can in your circumstance. It isn't long before they grow up and these years are gone. Make the most of the gift of time.

Grace and peace.  
Mark Richardson

## Dates

**TERM THREE Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September**

7 August:	Playhouse Theatre (Primary)
11 August:	Year 4 Marae Trip
18 August:	Enrolment Applications close for year 0 - 6 (new students)
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
5 September:	Early finish 2:30pm
11 – 22 Sept:	Year 3/4 Swimming

*School Holidays: 23 September to Sunday 8 October*

**TERM FOUR Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December**

15 October:	Kapa Haka Tuhono Festival
23 October:	Labour Day (School Closed)
24 October:	Early Finish 2:30pm
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/Prizegiving

Mainland Uniform is now holding our stock at their Ilam store. It is no longer available at the Wairakei Road store. New address: Corner of Ilam & Clyde Road.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS

World War II to acknowledge the remarkable achievement of a group of Wakefield Christian Schools students. Carol Simpson from Class K-2, 2, donated a two-foot square to be a part of Peace and Student Ambassador to raise \$2,500.00 towards the education and upbringing work for Cambodian Refugees. Once completed, Centenary House will be a family home for eight orphaned and abandoned children in the care of Fountain of Peace in Uganda, which they will move into with their mothers.

The Friday (the 2nd of April, 12th-year-olds) Bunkers set off in the sea with life jackets, towels and supporters in 733 canoes. On the way to their destination, 11 km from the beach, the children swam to their destination, under strict supervision. The children in the group of waters was to be 1000. Despite the rain, they were determined to complete their swim and finish - finished at 10:00 AM - 12:00 with a musical event, which took from 1.5 hours and together were able to exceed their goal, noting 1000, which was a fantastic achievement.

Dan's mom, Jo Simpson stated that despite being well, she was surprised when she was called through a Wolf With a Gunshot, and that Dan's mom saw him from his house outside.



At the Division of Health Services, we would like to thank you for the courage and determination to face challenges. You are a true hero and an inspiration to us all. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dore and all of the wonderful supporters for pushing him into action. They are true champions and we are immensely grateful. We will look forward to sending your Atoned Division School community photo of Canterbury House once it is completed, and when the eight children and babies are able to move into this family home with their new mum.

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Term 2 Week 10 2023

**Achievements**

**Do you know a student who is achieving outside of school? We would love to know.  
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- \* The following students have been selected to accompany combined & special school choirs in the Christchurch Music Festival Performances later in the year. Selection for this is highly competitive, with a very high skill level expected. We are very proud of these students and the hard work we know they will put in to represent our school the festival.
- Hannah Y: Selected for Orchestra - Percussion  
Jonathan Y: Selected for Concert Band - Percussion  
Ryan M: Selected for Orchestra - French Horn  
Skyler H: Selected for Orchestra - Percussion

- \* Garden City Tappers Competition** the following students competed:
- Novice Tap Solo 12 & Over – 1<sup>st</sup> Eryn B  
Novice Tap Slow 12 & Over – 1<sup>st</sup> Eryn B  
Novice Slow Tap Under 12 – 1<sup>st</sup> equal Zak B  
Restricted Tap Solo Under 12 – 1<sup>st</sup> Freya A  
2<sup>nd</sup> Zak B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Abigail W  
Open Tap Duo Any Age – 1<sup>st</sup> Zak & Eryn B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Freya A & Abigail W  
Novice Tap Solo Under 12 Years – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mia W,  
Very Highly Commended (4<sup>th</sup>) Lucy H



- \* Thomas W** recently competed in the Southern Schools Cross Country held in Timaru. He achieved a fantastic result of 12<sup>th</sup> place in the Under 16 Boys running 3km's with a time of 12 minutes and 45 seconds.
- Congratulations Thomas on an outstanding result. Thomas also competed in the Canterbury Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs held in Christchurch and placed 33<sup>rd</sup> in the Under 16 Boys running 3 km's with a time of 12 minutes and 38 seconds.
- A great effort amongst some of the best runners in Canterbury.
- \* Claire L** - 2nd place at Canterbury championship, Otago champions and South Island champions in the rhythmic section.
- \* Agnes K** - has won New Zealand Music Trust piano competition first place.





### WE NEED FOSTER PARENTS!!!

We are reaching out to our Christian community in Christchurch to make a difference in the lives of children and young people in our city. If being a foster parent has been something that you keep thinking about, perhaps now is the time for you to take this step. We have a 15 year old boy who needs a family to care for him where he can develop some life skills to prepare him for adulthood. We know God has a family, single person or couple who can care for these precious children. We provide training and 24/7 support for all our foster parents. If God has placed this on your heart, please do not delay in contacting us. We would love to hear from you and would appreciate your prayers!

Bex May, Foster Parent Recruiter, Open Home Foundation of NZ / Te Whare Kaupapa Āwhina, p. 03 3665977 | e. [bex.may@ohf.org.nz](mailto:bex.may@ohf.org.nz)

## ACS Parents Association

Are you interested in getting involved with the Parent Association of ACS? Please contact us on [aidanfieldparents@gmail.com](mailto:aidanfieldparents@gmail.com) for more information.

**DIAMOND FUTSAL**  
"THE 4 PILLARS TO FUTSAL"

**COACHES**

- MARK ZIMMERMANN**  
CURRENT SOHO AND U17 CANTERBURY FUTSAL COACH, CANTERBURY BRASSERS FUTSAL PLAYER
- JACOB GROSVENOR**  
SOHO SOHO CANTERBURY FUTSAL COACH AND CANTERBURY BRASSERS FUTSAL PLAYER
- DANIEL STEFFERT**  
CURRENT SOHO COACH AND CANTERBURY BRASSERS FUTSAL PLAYER

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## Relief Teachers and Teacher Aides

We are always on the lookout for relief Teachers and Teacher Aides, supporting students across the school in their learning. 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](mailto:kaye.lawn@aidanfield.school.nz)

**FREE DENTAL CARE**

**EVERY YEAR FROM 0 TO YOUR 18<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

At the end of each year, we offer a free dental check-up for all children aged 0 to 18. This is a great opportunity to check for any dental problems and get advice on how to keep your teeth healthy.

For more information, contact your school or the local dental clinic.

- Commence Dental Clinic and closing from 9/07/2023 to 15/07/2023 (Saturday).
- We have limited appointments available over the holiday period.
- Please call 0800 346 000 or email [info@christchurchdental.co.nz](mailto:info@christchurchdental.co.nz) to book an appointment.
- If you cannot attend your booked appointment, please let us know as soon as possible so we can book another child.
- **5 Tips for Healthy Teeth**
- Brush twice a day with toothpaste.
- Use a toothbrush with soft bristles and hold it correctly (use the middle finger).
- Don't eat too much sugar.
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