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House Points



Hauāuru
64274



Pōtonga
60279



Mārangai
58586



Tūāraki
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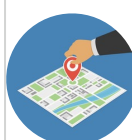
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We have a committed group of parents that are available to support you in prayer. Contact them in confidence at prayerrequest@aidanfield.school.nz



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

Blessed be your name - in the land of plenty and in the dessert place

I am writing this newsletter comment to you while I sit in a small laundromat in Chiang Mai, Thailand. It's hot and humid. I have just been helped by a very pleasant Muslim woman who even gave me detergent. I currently have only one fresh shirt, and a pair of socks spare. My wife is cringing in Christchurch as I share the photo of the spare socks I bought, which really do not go with the shoes and shorts I am currently wearing...I think I agree with her summary of my photo.



My reasonably simple journey has turned into a 36 hour mission with a 3am start, a cancelled flight in Sydney, an unplanned flight to Melbourne to catch a different flight late in the night, to arrive too late to catch my connecting flight from Bangkok - and on arrival in Bangkok - my bag is still in Melbourne. So are all my clothes - and my toilet bag. As is the marketing material I need tomorrow. I am here with a group of schools from Christchurch to see if we are able to attract international students from Thailand to Christchurch. For ACS it is a natural way in which we are able to share who we are, our faith and our hope. Our international programme has God's blessing all over it and our school is stronger, more diverse and better resourced than we would be without this programme. We have seen much fruit in the lives of our international students and families over the years. We have outstanding staff working to support these families and as such all our students benefit. However, it isn't always easy - as this trip reminds me.

Blessing resides where God chooses to place it. I have found just because something is easy does not mean it is blessed. And just because something is hard does not mean God is not in it. This is as true for the adults reading these words and the students who spend time with us every day. We are each called to know Him and walk with Him - in the valleys and on the mountain tops because He is in both of those places - and in the normal days that are neither valleys nor mountain tops. He is faithful no matter what the situation. This is our blessing - even in a smelly two-day old shirt and socks that do not match my shoes.

Parking - Improving our parking and access to the school.

Blessing comes via the Council it seems! Our Student Council has asked for things to change at the front of the school. We also had representation at the Board table over this issue. This has led to the Board reviewing the movement of cars and children around our school entry areas over the last month. We approached the Council to consult with them regarding issues that were beyond our control as well as those that we are able to change. The grass area outside the school fence on Aidanfield Drive is Council Reserve land and has become a regular parking area for parents, particularly at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, the cars that move across that area and across the back driveway often do so with little regard to the children and parents that walk across the reserve. A Council traffic engineer came and observed a number of times, and we have a plan beginning this week just gone!

From this week you will see bollards being installed around Nash Reserve (the grass in front of the school). This will mean it is not available for parking at all. A path is also being installed from the moon gate to the pavement, which will allow our children to cross the grass area even when it is wet. There should be a reduction of the height of the bushes at the crossings so that cars can see children waiting and crossing. We will adapt the parking inside the moon gate to make it easier for students to cross the drive way. This is an amazing move on behalf of the Council and we are very grateful for their willingness to help us make our area safer for all children.

At the back gate we intend to paint a shared zone (bikes, scooters, walkers and cars) area, repaint the pavement markings, install another judder bar to slow vehicle movement around the corner and control when people come through the gate. The Council will reduce (not remove) some of the bushes to improve sightlines. We will be talking to the local community Board to see if they will approve the installation of a stop sign on our back driveway. All of these adjustments should improve the safety for our pedestrians. However, no matter what we do we still need every adult who drives a vehicle on or around our school grounds to do so **slowly** and **with absolute care**.

The safety of our children is a shared responsibility and no amount of signage, bumps or restrictions will make a difference unless everyone who drives around our school area pays attention to them and helps to keep everyone safe. Please play your part. Please make plans to park further from the school if you have become used to using the reserve.

Enrolments

Please remember two things:

1. If you **are planning on moving your children** from ACS from the start of 2025 please let me know as soon as you can. Not many families move but each year I do expect a few to move for various reasons. I need to know so that I can plan class numbers for new enrolments for 2025 and we work on that from now. The reality is that there are many people looking to take up places if someone does choose to leave ACS.
2. If you **need to apply to enrol a new child** from the start of 2025 (or you know people that are looking to do so) - remember the closing dates. Applications received after the close date go to the very bottom of a very long list. There is no advantage to being early although it really helps our processing timeframes. There is significant disadvantage to being late.
 - Year 7 to 10 close June 14
 - Year 1 to 6 applications close 22 August

Finally

May you live in the blessing of our God as June unfolds. His love for you is perfect, enduring and evident.

Grace and peace
Mark Richardson

PARKING DURING PICK-UP

With roadworks in place, parking is at a premium. We acknowledge this and ask for continued patience and extreme care at pick-up time (in particular). In the last few school days, we have had parents driving up over the curb onto the grass area narrowly missing students coming off a school bus, parents reversing into oncoming traffic, parents parking on the bus stop (despite there being clear requests to avoid parking in this area) and other drivers causing a queue to form out down Nash Rd and onto Aidanfield Drive preventing cars from coming into the pre-school to pick up their children. Keeping our tamariki /children safe must be our highest priority as a school community. Please can you consider safety for all road users and pedestrians at pick up and drop off times. I appreciate your attention to this. Please pass this information on to other whānau members who may pick your children up from time to time. Thank you.

RELIEF TEACHERS NEEDED

We have a wonderful group of Relief Teachers who work at ACS as the need arises but need more! If you, or someone you know, is a registered teacher and are keen on getting back into the classroom, please would you email kaye.lawn@aidanfield.school.nz for details and a chat around how we can make that work.

We need teachers in both Primary and Middle School areas of work but are unable to guarantee hours of work as it is totally based on a day to day basis. However, I can guarantee that we're a great place to work and our students are amazing to work with.

Reminder: Ministry of Education requirements regarding Vomiting and Diarrhoea

Children with vomiting and diarrhoea must stay away from school until there has been no vomiting or diarrhoea for 48 hours.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 5 July: Last Day of Term 2
22 July: Term 3 begins
- 31 May: Teacher Only Day- School closed
3 June: Kings Birthday - School closed
6 June: Ambassadors Mufti Day WV
21 June: 40 Hour World Vision Challenge
27 June: Matariki Celebration
28 June: Matariki - school closed

WINTER UNIFORM COMPULSORY AS OF TUESDAY 4 JUNE

Years 0-6 Boys Winter: Black elastic waist shorts, or black elastic waist trousers, knee high grey woollen socks, black soft-shell jacket, black V neck Sweatshirt.

Years 0-6

Girls Winter: Red long sleeved Polo Shirt, black tights, black under the knee socks, black soft-shell jacket, black V neck Sweatshirt.

Years

7-10 Boys Winter: White long sleeved shirt, black (button fly) dress shorts or trousers, black/red tie, grey knee-high woollen socks, black soft-shell jacket, black merino jersey.

Years 7-10

Girls Winter: White long sleeved blouse, red tie, black tights or black under the knee socks, black soft-shell jacket, black merino jersey or cardigan.

PE shirts are now bought through Mainland Uniforms

Adapted Uniform Term 2

Trousers for girls.

Primary 1-6: both boys and girls have the following option -

- black cotton dress-trousers, elastic-waisted. Note: trousers must not be cargo-pants (ie. no pockets on the leg of the pants), denim or trackpants/track pant material or baggy.

Middle 7-10:

girls' and boys' trousers - plain black dress trousers that are:

- full-length
- cotton or predominantly cotton
- straight leg or gentle-taper - not skin tight.
- must not be cargo-pants (ie. no pockets on the side of the legs), denim, trackpants track pant material, baggy or leggings.
- Black tights are only to be worn with the skirt option.

PRIMARY NEWS

It has been a very busy start to Term 2 for the Primary Team. We have enjoyed visiting performances from El Grego and the New Zealand Playhouse Theatre. El Grego is always a real highlight and this may be his last show at ACS as he is semi-retiring. We have very much enjoyed his illusions and anti-bullying messages over the last 16 years.

We also celebrated our annual Book Week. Mrs McAven organized different activities in the library at lunchtime and there were great book characters on display at our parade.



The Year 4's have been out to visit our local marae Taumutu near Leeston. This was a whole day trip which included an hour's bus ride each way. The children were called on to the Marae with a karanga and bravely shared their individual pepeha. They then learnt about the local area and stories and enjoyed a brisk walk to see the Hone Wetere (John Wesley) Church. Thank you to Mrs Nareki for preparing our children so well.



We enjoyed participating in the school Cross Country - thanks to Mrs Couper and Dr Gonzales. Now we have moved on to skipping. This is a great skill to learn and to keep our hearts pumping. We have been given a large number of ropes and we are all trying to learn new tricks and skills. We will hold a Jump Off day in June to show off our skills and to raise money for the Heart Foundation who kindly gave us the ropes- more info to come.

Please remember to send jerseys/sweatshirts and soft shell jackets everyday as the weather has turned and it is cold. Children are welcome to wear a beanie, scarves and gloves outside. Please be aware that Primary students are not allowed to wear their soft shell jackets inside. We do send the children out to play as much as possible so helping them to rug up and stay warm is important. Children are welcome to wear slippers inside the classroom. These may be left at school each day.



Janice Phillips
Head of Primary



To celebrate New Zealand Music Month of May, a group of Middle school students performed at Te Hāpua: Halswell Library. It was an excellent performance that showcased their hard work and talents. The students who performed were Hannah (yr7) on flute and marimba, William and Joe (yr9) on clarinet and piano and Agnes (yr7) on piano.

UNPLUGGED REBELS NZ

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT THEN?
It's a community group to encourage **parents to rally together to delay smartphones and social media**. It is also a space for those who have already made the jump to learn about how best to protect your child moving forward.

BUT WHY DELAY SMARTPHONES?
Well... there is a growing mountain of research which is showing us how smartphones can be **a serious threat to the safety and mental health of our tamariki**. Peer pressure and society's expectations can compel us parents to conform and provide smartphones at younger and younger ages.

- Risk of cyber bullying
- Impair sleep
- Academic distraction
- Increase anxiety
- Increase rates of depression
- Affects behaviour and relationships
- Expose children to sexual content
- Addictive

When the herd is running towards a cliff, the one running in the opposite direction is the rebel.

...Be that sheep.

Baa.

Join us on facebook Unplugged Rebels NZ

Mufti Day

Wear a piece orange clothing for

4 Hour Challenge

World Vision

Bring a Gold Coin!

This will go towards our 40 Hour Challenge!

DATE: 6th June 2024

Pasquela is one of many people in Timor-Leste already suffering the effects of climate change. Three years ago, she was studying at uni and her family had a thriving rice farm. Then a cyclone destroyed everything.

Join the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge now to stand with Pasquela and fight the impacts of climate change.

Together, we can regreen our future.

Unplugged Rebels

This is a national Facebook Group of parents that are concerned about the social pressure of giving smartphones to children at younger and younger ages. The mission of the group is to share research, expert advice, and create a community of parents who support each other in the challenges of navigating the digital world. See the attached flyer for more information if this interests you.

CONGRATULATIONS!! SPORT ACHIEVEMENTS

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support today. Please congratulate these students who exerted their full effort to win this year's **Cross Country**:

Y10 Boys

- 1st - Hugh K (10WA) - Marangai
- 2nd - William O (10TN) - Marangai
- 3rd - Ben P (10TN) - Marangai

Y10 Girls

- 1st - Renee W (10WA) & Sarah W (10TN) - Potonga
- 2nd - Mikayla B (10TN) - Marangai
- 3rd - Eryn B (10WA) - Hauauru

Y9 Boys

- 1st - Daniël E (9GO) - Hauauru
- 2nd - Isaac Hay (9GO) - Marangai
- 3rd - Flynn Anderson (9GO) - Tuaraki

Y9 Girls

- 1st - Hannah T (9LW) - Tuaraki
- 2nd - Anya W (9GO) - Hauauru
- 3rd - Tiffany C & Olivia W (9GO) - Tuaraki & Potonga

Y8 Boys

- 1st - Reinhardt S (78TY) - Hauauru
- 2nd - Ryan M (78HO) - Marangai
- 3rd - Aaron L (78HO) - Marangai

Y8 Girls

- 1st - Jessie C (78TY) - Potonga
- 2nd - Grace G (78NS) - Hauauru
- 3rd - Jemma B (78HO) - Potonga

Y7 Boys

- 1st - Marcus B (78TY) - Potonga
- 2nd - Charlie P (78NS) - Marangai
- 3rd - Luke C (78TY) - Hauauru

Y7 Girls

- 1st - Rebecca H (78NS) - Marangai
- 2nd - Vida L (78HO) - Hauauru
- 3rd - Beth P (78HO) - Marangai

Y6 Boys

- 1st - Tami S (Ko6) - Potonga
- 2nd - Jeremiah H (Ko1) - Marangai
- 3rd - Skyler H (Ko6) - Potonga



Y6 Girls

- 1st - Chantelle M (Ko6) - Potonga
- 2nd - Gabrielle W (Ko4) - Tuaraki
- 3rd - Mila S (Ko1) - Potonga

Y5 Boys

- 1st - Isaac D (Ko4) - Potonga
- 2nd - Elijah P (Ko3) - Marangai
- 3rd - Jack M (Ko6) - Potonga

Y5 Girls

- 1st - Briana P (Ko4) - Marangai
- 2nd - Evie C (Ko6) - Potonga
- 3rd - Elsa L (Ko3) - Potonga

House Points:

- 1st - Marangai - 260
- 2nd - Potonga - 255
- 3rd - Hauauru - 150
- 4th - Tuaraki - 65



Madagascar the Musical is coming to the Isaac Theatre Royal in the Upcoming July school holidays! Our Facebook is www.facebook.com/madagascarthemusicalNZ/ our Instagram is @madagascarthemusical and our Website is www.madagascar.co.nz



TRY RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS TODAY!

BEGINNER CLASSES AVAILABLE NOW



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- Thursday 4-5pm
- Saturday 9-10am

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The rhythmic gymnastics club that I coach for is keen to recruit some new beginner gymnasts.

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