



Aidanfield Christian School

Growing in Wisdom and Stature | Stand and be Confident

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Tūāraki
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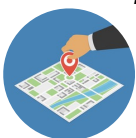
School App

- * Stay Up To Date *
- * Notify Absences *
- * Link to our Website *
- * School Calendar *

Download at
[www.aidanfield.apps.school.nz/
install/](http://www.aidanfield.apps.school.nz/install/)



We have a committed group of parents that are available to support you in prayer. Contact Jo Dowle in confidence by emailing 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

Easter reflections

Our school theme for 2025 is "Navigating our journey with hope." We are blessed as a people because our hope is anchored on something tangible, solid and real. We read in Genesis that God created people, He breathed life into them and called them to walk in relationship with Him. We also read that the deep relationship we were designed for was fractured - a rift formed between Creator and the created because of choices people made. In this place of broken relationship, we live without hope for a future.

Easter is a time where we, the Christian church, remembers that what was hopeless became hopeful. The incomparable love of creator God established a pathway that allowed those who are lost, separated from their creator to be drawn back, reunited with Him into a relationship fully restored because of His sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection three days later. It is in this place of deep relationship that each of us finds peace, joy, freedom, fulfilment and love. It is a gift so deep and eternal that it is hard to put into words - and it gives us real hope, both for now and also for later.

On Friday, we will hold our Easter assembly where we will remember and celebrate what God has done for us and as we do that we will add to the understanding that we all are able to navigate our journey with hope that is real, life giving and generous.

Term one - done

It has been a big term in many ways. Not only is it 11 weeks long (next term is 9 weeks) but our staff have created a lot of opportunities for our students. We have had:

- Cycle Safe
- The Summer Sport Programme
- Two Middle School Camps
- Swimming Lessons
- Girls Cricket Smash
- Whānau gets wet afternoon
- The Summer sport programme
- Yr 9 and 10 Christian Schools Athletics with reps at the zone competitions
- Swimming Sports with school reps at zone and central zone competitions for swimming
- The School Fair (what an amazing total of \$25,000 - fantastic effort!!)
- A full cultural week

As well as these, there has been a full set of assessments in all our classes and start of year reports sent home to all our families. A full set of units have been taught across all of our classes, our gifted and talented programmes and learning support initiatives are well under way in both the primary and middle parts of the school.

Our international programme has welcomed over 40 students from various parts of the world and we have already started interviewing enrolment applications for 2026. Our staff have made good progress on their understanding of the new curriculum in English and what it means for how we plan, deliver and assess learning using this new document. It is interesting to reflect that there are about 500 people on our site at any time the school is open. All our classrooms are now fully used and our growth plan over the next three years is taking shape. The life of the school is rich and deep and very varied and it is a pleasure to walk it with you.



New Courts - soon

An exciting development is about to begin where the basketball court and cage currently sits. The Proprietor has approved the development of the old basketball court and cage into two brand new court areas. If all goes to plan the work should start in the next few weeks.

We will see the removal of some of our orchard area and some trees in that area, a small retaining wall established near the swimming pool and then two side by side courts installed - one netball and one basketball. These will be fully caged. The development will be a little disruptive but the end result should be excellent and allow for a better netball, basketball, volleyball and maybe pickleball experience. We are very grateful to the Christian Schools Trust for their ongoing commitment to the schools development.

Strategic Planning

Our Board is beginning the process of considering where to focus our energies over the next three years. A new strategic plan is due by the end of the year for 2026 to 2028. Over the coming months the Board will give you a range of opportunities to tell them your opinions and ideas about where we could be focused over the next few years. Please take this opportunity to tell us your thoughts. The Board's job will be to consider all the feedback and make decisions about which key directions to head. Every response will be considered as the Board sets our strategic direction. More information will be coming shortly.

For those that were looking for a chance to feed back on the middle school camp experience, a survey will be coming to your inbox in the next week or two. Please look out for this and give us your considered opinions. We have completed the student feed back and so we are aware of their thoughts on this modified experience.

Finally

The holiday break is all but here. I know that for many balancing working and kids at home presents its share of challenges. May you find some space to spend excellent time together as a family and enjoy the different pace that removing the school run provides. Perhaps, within the challenge there may be opportunities to do things differently as a family for a week or two. Our children are a remarkable blessing. As my boys enter their late teens and early twenties I reflect back on how fast the years go when you have them at home and malleable. May I encourage you to make the most of this time because it really does go so quickly.

Grace and Peace.

Mark Richardson
Principal

ABSENCES

If your child is away for any reason, please use the School App to email absences@aidanfield.school.nz OR ring the school (03 338 8153 -option 1 preferred).
Thank you in advance

Board Elections

A comment from Zhuhui Lam, our current Board Chair

This year we have board elections again with 3 seat to be filled. Do give prayerful consideration to whether you might make yourself available to serving in this capacity. You would join a team of wise and faithful stewards seeking to glorify our Heavenly Father in every decision, have the opportunity to affect an area significant in the raising of our children both now and for future generations to come. If you do you have any questions, I or anyone on our board would be more than happy to pick up a conversation - please do get in touch (botchair@aidanfield.school.nz).

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 April	Last day of Term One
28 April	Term Two starts
7-9 May	Year 5/6 School Camp
13 May	ACS Cross Country
14 May	Winter Sport start for Years 9 -10
16 May	ACS Whānau Hui
16 May	Winter Sport start for years 5-8
30 May	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
2 June	King's Birthday (School Closed)
6 June	Multi-Cultural Parent Coffee Group
13 June	Year 7-10 2026 Enrolment applications closed
17 June	Mid Year Interviews
20 June	Matariki (School Closed)
24 June	Mid Year Interviews
25 June	NZ Playhouse Theatre Primary
27 June	Last day of Term 2

Attendance Dues 2025

You should have received your 2025 attendance dues statement from The Christian Schools Trust. If you have any questions or queries please refer to our website www.cst.org.nz or contact Rhonda on attdues@cst.org.nz.

PRAYING PARENTS

Our faithful group of parents who pray for our school community would welcome more parents to become involved or prayer partners. Please contact Jo Dowle by emailing prayerrequests@aidanfield.school.nz



ANZAC DAY

In honour of those who served and for those that paid the supreme sacrifice with their lives.

Friday 25TH APRIL 2025

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

HALSWELL DOMAIN MEMORIAL
COMMENCING 9.00 am



Christchurch City Council annual School Travel

Survey



The Christchurch City Council annual **School Travel Survey** is now live! This short survey (5-10 minutes) helps us understand travel patterns across Christchurch schools, supporting improvements in safety and active transport.

- **Survey closes:** 5pm, Friday 11 April 2025
- **20 x \$50 supermarket vouchers to be won!**
- **Open to:** Students, parents/caregivers, and staff

Take the survey here: https://christchurchcc.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_emoLAhNtyaZAfli

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.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Aidanfield Christian School invites international students to study with us throughout the year and enjoys them as part of our school community. As part of this, we are looking for Homestay families who would be able to welcome a student (or more than one) into their homes for part of the year in 2025. The stay could be as short as a week, or occasionally, a longer term. The student would be at least 11 years old, and attend Aidanfield Christian School everyday. This is a wonderful way to introduce a range of cultures to your home, and to share the love of Christ, reflecting hospitality and love to 'strangers in the land'. If you would like to be involved in this ministry or would like more information, please contact homestay@aidanfield.school.nz OR kaye.lawn@aidanfield.school.nz



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BLASTNZ@OUTLOOK.COM

We currently have a small vehicle taking 4 children each day. We can try to increase that number if the demand is there so please get in touch!

RELIEF TEACHERS NEEDED

ACS is keen to add to their pool of valued Relief Teachers. These would be for day relief, often at short notice within the school. If you are a registered teacher, are looking to get back into teaching, wish to have ACS as one of the schools you relieve at AND can uphold the Christian character of the school, please don't be shy - get in touch with Kaye Lawn who will be very grateful to chat with you about the possibilities. This could be for Primary or Middle School (or both). Please email kaye.lawn@aidanfield.school.nz or call in at the office to speak with her. Please also ask those friends and whānau who may be interested in this. Thank you!

FAMILY EPISODES UPDATES

Listening to Families videos provide answers to everyday questions about health and wellbeing challenges facing children and adolescents. Many of these challenges can affect overall attendance. The questions the videos answer are real - they come directly from families. The answers are provided by trusted specialists.

Allergies and Anaphylaxis

<https://www.listeningtofamilies.co.nz/allergies-and-anaphylaxis>

Aimee Mackey-Clinical Nurse Specialist in Eczema/Allergy and Emily Templeton-Public Health Nurse, answer questions.

DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOOL APP THIS AUTUMN



Our School Communication All In One Spot

- School Alert Groups • Cancellations • Direct Absentees
- Contacts Directory • School Events • Daily Notices
- Plus Much More!



School Apps
an App mobile

NZ Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'SchoolAppsNZ' & choose our school once installed.

PRIMARY NEWS TERM 1

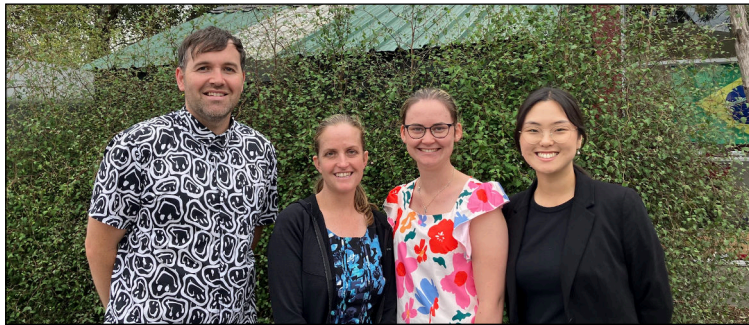
The Primary children are well settled into their programmes and routines. We have a great teaching team at ACS and they work really hard for the children in their care. The Primary School is organized into three Learning Communities. Each classroom has a main Whānau Teacher. We also have a great team of part-time teachers who support our Whānau Class teachers by providing release so they can undertake other responsibilities, assess children, plan and prepare lessons.

NE-Y2 - Learning Community



Nikki McAven, Toni-Lee Nasalo, Karyn Sunia, Steph Jones, Grace Weir, Naomi Glover, Maria Couper, Lucy Pratt

YEAR 3/4 Learning Community



Andy Bibby, Renee Falconer, Hannah Medland, Teresa Kim



Anna MacGregor, Von Hamilton, Sharon Burt, Sharon Macdonald, Sandra Kennedy, Lyndon McIntosh, Kathryn Renner

Highlights in the Primary School this term have included:



The Christchurch City Council Cycle Safety programme for Year 6.

Students, learning about the importance of having a road worthy bike, helmets and how to ride safely on the road.

The Whānau Gets Wet!

The sun came out just in time for our water activities afternoon. The students enjoyed working in mixed age groups from New Entrants to Yer 6's to work together on some water fun and games. The afternoon ended with a water fight on the back field for the older students and a slippery slide for the Juniors. It was great fun and there were lots of happy smiles at the end of the day.



Healthy Heroes

The children in Years 1-4 have been learning about 5 Healthy Heroes. We are encouraging the children to develop healthy habits.



Kia Ora, I'm Active Archie!

I love exercising and being active.



Ni hao! I'm Mealtime Millie!

I'm all about eating well.



Hiya! I'm Refreshed Rosie!

I'm into getting enough sleep.



Chur! I'm Clever Kahui!

I like to make my brain work.



Hello, I'm Helpful Hami!

I love helping others.

Year 5/6 Girls Cricket Smash!

19 Year 5/6 girls had a great day at Hagley Park having a go at Super Smash Cricket. Most hadn't played before, but really enjoyed the experience of trying something new. They showed great sportsmanship and came home with a new t-shirt each.



CONGRATULATIONS to our Swimmers -Results of South West Zone and Canterbury Swimming Championship 2025

Ethan (78BE)

- 1st place - Open Individual Medley
- 1st place - Open 50m Butterfly
- 1st place - 50m Backstroke
- 1st place - 50m Freestyle

Hannah (78RI)

- 1st place - Open Individual Medley
- 1st place - Open 50m Butterfly
- 1st place - 50m Breaststroke
- 1st place - 50m Freestyle

Yuto (78RI)

- 1st place - 50m Breaststroke
- 2nd place - Open 50m Butterfly
- 2nd place - 50m Freestyle
- 2nd place - Open Individual Medley

Sophie (Ko6)

- 3rd place - 50m Breaststroke



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- 3rd place - Open Individual Medley

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- 2nd place - 50m Breaststroke

CONGRATULATIONS to our Year 9/10 Athletes

U14 Girls

- 200m - 2nd place: Chelsea
- 400m - 3rd place: Abby
- Long Jump - 1st place: Abby
- 3rd place: Faith
- High Jump - 3rd place: Olivia
- Triple Jump - 1st place: Abby (New record holder! 🙌)

U14 Boys

- 100m - 1st place: David
- 200m - 1st place: David
- 1500m - 2nd place: Ryan
- Long Jump - 1st place: David
- 2nd place: Muno
- High Jump - 2nd place: Ryan
- Discus - 3rd place: Jack
- 3rd place: Roy

U14 Combined

- 4x100 relay - 1st place: David , Ryan, Abby, Chelsea

U15 Girls

- 100m - 2nd place: Gemma
- 3rd place: Natalie
- 200m - 2nd place: Natalie
- 1500m - 2nd place: Anya
- 3rd place: Tiffany
- Long Jump - 1st place: Arianna
- 3rd place: Anya
- High Jump - 1st place: Anya
- Discus - 2nd place: Bronte
- 3rd place: Anya
- Shot Put - 3rd place: Fatima

U15 Boys

- 100m - 3rd place: Daniël
- 200m - 1st place: Daniël
- 2nd place: Isaac
- 400m - 1st place: Isaac
- 3rd place: Daniël



Here are some photos from our recent Middle School Camps at Living Springs



School Fair 2025

A new team organised the school fair this year, largely led by Claire Adams and Jessica Fowler. Of course they had a huge team of people taking on responsibilities to support them in their first foray into this event, and the end result of just over \$25 000 was an outstanding total. The day was hot - perhaps too hot for some - but as always, the wider community supported us with their presence (and money). We are grateful to have ongoing support from regular patrons and welcomed new stalls this year.

The International Food Stall is always a hit, as is the mystery bottle stall. It is also a beautiful thing to see ex-students come back to the fair, chatting with teachers and friends at ACS, still feeling part of this community despite having left the school.

As always, we could not do this without the support of our parent community, student volunteers and those who make the most of the bargains on offer. Thank you to each and every one of you who were able to be part of this event. We look forward to next year - please consider how you might be able to be involved in the 2026 Fair!



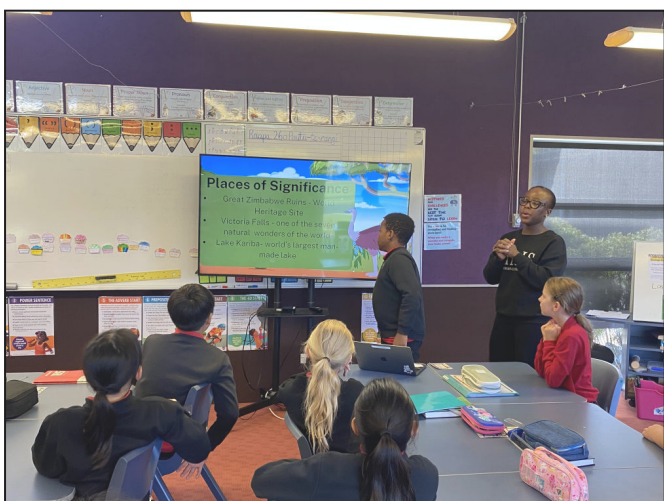
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Cultural week

Every year at Aidanfield Christian School, we celebrate the diversity of creation that is reflected in Genesis 1, particularly the fact that God created people in His image, and that 'it was very good.' Our cultural week enjoys recognising some of the diverse cultures that make up our school community. This year, for our cultural parade, we were able to proudly walk with 46 flags! The parade this year was disrupted somewhat by the weather - a disappointment in that we could not meet together as a full school - yet celebrations continued with a fantastic display of cultural dress worn by a majority of our students. Some costumes are elaborate and beautiful, others more subtle and practical for day to day living, but the pride that shows on the face of our students (and parents I might add) warms my heart!

In addition to the parade, each class was asked to decorate their doorway with a specific cultural display. So many taonga (treasures) on display was a real blessing to the observer and to students studying the culture their class had chosen. Some groups had guest speakers, others tasty cultural treats, games or dances which makes this week, such an integral part of our school year while enjoying cultural exchanges that make us much richer human beings. Thank you to all those who supported this event with knowledge, cultural dress or other items. May we continue to grow in greater understanding of other cultures as we become increasingly diverse in our community.



CONGRATULATIONS

Claire has been selected to represent New Zealand at the 2025 Australia Gymnastics Championships in the Gold Coast, 12-17 July. This will be Claire's first time competing as a representative of New Zealand.



Fun & Relevant Music Lessons At Aidanfield School



Guitar



Ukulele

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- ★ Lessons held during school hours
- ★ Opt into **confidence-boosting** performance opportunities

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AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER

DATE

WEDNESDAYS
26TH FEB TO
26TH MARCH
330PM TO 5PM

Boys & Girls
6-12 Years Old

Training Venue

Aidanfield christian school
2 Nash Road, Christchurch, 8025

5 Week Program **\$50**

Contact: Eugene Hawyn
02102725066

More info, please email: ehawyn@gmail.com

THERAPEUTIC HORSE RIDING FOR CHILDREN WITH ADHD

Seeking participants for a study on the impact of horse riding on children with ADHD

We need:

- Children 8-11 years
- Diagnosed with ADHD
- Available for 1 riding session per week in term 2 or 3 during school hours
- Location - RDA arena 102C Curletts rd, Chch

You get:

- 1 term free riding lessons with qualified therapeutic riding coach.
- Skills and strategies to help manage tricky ADHD symptoms



For more information and to see if your child meets in inclusion criteria:

sarah.ritchie@pg.canterbury.ac.nz

This study has been reviewed and approved by the University of Canterbury Human Research Ethics Committee

Te Matatiki Toi Ora
The Arts Centre

School Holiday FUN

12 - 27 APRIL

Fun-filled days of music, movies, arts, circus, dance & more.

artscentre.org.nz

For creative activities for whānau over the school holidays, including free events and hands-on workshops, check out Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre: <https://www.artscentre.org.nz/whats-on/school-holiday-fun/>

JOIN OUR GIANT EASTER EGG HUNT

SAT 12 APRIL 10AM
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FULL DAY NETBALL EXPERIENCE

14 APRIL 2025 9AM TO 3PM AGES 6-12 PIONEER REC & SPORT CENTRE INCLUDES TSHIRT

The Walking Festival is back for 2025 and is right around the corner from 12-27 April!

The festival has 40+ exciting walks across the city, many being run by Walking or Community groups! The Walking Festival is all about providing opportunities for walkers of all ages and abilities, whether they're a fan of beaches, hills, local history, getting amongst wildlife or enjoying a view, socialising or pushing your own physical limits there is something everyone. You can find all the information about the festival on What's On ([What's On : Christchurch City Council](#)) and The Walking Festival Facebook page ([The Walking Festival | Christchurch | Facebook](#)).

The Walking Festival

Hōpara, ako me jono
Explore, learn and connect

Saturday 12 April – Sunday 27 April

Find your next adventure
ccc.govt.nz/walkingfestival active

40+ walks

Christchurch City Council

The Walking Festival

Saturday 12 April – Sunday 27 April

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Monday 14 April, 1.30pm to 3pm
Walter Park Playground, Innes Road

Parking available on Hills Road opposite Mairereau High School.
Distance: 3km (route takes approximately 50 minutes)
Gumboots are essential.

In the event of rain, the walk will be cancelled.

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Christchurch City Council

The Walking Festival

Saturday 12 April – Sunday 27 April

Gruffalo Explorers

Thursday 24 April
Start anytime between 10am and 2pm
Bottle Lake Forest Information Centre, Waitikiri Drive, Burwood.

On this self-guided walk, young walkers can become the mouse, explore the deep dark wood, and meet new friends including snake, fox, owl, and the Gruffalo.
Make a booking at Humanitix.com

Find out more
ccc.govt.nz/gruffalo In the event of rain, the walk will be cancelled.

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GROWING IN WISDOM & STATURE

CHARACTER

My character develops as I make choices about:

FAITHFULNESS

I am one whose service others may rely on,
whose loyalty others may depend on,
whose word others can trust.

INTEGRITY

My character is reflected
in my words and actions
at all times.

STEWARDSHIP

I look after and use
wisely all the gifts that
God has given me.

EXCELLENCE

I always give my
best effort.

THINKING

I seek God's wisdom and
guidance in all aspects of my life.
I use my imagination. I reflect,
criticise, solve problems,
and am resourceful,
curious and discerning.

PARTICIPATING AND CONTRIBUTING

I put my faith into action by
contributing to my family,
to ACS, to Christchurch,
to New Zealand and to the
rest of the world. I work well in
a team and I use my gifts and
talents to benefit others.

LANGUAGE, SYMBOLS AND TEXTS

When I express myself I am
creative, accurate, coherent,
confident, clear, independent
and fluent. I can understand
what other people
communicate to me.

RELATING TO OTHERS

I love God first and I love others
just as much as I love myself. I am
honest, loyal, gracious, accountable,
respectful, servant hearted, reliable,
forgiving and generous.

MANAGING SELF

I am confident in my
relationship with God.
I am organised, aware of
myself and others, responsible,
reliable, accountable and act
appropriately. I set goals
and I am determined
to achieve them.

IDENTITY

I know who I am and
I understand my purpose
in the world. I know what
my gifts, talents and
abilities are and how
to develop them.
I am confident and
I can relate to others.

BELIEF

I am engaged in
the exploration of
who God is and my
response to that.

DISCERNMENT

I think critically. I am growing
in my awareness of the difference
between truth and falsehood,
right and wrong. I am learning to
apply biblical principles to
daily situations.

PURPOSE

Each day I discover new things about my purpose
as I make choices about:

LEARNING

I give my best in
everything as I explore
the world and my
place in it.

SERVICE

I am compassionate.
I choose to actively look
out for, encourage and
support others.

LEARNING
My choices energise and shape my learning.
I grow and mature as I make choices about:



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