



Aidanfield Christian School

Growing in Wisdom and Stature | Stand and be Confident

House Points



Mārangai
94656



Tūāraki
90670



Hauāuru
90335



Pōtonga
89939

Kia ora Aidanfield Whānau

It is the middle of the year (to state the obvious). I am surprised at how fast this year is going as we approach the next school holiday period. Term 2 is only 9 weeks long but so much has happened in this short time. As well as the usual classroom programmes we have:

- Finished a very productive time hosting students from MOIS, a high school in Japan. They come for a week each year and are a delight have in the school.
- Raised a truly spectacular amount to support the work of World Vision. We will reveal the final total later but as I write - a phenomenal effort and beyond what we thought possible - thank you for your generosity.
- Enjoyed the year 5 and 6 team camp at Woodend and visits to the eco centre this week just gone.
- Run the school cross country earlier in May - a great day with such excellent efforts by so many of our young people, which resulted in a strong contingent entered into the Primary Zone cross country event.
- Appreciated the strong performance of our kapa haka who opened the World Christian dance conference in the last holidays.
- Conducted our first round of surveys to help the Board establish the next three year plan.
- Congratulated students who have been selected to be in the special choir and orchestra at the music festival later in the year - and enjoyed a performance from the STRIKE percussion group.
- And so many other great opportunities.



We really are blessed to have a very dedicated group of teachers, support staff and parents who invest deeply into the lives of all of our young people at ACS. I would like to acknowledge them for all they do!

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

And another event this week

As I write we are preparing for our Mātariiki evening. This year we are cooking a hangi. I would like to honour the work Mrs Joelle Nareki and the families who form part of our regular hui have done. They have been amazing in planning, organising, and putting down the hangi. It is a big undertaking to feed so many. The hole in the ground will be dug on Wednesday, the fire light on Thursday morning and the food covered over to cook around mid-day on Thursday. Our regular Mātariiki event will be held in the evening of Thursday, and it will, as always, be an excellent community gathering.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, celebrations are a great thing to do. They contribute to a community being bonded together, they help to develop relationships, and they are points of reminder throughout the year. In December, Christmas reminds us of the birth of Jesus - God stepping into the world. Easter reminds us of the saving work of Jesus who moved from the cross, through death to resurrection. Mātariiki, while not a part of the Christian calendar invites us to look up, to remember our creator who placed the stars in space, to reflect on our reliance on Him, to see the vastness and wonder of his creation and therefore who He is - and to be called again to worship Him as we walk in the life we are gifted. The invite to you is there, again, this weekend.

And now to segway into other things far less awe inspiring...

Traffic

I received an email a couple of weeks ago from a concerned parent of the school. She outlined a number of traffic issues outside the school during afternoon pick up times. It is timely to remind everyone of some basic things. I have gone for a blunt approach this time. I do acknowledge that so many of our parent community drive very well around our place - THANK YOU. Unfortunately, there are still a number who just do not get it, and they are dangerous and inconsiderate.

Following staff instructions - THANK YOU! We have seen a significant improvement in the flow of cars around the parking and exiting areas at 3pm. Thank you to all of our parents who have made the choice to pick up their older children a little later. Spreading the traffic through the gate over a 15 minute period after 3pm makes a big difference to the flow. Thank you for following the directions of the staff member on the gate. Their intent is to point you to the exit that is most free flowing at any point in time.



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

Seat belts! It is a legal requirement to have every person in a moving car in an appropriate restraint. I am dumbfounded at the number of children who leave our school grounds in a car without seat belts on and not in a booster seat if they are young. New Zealand law is very clear. Your child must be seat belted in the car at all times. This is the first thing they should do once they get into your car.

Parking – please – **do not park over any of the neighbours driveways or on their grass or where pedestrians walk.** It amazes me that some of our people think this is okay. It is illegal and inconsiderate. Do not park over driveway spaces. You must be at least 1metre away from the driveway.

Nash Road is a road. Therefore, you must give way to all traffic coming from the right when exiting our school driveway onto Nash Road. One of our neighbours further up Nash Road has complained to me about the number of near misses their staff have because people coming out of our gate assume they have right of way – we do not. You must look right every time and give way. Equally, coming into our school drive requires you to give way to traffic coming along Nash Road.

Speed outside school – please keep this down to the maximum of 40km/hr in the morning and afternoon.

The speed limit on school grounds is a **maximum of 10kmh with no exception.** We have young children moving in all sorts of directions and they do not always have good traffic sense.

Watch your tail! There is a point in the driveway where, if anyone stops there, we can have cars backed up onto Aidanfield Drive and down to the bridge – just because one person did not think about the back of their car being in the way of everyone else. The cones are there to mark the last space you can park to wait and you must ensure the back end of your car is well out of the way so anyone else can get through.

If grandparents, family members or friends pick up your children please...please, please, make sure they understand all of these aspects – it will help everyone.

I know so many of you do the travel aspect well. Thank you for that! Thank you for being careful, thank you for thinking about the safety of your child and of other people’s children. Thank you for following the law with integrity. Thank you for contributing to a safer place for all our young ones simply by being thoughtful.

Finally

To finish on a more positive note, can I encourage you (as I always do at such times) to invest into the lives of your children through the holiday period in any way that you are able to, as you balance the demands of working, parenting, churching, relaxing. Life with children can be complex and demanding and it can be beautiful, rich and rewarding. May you find new ways to enjoy your young people over these coming weeks and marvel in the way they continue to grow and mature.

Grace and peace

Mark Richardson
Principal

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

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 June	Mid Year Parent Teacher Interviews
25 June	NZ Playhouse Theatre Primary
27 June	Last day of Term 2
28 June - 13 July	School Holidays
14 July	Term 3 Start
1 August	Teacher Only Day (School closed)
4 - 28 August	ICAS Middle School
1 - 5 September	Co-requisite testing-Y10
2 September	Wearable Arts Years 1-8
9 - 10 September	School Photos
9 - 19 September	Year 3/4 Swimming
19 September	Last day Term 3

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.

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

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.

PARKING PEAK TIMES AT SCHOOL

Please be respectful of our neighbours’ driveways and verges. Be mindful of everyone’s safety please.

Thank you

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the upcoming school holidays

Closed from: Friday 27th June,
Reopening on: Monday 14th July.

Five of our community dental clinics will be open during this School Holiday period:

Aranui (240 Breezes Road)
Woolston (11 Hopkins Street)
Kaiapoi (65 Raven Quay)
Ashburton (38 Elizabeth Street)
Timaru (18 Woollcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on 0800 846 983 and/or email: comm dental@cdhb.health.nz and one of our clinicians will contact you.

COMMUNITY
dental service



Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Choose healthy snacks,
- Choose water or milk first,
- Have regular dental check-ups

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

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!

Board Elections

A comment from Zhuhui Lam, our current Board Chair.

This year we have board elections again with 3 seats 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).

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.

Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer

<https://www.listeningtofamilies.co.nz/adolescent-and-young-adult-aya-cancer>

Mia, Nic and Toihi share their journeys with Louise Sue-AYA Cancer Keyworker (CNS) and Sean Macpherson-Consultant Haematologist.

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
snApp mobile

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

Music Festival Celebrations

It was great to have many of our choir and music lovers audition for special roles in the Music Festival a few weeks ago.

We have a number of students who have been selected to represent ACS in the special Choirs, Orchestras, and Band for the Music Festival.

There were a very large amount of people auditioning for a very limited number of spots, so it is wonderful to see such a big group from Aidanfield were successful!

Elliot Mc:	Trombone - Successful	Selected for: Concert Band - Trombone
Esther F:	Junior Choir - Successful	Selected for: Junior Choir
Hannah Y:	Percussion - Successful	Selected for: Orchestra - Percussion
Henry W:	Junior Choir - Successful	Selected for: Junior Choir
Jonathan Y:	Percussion - Successful	Selected for: Concert Band - Percussion
Lois L:	Junior Choir - Successful	Selected for: Junior Choir
Louelle H:	Senior Choir - Successful	Selected for: Senior Choir
Olivia T:	Junior Choir - Successful	Selected for: Junior Choir
Sean K:	French Horn - Successful	Selected for: Orchestra - French Horn
Thomas S:	Percussion - Successful	Selected for: Concert Band - Percussion

MONSTERMUSIC IN-SCHOOL MUSIC LESSONS

★ Lessons held during school hours

★ Opt into **confidence-boosting** performance opportunities

**SIGN UP NOW
FOR TERM 3**



office@monstermusic.nz

monstermusic.nz

Congratulations to the ACS Cross Country winners who represented us at the South West Zone!

Y8 Boys

1st - Marcus B
2nd - Luke C
3rd - Charlie P
4th - Kieran F
5th - Elijah W

Y8 Girls

1st - Claire L and Vida L
2nd - Beth P
3rd - Lucy H
4th - Bonnie W

Y7 Boys

1st - Tami S
2nd - Jeremiah H
3rd - Ryan H Oh
4th - Seth P B- INJURED
5th - Theo W

Y7 Girls

1st - Chantelle M
2nd - Mila S
3rd - Sophie G
4th - Emma L

Y6 Boys

1st - Isaac D
2nd - Elijah P
3rd - Jack McG
4th - Vilikesa N
5th - Taku Ch

Y6 Girls

1st - Briana P
2nd - Elsa L
3rd - Sonila Y
4th - Joanna C
5th - Eleanor L

Y5 Boys

1st - Isaac R
2nd - Epeli N
3rd - Joshua Z
4th - Jordan C
5th - Isaac S

Y5 Girls

1st - Amelia B
2nd - Florence M
3rd - Esther F
4th - Georgina G
5th - Evelyn G

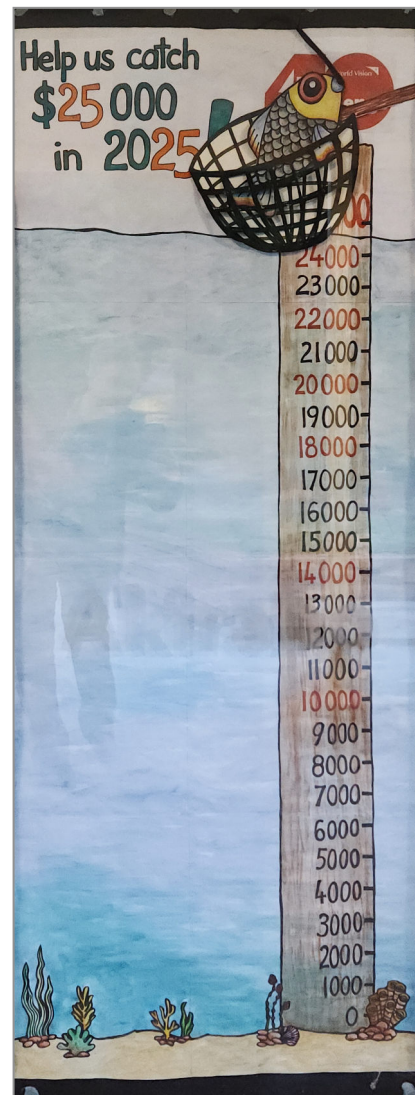


Year 5/6 Recycling and Eco Store Trip

On the 16th of July Kōwhai 6 went on a trip to the Eco Centre and the Eco Shop. We caught the bus and after a 10-minute ride we arrived at the Eco Centre. We got a brief look at a huge machine that sorts the contents of our yellow bins.

We found out later that it cost \$16.8 million! If ten percent of the load of material from yellow bins is not able to be recycled the whole load goes to the landfill. We learned what items go into each bin and also learnt how the huge sorting machine worked. Something interesting was how magnets picked up steel on a conveyor belt and a special electrical current threw aluminium off the conveyor belt. We learnt what we should do to reduce, reuse and recycle things, and reduce residual disposal (throw out items).

Afterwards we went to the Eco Store and got into groups of two or three. We had an imaginary budget of \$500 to spend as if we were shopping to set up a flat. We arrived back at school just before lunch. Thank you to all the parents that helped us, we couldn't have done it without you.



WORLD VISION - 40 hour challenge

Wahoo!

Congratulations everyone on smashing our 2025 40HC goal of \$25 000. We are passed \$27 000 and the money is still coming!

It is wonderful to think how much we will be helping the people in the Solomon Islands.

At the end of term, the school's results will be totalled up and the house points added.

A reminder that to participate in any of the at-school rewards, you will need to have completed the challenge (that means you need to have raised some money, not just signed up).

We caught our \$25 000 fish!

Sausage Sizzle Success - Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with and supported our sausage sizzle this term! With the help of Coffee Culture Lincoln and a generous donation from some wonderful grandparents, we've raised approximately \$2,000 – all going towards our new playground. Every dollar truly makes a difference!

We're excited to continue the sausage sizzle in Term 3, and we'd love your support. If you're available to help cook on Wednesdays between 11:45am and 1:00pm, or are interested in sponsoring a sausage sizzle, please get in touch at aidanfieldparents@gmail.com.

It costs around \$100 per week to run the sausage sizzle, so sponsoring even one week makes a big impact!



Saitama, Japan student visit

Last week we welcomed a group of 14 students from Saitama, Japan. These students were hosted by families connected with Aidanfield Christian School, meaning the experience they had of home life was a genuine, caring one, reflecting great manaakitanga (hospitality). Their visit started with a mihi whakatau - (Māori welcome), before being placed within classes at Year 9-10 for some of their time here. They also had a group of amazing Aidanfield Yr 9-10 students who worked on a project looking at how both Japanese and New Zealand cultures are changing over time.

Food was an integral part of the student connection (an international language for teenagers) and it was beautiful to see how well our tamariki (children) served others. The group also visited Ferrymead Historic Park and The Christchurch Gondola. Horoeke children were treated to a short display of Japanese culture too - origami, dance and music. A session focused on Māori culture was a highlight, as was the chance to go shopping and sightseeing with host families. A special thanks to our host families, the students who worked on the research project and those who included these young people over the brief time they were here.

Opportunities to be so involved with another culture leave both sides richer for the learning that occurs and the interactions that form friendships. Despite the constant rain last week, our Saitama students left with a warmth of heart and a very positive outlook on life here.



SUNZ - SCRIPTURE UNION NEW ZEALAND

"Come to some of New Zealand's most amazing locations for school holiday fun and action.

What we offer:

- Adventurous outdoor activities, campfires, games and hang-out time
- Make new friends
- Enjoy God's awesome creation
- Bible engagement



This winter we are offering two camps

CREATE Arts Camp | 29 June - 3 July 2025 | Hibburt Park, Christchurch

For Years 9-13 | Cost: \$210

For the first time ever, SUNZ Youth Camps presents CREATE – a five-day arts adventure designed for young people keen to explore creativity, faith, and worship. Set by the beach and surrounded by inspiring spaces, you'll dive into music, visual arts, dance, photography, creative writing, and more depending on your preference. With workshops, outdoor adventures, and a final epic showcase, CREATE is a place to experiment, be inspired, and discover how creativity can connect you to God. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just curious, come and bring your creativity to life

Check out our link for more information and for other camps throughout the year.

Link: <https://www.sunz.org.nz/youth/sucamps/> "

SCHOOL HOLIDAY STEM ACTIVITIES

Avonhead School

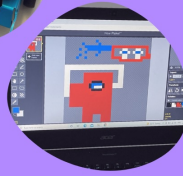
04.07 + 07.07 + 08.07
CODING, ANIMATION, 3D DESIGN, ROBOTICS
YEARS 1 - 6

The Buddy Zone

10.07 + 11.07
CODING + ANIMATION FOR NEURODIVERGENT STUDENTS
AGES 8 - 12 AND 12+

The Place Sensory Space

02.07 + 09.07
CODING + STEM EXPERIMENTS + 3D DESIGN FOR NEURODIVERGENT STUDENTS
SEARCH "THE PLACE" ON FACEBOOK



 CHRISTCHURCH | [BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ](https://brainplay.co.nz)

Mountain Biking First Aid for Teens School Holiday Programme

Monday 7 July | 9am-4pm | \$100
Christchurch Adventure Park
Ages 12-16 | Beginner-friendly

Know what to do when a mate crashes on the trail.

Our 1-Day MTB Outdoor First Aid Course is perfect for young riders who want to build confidence and learn how to respond in real-world situations at CAP or out riding with friends and whānau.

Led by certified instructors from Horizons and CAP.

This course is a mix of hands-on first aid training and trail-based scenarios, all tailored to mountain biking.

You'll learn:

How to help someone after a crash

What to tell the Patrol team in an emergency

How to manage common MTB injuries

What to do when you have minimal gear on hand

Bring your usual riding gear + warm clothes (you'll be on the ground for scenarios!)

BYO lunch - no time for the café!

Chairlift use included if needed

Give your young rider the tools to be a hero on the hill!

Spaces are limited - only \$100 per person!

RAMS BASKETBALL CAMPS

We would like to invite your students who are interested in basketball to attend our upcoming school holiday Rams Basketball Camps. We have a Junior Camp for School Years 5 - 8 and a Senior Camp for School Years 9-13. The participants receive coaching from Canterbury Rams basketball players! The camp is suitable for all levels of basketball players with the emphasis on fun & learning new skills!

Canterbury Rams Holiday Basketball Camps
Registration - [Camps & Schools - Canterbury Rams](#)

The Rams basketball season is in full swing, if you have never been to a game or would like to check it out please see below our game ticket link.

[Rams 2025 Season tickets | Tours and Events](#)
[| Ticketek New Zealand](#)



BAPN Badminton Holiday Camp

Term 3 Holiday Camp - Open to ALL ages!

Enrolment for our weeklong high intensity badminton training camp is now open!

Limited spaces available so get in quick!

Enrolment link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4B1luDxSugnDf_0woXJP3vkJ0GbRwa7fSeQPqAGZixwMjFQ/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=100771710064714844654

Application closes Friday 4 July 2025, BAPN T&Cs apply

Proudly supported by My Badminton Shop for all your badminton equipment needs!

<https://mybadmintonshop.co.nz/>



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.

EXCELLENCE

I always give my
best effort.

STEWARDSHIP

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

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.

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.

PURPOSE

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

LEARNING

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

STAND

AND BE CONFIDENT



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