Aidanfield Christian School

Growing in Wisdom and Stature | Stand and be Confident

House Points

Mārangai
150050

Pōtonga
144491

Hauāuru
144192

Tūāraki
142260

School App

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

So many opportunities
Term four is buzzing! I attended the schools Music Festival on Friday night. Aidanfield had students in the representative choir, the orchestra, the concert band and the combined choir. It was an amazing evening of musical talent and produced to a very high standard. I would like to acknowledge and thank both Mrs Leah Williams and Mrs Hannah Medland who prepared our students and coordinated our involvement. Equally last week, I had the pleasure of watching 70 of our students competing in the Zone athletics competition at Nga Puna Wai. As with the music we performed to a very high standard with many of our young people placing in events and thanks must go to Doc G and Mrs Sharyn Fairhall for their organisation to make this happen.

We are growing lettuces in the admin waiting room. We have a group of students in the middle school working on experimenting with hydroponics at the moment and there are a number of growing stations in the school. Our science classes have established a vegetable garden on the back field to apply the science they are learning. Our kapa haka is preparing for the Tūhono competition coming later this month and our junior school is practicing for their athletics – which is likely to be called off given the look of the weather forecast as I write this. The practice toward the event has been beneficial. There is a lot going on across all our levels and it continues to be a real and deep privilege to see how well our young people are doing across our school. I have had a first look at our end of year achievement data and once again, across the school our students are achieving to a high standard, which is a testament to the work parents do at home, teachers do at school and the effort our students invest in their learning. And all of this is because of the giftings and blessing from our Heavenly father.

Changing the end of year prize giving
As we grow as a school we are finding there are aspect of what we do that need to adapt and change. Read on for our end of year adjustments.

Prize givings – making a change
We have listened to feedback from parents regarding our prize givings. Such events are a part of what defines the culture of collaboration and community we have in the school and we value this highly. Being together as a whole school contributes to a sense of community, however, it is getting increasingly challenging. So we are trialling a new prize giving format at the end of this year. Please consider this new approach and note in your diaries the changes.

New Entrant year 1 to 2 prize giving and Learning Tree assembly format - 2025
At the end of this year, we are combining the Learning Tree assembly and final prize giving for our New Entrant to Year 2 classes into one event held in our school hall. We will award the Literacy, Mathematics and Overall Class award for each class and the Learning Tree certificates for nominated individuals in each class. This assembly will also have a number of items including the nativity play. So, if you have a child in the New Entrant (Ma5 and Ma6) or Year 1 and 2 (Ma1, Ma2, Ma3) – the following is for your diary:
Who: New Entrant to Year 2
When: Thursday 11 December
Where: School hall
Time: 1.30 – 3.00pm (Prompt start please).
NOTE: due to space in our hall, we can only have a maximum of 2 guests for each child.
Our junior children (New Entrant to Year 2) will **not** need to attend the final prizegiving on Friday evening at the Lincoln Events Centre. They will need to be at school between 9am and 12.35pm on the last day – Friday 12 December. If Mātai students **do** go to the Friday evening prize giving as part of a family group, they will need to sit with their whānau.

Year 3 to 10 Prizegiving
Please ensure you have the prize giving dates and times in your diary for this year. Our end of year prize giving on Friday evening 12, December is a compulsory event for all children in Years 3 to 10. Our end of year prize giving will be:

Year 3 to 10 Final Prizegiving

- **Date:** Friday evening 12 December
- **School finish:** Please pick up your children at 12.35pm on Friday 12 December
- **Venue:** Lincoln Events Centre
- **Arrival:** Children to arrive no later than 5.00pm (no earlier than 4.45)
- **Start time:** Formal prizegiving starts 5.30pm.
- **Finish:** We aim for around 1 hour 30 minutes so we hope to be finished by 7.00pm
- **Uniform:** All students must be in full school uniform

School will conclude early on prize giving day to allow everyone time to prepare – and perhaps even have a rest before a later night for some. All students should have a decent snack and drink prior to arriving at the events centre.

Last day of School for 2025

The last day of school is Friday 12 December.
For New Entrant to Year 2 they will formally finish for the year at 12.35pm. Please arrange to pick up your young ones at this time.
For Year 3 to 10 students, their formal finish will be at the conclusion of the prize giving at Lincoln Events Centre.

Finally

Next year is the 30th anniversary of ACS. You might like to mark March 13 and 14, 2026 in your diary. We are planning a couple of events on the weekend of the school Fair to celebrate. Before then, however, we look forward to finishing the year well with your young people over the coming weeks. They have been a delight to have in the school through the year. The Bible says that children are a blessing from the Lord. We are blessed - you are blessed!

Grace and peace
Mark Richardson

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 November	Y1-4 Athletics
14 November	Show Day (School Closed)
21 November	Sporting Event 1.30-3.00pm details TBC
24 November - 5 December	NE - Y2 and Y5-6 Swimming
26 November	Canterbury Athletics Y5-8
3 -5 December	MS Maranga Mai
8 December	Leavers Dinner
8 December	Y6 Celebration
9 December	Meet the teacher 10am
9 December	MS Learning Tree Assembly
10 December	Y3-6 Learning Tree Assembly
11 December	Prizegiving Y0-2, Mataī Learning Tree Assembly and Nativity (see details Pg1)
12 December	Prizegiving evening Y3-10 (see details Pg 2)
12 December	Last day Term 4 -School finishes 12.35pm

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, and 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!

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.

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

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

PARKING PEAK TIMES AT SCHOOL

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

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.

ADHD – Parent Program
https://www.listeningtofamilies.co.nz/adhd/parent-education
Hania Wagenvoort-Social worker, Jan Hassan-Educational Psychologist and Christchurch Methodist Mission talk about the ADHD Parent program

Eczema
https://www.listeningtofamilies.co.nz/eczema
Aimee Mackey-Clinical Nurse Specialist in Eczema/Allergy, answers families questions.

INCREASED NATIONAL RISK OF MEASLES

You may have heard on the news that measles is occurring in different parts of the country, and this is a significant concern. As of Monday morning, there are no measles cases in Christchurch, but this might change at any time. The Ministry of Education has asked that the following be shared with school communities. Please take the time to read this.

Guidance following increased national risk of measles

Health New Zealand is alerting schools to an escalating risk of measles as it responds to a measles outbreak following confirmation of 17 new cases of measles since 20 October.

Measles is highly contagious and serious – about one in three people may need hospital care. It spreads when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.

There is now measles in Northland, Auckland, Manawatu, Nelson and Wellington, and we expect further cases across New Zealand.

Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash:
Measles – Health New Zealand
Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.
Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Heath New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home).
Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.
People are considered immune to measles after having two doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before. For more information on measles immunity visit:
Measles immunity – Health New Zealand
You should check your own and your child/childrens' immunisation status through My Health Record:
My Health Record – Health New Zealand
Anyone born between 1969 and 2004 may have only received one vaccine dose and might not be fully protected. It's safe to get extra doses. A free vaccine can be booked online or via the Vaccination Helpline on 0800 28 29 26.
Book my vaccine – Health New Zealand

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We're excited to share an update on our playground project! Our fundraising efforts are going strong, and thanks to the generosity and support of our school community, we've raised approximately $70,000 so far, a fantastic start!

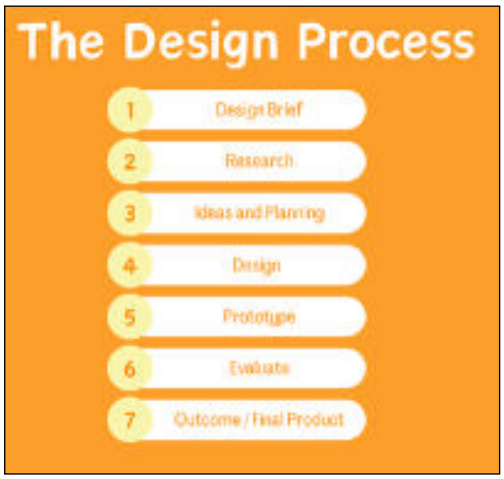
To give you an idea of the overall goal, a high-quality playground with soft-fall surfacing (which costs about the same as the playground equipment itself) and proper drainage will total at least $160,000. We're committed to creating a safe, fun, and lasting space for our children to enjoy, and we'll be working closely with the school proprietors to explore additional funding options.

We're also looking to form a Playground Committee, a small group of parents who can help plan, brainstorm ideas, and gather costings. Once we have a clearer picture, we'll be in a strong position to apply for grants and other funding opportunities.

If you're interested in being part of this exciting project, please email aidanfieldparents@gmail.com. Your input and energy will make a real difference!

New Entrant -Year 2 Design

In the Matai classes this term we have been learning about the design process during Technology. The students have been following the design process to create some cards and wrapping paper. The students were given a brief that asked them to design a Christmas card that had at least one "special feature" and some Christmas-themed wrapping paper. The students then planned their designs, made a prototype of their cards/wrapping paper, and then a final version. Check out some of these awesome designs from Matai 5 and 6!

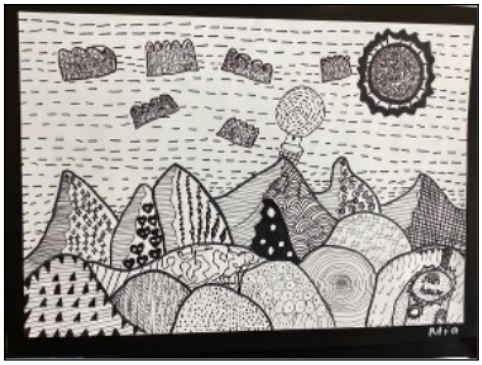


Year 3/4 Zentangle Art

This term the Y3/4 Learning Community have been focusing on developing their drawing skills in the Visual Art programme.
These skills have included:

- what lines, patterns, and textures are, and how they make picture interesting
- how artists arrange shapes, colours, and lines in their art to help tell a story or show feelings.
- that artists use their ideas and feelings to create are, and their work can share messages or stories with others

The children have produced some stunning drawings inspired by Zentangle art.



Year 5/6 Visiting with a real-live astronaut

Early at the start of the Term 4, a small group of Year 5/6 students were selected to join with other students across Christchurch for a one-off opportunity to meet Michael López-Alegría at the Wigram Airforce Museum. Michael is a former NASA astronaut who has clocked up an impressive 67 hours, 40 minutes of cumulative space-walk time. (There is currently only one person with more time than him, at 87 hours 22 minutes.) Throughout his career, he commanded three space shuttle missions and spent a significant time on the International Space Station as well.

Michael was an inspirational speaker and told lots of interesting stories about life in space. He detailed the extensive two-year training programme to become an astronaut and told humorous stories about eating, sleeping and walking in space. He also talked about the varied number of jobs available that could see different people end up in space – you didn't just have to be a pilot like him.

Michael had a short time at the end of the session to answer the many questions from the floor. (The amount of questions being thrown out meant this could have gone on for a lot longer than he had available time!) People's curiosity was definitely whetted, and we had a very excited group of students that literally "fizzed" all the way to school. We definitely have some budding astronauts in our mix!!

SPORTS NEWS

Canterbury Junior Championships

November 7–9, 2025, the Canterbury Junior Championships took centre stage for volleyball fans across the region.

The tournament was held at Pioneer Stadium and Nga Puna Wai Netball Centre, showcasing an exciting weekend of competition and teamwork. We are proud to share that some of our students were invited to join the Emmanuel Christian School team, gaining valuable experience and representing our community with enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

AIDANFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

A huge thank you to everyone for making our Aidanfield Christian School Athletics Day possible! Your support, organisation, and teamwork made the event run so smoothly. Praise God for the beautiful weather and the wonderful spirit shown throughout the day. Congratulations to all the winners and participants – it was great to see everyone giving their best. Here is the list of the winners and house points.

GIRLS

Long Jump:

Y5 Girls - 1st Evelyn G, 2nd Dani B, 3rd Florence M
Y6 Girls - 1st Briana P, 2nd Elsa L, 3rd Evie C
Y7 Girls - 1st Nadia E, 2nd Emma S, 3rd Nori O
Y8 Girls - 1st Emmerlyn N, 2nd Emma P,
3rd = Beth P, 3rd = Stephanie C

High Jump:

Y5 Girls - 1st Georgina G, 2nd Francesca G, 3rd Florence M
Y6 Girls - 1st Briana P, 2nd Elise R, 3rd Macey H
Y7 Girls - 1st Emma S, 2nd Gabrielle B, 3rd Natalie L
Y8 Girls - 1st Emma P, 2nd Beth P, 3rd Ebony H

Shot Put:

Y5 Girls - 1st Dani B, 2nd Victoria H, 3rd Inge Retha P
Y6 Girls - 1st Briana P, 2nd Macey H, 3rd Evie C
Y7 Girls - 1st Nori O, 2nd Natalie L, 3rd Gabrielle B
Y8 Girls - 1st Emmerlyn N, 2nd = Adele P,
2nd = Abigail W, 3rd Freya A

Discus:

Y5 Girls - 1st Dani B, 2nd Victoria H, 3rd Amelia B
Y6 Girls - 1st Briana P, 2nd Sonila Y, 3rd Macey H
Y7 Girls - 1st Sophie G, 2nd Gabrielle B, 3rd Mila S
Y8 Girls - 1st Adele P, 2nd Aimee W, 3rd Freya A

Sprints:

Y5 Girls - 1st Amelia B, 2nd Florence M, 3rd Georgina G
Y6 Girls - 1st Sonila Y, 2nd Bella P, 3rd Briana P
Y7 Girls - 1st Nori O, 2nd Emma S, 3rd Nadia E
Y8 Girls - 1st Beth P, 2nd Claire L, 3rd Emmerlyn N

Long Distance:

Y5 Girls - 1st Florence M, 2nd Amelia B, 3rd Rosie B
Y6 Girls - 1st Briana P, 2nd Lois L, 3rd Joanna C
Y7 Girls - 1st Chantelle M, 2nd Mila S, 3rd Emma L
Y8 Girls - 1st Claire L, 2nd Beth P, 3rd Vida L

BOYS

Long Jump:

Y5 Boys - 1st Zac B, 2nd Isaac R, 3rd Jordan C
Y6 Boys - 1st Isaac D, 2nd Vilikesa N, 3rd Yunoh L
Y7 Boys - 1st Seth P-B, 2nd Theo W, 3rd Isaiah W
Y8 Boys - 1st Elijah W, 2nd Westly G, 3rd Yuto C

High Jump:

Y5 Boys - 1st Corbyn P, 2nd Jordan C, 3rd Zac B
Y6 Boys - 1st Isaac D, 2nd Asher P, 3rd Yunoh L
Y7 Boys - 1st Seth P-B, 2nd Isaiah W, 3rd Theo W
Y8 Boys - 1st Elijah W, 2nd Jonothan B, 3rd Westly G

Shot Put:

Y5 Boys - 1st Isaac R, 2nd Zac B, 3rd Elliot M
Y6 Boys - 1st Joshua B,, 2nd Asher P,, 3rd Raphael C
Y7 Boys - 1st Isaac C, 2nd Ben T, 3rd Theo W
Y8 Boys - 1st Elijah W, 2nd Mitchell Z, 3rd Yuto C

Discus:

Y5 Boys - 1st Xavier H, 2nd Isaac R, 3rd Zac B
Y6 Boys - 1st Joshua B, 2nd Ezra W, 3rd Asher P
Y7 Boys - 1st Isaac C, 2nd Ben T, 3rd Theo W
Y8 Boys - 1st Elijah W, 2nd Lennox S, 3rd Yuto C

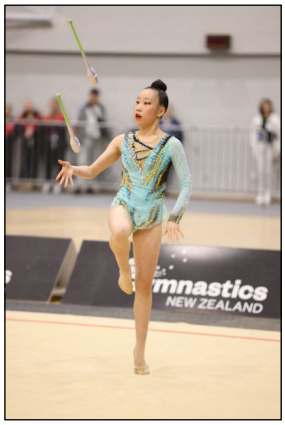
Sprints:

Y5 Boys - 1st Isaac R, 2nd Jordan C, 3rd Ezra H
Y6 Boys - 1st Isaac D, 2nd Vilikesa N, 3rd = Yunoh L
Y7 Boys - 1st Seth P-B, 2nd Theo W, 3rd Tami S
Y8 Boys - 1st Elijah W, 2nd Westly G, 3rd Jonothan B

Long Distance:

Y5 Boys - 1st Isaac R, 2nd Timothy C, 3rd Jordan C
Y6 Boys - 1st Isaac D, 2nd Elijah P, 3rd Jack McG
Y7 Boys - 1st Tami S, 2nd Jeremiah H, 3rd Isaiah W
Y8 Boys - 1st Elijah W, 2nd Marcus B, 3rd Charlie P

2025 Australian Gymnastics Nationals
Claire came 2nd overall at the New Zealand Gymnastics Championships 2025.
CONGRATULATIONS!!



South West Zones Athletics Results

A huge congratulations to all our students who represented the school at the South West Zone Athletics yesterday and have now qualified for the Canterbury Athletics on 26 November!

They did an amazing job showing determination, teamwork, and great sportsmanship throughout the day. Let's continue to celebrate and support our students as they take on the next level at Canterbury Athletics! To God be the glory!

Year 5
800m - Florence M
Shot Put - Dani B

Year 6
800m - Isaac D
Discus Throw - Joshua B
800m & Long Jump - Briana P

Year 8
100m, Long Jump & High Jump- Elijah W
1500m - Marcus B
4x100m relay - Elijah W, Westly G, Jonothan B, Mitchell Z
100m - Beth P
Discus Throw - Adele P

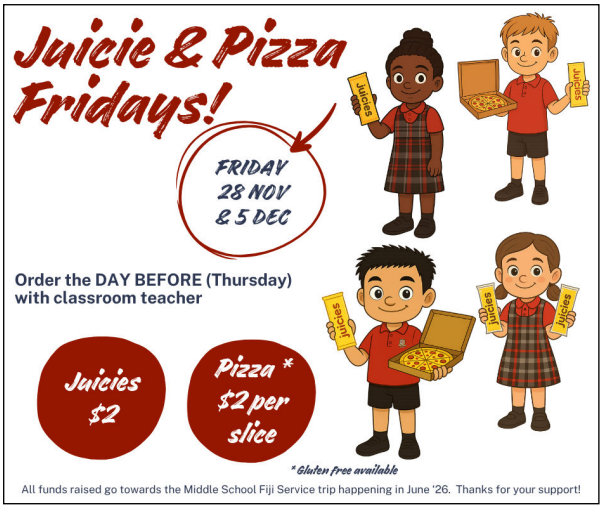
Year 7
100m, High Jump & Long Jump Seth P-B
100m & Long Jump - Theo W
High Jump - Isaiah W
4x100m relay - Seth P-B, Theo W, Tami S, Isaiah W
100m & Long Jump - Nadia E
High Jump - Emma S
High Jump - Gabrielle B
High Jump - Natalie L

Streaky Bacon and Christmas Hams - Order date extended

A team of Middle School students from Aidanfield Christian School will be travelling to Fiji in June next year on a school service trip. The team is self-funding and would love your support to help raise money to get them there.
While in Fiji, the students will be involved in community projects, as well as supporting a local school and orphanage.
As part of their fundraising efforts, they are selling Streaky Bacon and Christmas Hams.
Orders close Monday 17 November, 5pm, with pick-up planned for 28 November from the school. Further details will be provided to purchasers closer to the time.
Please note that all payments are to be made at the time of ordering to the dedicated fundraising account.
Thank you for your support in helping make this trip possible!

- 1 KG Streaky Bacon - $20
- 4.5 KG Christmas Ham - $80 (ready-to-eat Homestead Ham, supplied by Aspire Foods

Link to order: https://forms.gle/ig3yVhuHEV7rqi2J9
Please pay into:
Account number: 03-1369-0328932-02
Account holder: Mrs Lyndal Anne Wright, Mr Simon Leslie Wright
Ref: HamBacon and your First and Last Name



The Dyspraxia Support Group is a charitable, non-profit organisation, committed to providing support, practical advice, and educational programmes for those who support and care for children, youth and adults affected with Developmental Dyspraxia/DCD. This neurological disorder affects at least 6% of the population.

If you wish to learn more regarding our child and youth programmes we hold in Christchurch or just learn about dyspraxia/DCD, please feel free to contact us.
Email: dyspraxai.centre@xtra.co.nz
Website: www.dyspraxia.org.nz

"Have you ever wanted to try rhythmic gymnastics? Now is a great time to give it a go!

Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics has 50% off term 4 fees for all new recreation gymnasts so come along for a free trial class!

Check us out on Facebook or contact us at membership@delta.org.nz to book your free trial class."

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER - THERE ARE STILL PLACES LEFT ON MOST DAYS

Hi, my name is Vernie Butler. I have started the Legacy After school and Holiday Programme at Middleton Grange school. We are a Christian based programme running from Middleton Grange school. We would love to hear from you if you need help with holiday care and we are in the process of looking at After school help for Aidanfield school in year 2026. Please contact Vernie legacyafterschoolcare@gmail.com.

Elements Nature Based Play - Have your children active & imaginative amongst nature this summer. Think huts, trees, tools, arts n crafts with plenty of time and space. Elements has a great mix of planned experiences and play throughout our programmes. For the summer holidays Elements are offering themes such as 'Wild Christmas', 'Outdoor Adventures', & 'Natures Inpiration'. Located on a Cashmere Rd farm & reserve, Ages 5-13yrs

See our website https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/ or facebook page https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes/ to see what we get up to. Bookings are through https://elements.aimyplus.com
For more info email elementsprogrammes@gmail.com