



Aidanfield Christian School

Growing in Wisdom and Stature | Stand and be Confident

House Points



Pōtonga
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Mārangai
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Hauāuru
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Tūāraki
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Kia ora Aidanfield Whānau

Recently four ACS staff attended the NZ Association of Christian Schools (NZACS) bi-annual Leaders Conference in Queenstown. It was a great privilege, joy and blessing for Mrs Lawn, Mrs Thomson, Mr Bibby and myself to attend. We had the opportunity to connect with other Senior Leaders from across New Zealand, worship together, hear individual school stories and to be challenged by two excellent speakers. We even got to see Mr Richardson, our Principal, who was there in his role as part of the NZACS Executive.

The first keynote speaker Dr Darren Iselin helped us to reflect on whether our schools were anchored or drifting. This was especially true for established schools like ours - are we holding true to our foundations? Here at ACS, are we biblical - relational - transformative? Are we staying true and relevant? It would be very easy to end up like the Israelites in Judges 2:10 "After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel."

The second speaker Paul Campey explored Christian spiritual discernment - what is it and how we should be using it. We were quite challenged by allowing space for more prayer and silence in meetings and decisions.

The conference was held at the Queenstown Heritage Hotel and had amazing views of the Remarkable mountain range. It was very special to praise God in worship collectively, while being in awe of his creation all around us. We also found this rock in the garden of the hotel - quite something to see in a secular hotel!



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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

The second part of this term has been very busy and vibrant in the life of the school. The annual speech competitions across the school have been held. The Life Education van and Harold the Giraffe have been onsite for the Primary School. We have enjoyed making deeper connections with the Japanese Satima group. The Year 3-6 classes have been enjoying their gymnastic lessons at the Olympic Gymnastics Centre in Wigram. The Production Team are practicing hard - set is being painted, costumes sorted and tickets are now on sale. And our World Vision Challenge is underway. We have a huge goal of raising \$40,000 this year to support World Visions work in the Solomon Islands.

We have farewelled Mrs Renée Falconer (Horoeka 1 Whānau teacher) who is now on maternity leave. Mrs Falconer has been a very dedicated part of our staff team over the seven years. Mrs René Senekal is the new teacher in Horoeka 1 and is settling into ACS well.

At the end of each term we hold our special Learning Tree Assemblies. This is a time where we celebrate the Learning, Character and Purpose we see in our tamariki. One award is chosen by the teacher and one is chosen by each whānau class (apart from the New Entrants). The special certificates presented have a citation which is read out at the assembly. Parents of each term's recipients are invited to share in the celebration. We are very proud of the hard work our tamariki put into their learning, character and purpose each term.

As the term comes to an end, thank you for partnering with us in this journey of Christian Education. We are a school and we do strive for academic excellence - however we also care deeply about each child and their character and purpose. We desire for our children to really know God: to stand and be confident in their faith and the keep growing in wisdom and stature.

We hope the holidays are a refreshing break for all.

Janice Phillips
Head of Primary/SLT

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 June - 3 July	Fiji Mission Trip
3 July	Last day of Term 2
20 July	Start of Term 3
21 July	MS Ski Trip
22 July	Mihi Whakatau for all students new to ACS since T1
23 July	Parent Teacher Interviews
28 July	Parent Teacher Interviews
7 August	Enrolment Applications close for Y1-6
11-12 August	School Photographs
14 August	School Disco
21 August	Primary PJ Breakfast
25 August	SWZ Winter Tournament
31 August -4 Sept	Book Week
25 September	Last day Term 3

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!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN 2027?

A simple request. If you are changing schools next year and have not already told us officially - please do so ASAP in writing (email is fine). We are working through our offers of place for new students in 2027, and it is very helpful to know where a space may be available through the school. We have over 200 applications to date. Very few of our families do leave before year 10 and this looks to be the same this year. If you are making a school change please let me know: mark.richardson@aidanfield.school.nz

REPORTS 2026

As you are aware, the Ministry of Education has changed the reporting system for schools across New Zealand. We have worked to incorporate the changes in a way which gives information to parents that is helpful and reflects your child's learning in academic, social and spiritual areas. For those of you who have received reports from us in the past, you will notice some significant changes, particularly in the terminology for some areas, while also maintaining terms that are familiar to you in other curriculum areas. The new descriptors used for Literacy and Mathematics are explained on the second page of the reports, and aligns with the rubrics (the last two report pages) which are an essential element of your child's report this year.

It is understandable that the new format and terminology may take some time to become familiar with. We trust that you will take time over the holiday period to carefully read through both parts of the report (the 'tick boxes' in the first half AND the rubrics in the second) to best understand the new system.

We encourage you to use this report to formulate any questions relating to your child's learning in preparation for the parent teacher conferences to be held in week 1 and 2 of Term 3 (as emailed home from the office two weeks ago).

Working in partnership with parents is a key aspect of ACS, and these conferences allow rich conversations to happen, while also demonstrating to your child that their education is important to you.

We look forward to seeing you at these meetings where we can celebrate achievements, and look ahead to future learning on an individual basis for your child.

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

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

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.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 23 July and Thursday 28 July.

Please make your bookings now.

Thank you

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have a preschool child currently and wish for them to start school at any time in 2027, you must enrol them before 7 August this year

Matariki

Many of you will remember the hugely successful (delicious and activity filled) evening we had last year celebrating Matariki.

This year, the calendar dates fall within the school holidays, so we are not having such a gathering again this time. It is our intention to have another hangi and evening in time to come, but this year, we invite you to take part in church or local community Matariki events.

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And here is a link to the leaderboards, where, if you click on the organisations, you'll see we are currently in 4th place!

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Attendees: Who is going?

				
Hannah	Ben	Thomas	Hope	Kieran
				
Dana	Daniel	Lucas	Lennox	Amara
				
Abby	Aimee	Tamica	Sophie	Zara

Purpose: Why are we going?

- ✓ To serve as an expression of our Christian faith

- ✓ Learn about the Fijian culture

- ✓ Create cross cultural relationships

- ✓ Develop a greater understanding of who God is and my response to that

Motivation: What are our reasons for going?

Hannah I want to experience a different culture. To serve others who are less fortunate in order to bless them.

Zara I am looking for new experiences and to see how other people live. To have my eyes opened to how fortunate I am.

Lennox To meet new people and experience a different culture from New Zealand.

Sophie To serve others in the name of Jesus.

Prayer Points

How can people support us in prayer?

- Praying for safety and that our work will strengthen those we serve.
- Praying for guidance, showing us where we need to put our energy.
- Pray that we do not get homesick.
- Pray that we enjoy the food, can be bold to try new things and step out of our comfort zones.
- Pray that the team get along well together and no one gets sick.

Primary news

Orana Park:

Our Year 3/4 students had a fantastic time on their trip to Orana Park earlier this term. Many students were especially excited to travel on a bus for the first time, adding to the sense of adventure. They enjoyed learning about endangered animals, getting up close while feeding the giraffes, and seeing the kiwi up close. The Learning Community was especially interested in a range of animals, including the gorillas and Reggie the tiger, and this has made our Topic work and Writing times extra exciting.



Gymnastics

This term, our Year 3-6 students have thoroughly enjoyed their trips to Olympia for gymnastics lessons. They loved exploring a range of activities, including bouncing on the trampolines, swinging on the rings, and carefully balancing on the bars. These sessions have been a fantastic opportunity for students to build confidence, strength, and coordination in a fun environment. We are very grateful to all the parents who supported us with transport, helping to make these enjoyable experiences possible.

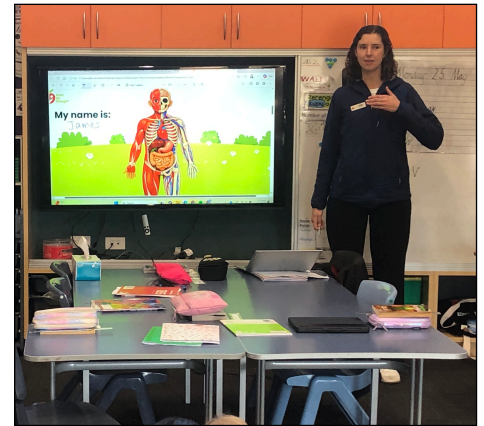
Life Education

An exciting visitor called Harold from Life Education came to visit the Primary children this term to teach our tamariki about life skills. The Matai students focused on keeping themselves safe, including road safety and friendship safety, while Horoeoka students explored positive and negative peer pressure. The Kōwhai students learnt about food and nutrition and how to make healthy choices. Through fun activities and discussions, the children developed confidence in decision-making and understanding their wellbeing. They especially enjoyed Harold's jokes and interactive sessions, which made the learning engaging and memorable.



Food for Thought

In Week 6 the Kōwhai classes each had three sessions with nutritionist Deb McIntosh from Food for Thought. She taught us about nutrients and their role in the body, making balanced food choices, reading food labels and the amount of sugar in different drinks. We enjoyed the sessions and asked lots of good questions. Food for Thought also gave us a supermarket voucher which we will use to plan and prepare a balanced meal for a Matariki celebration.



2026 Primary Speech Winners Results - Congratulations!!



New Entrant
Benjamin Mc

Year 1
Brea F

Year 2
Hannah C

Year 3
Esther L

Year 4
Joanna H

Year 5
Boaz Mc

Year 6
Evelyn G

Junior School- Keeping Ourselves Safe

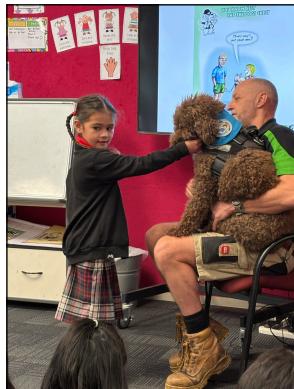
This term in the Matai Learning Community have been learning about Keeping Ourselves Safe. We had some very special visitors come to consolidate this learning! The local fire crew and Sergeant Woolf from the NZ Police dropped by to teach us all about staying safe in our community.

The firefighters taught us the importance of smoke alarms, what to do if we ever encounter a fire, and general fire safety rules. The absolute highlight, however, was getting a guided tour of the fire truck! The children loved learning about all the different equipment, but nothing beat the excitement of climbing right through the truck and hearing the siren blast.



We also spent some time with Sergeant Woolf, who shared what a day in the life of a police officer looks like, how they help keep us safe, and even how to become a police officer in the future. To top it all off, we got to check out his awesome police car!

A huge thank you to our local heroes for great educational and thrilling visits to our school.



Dog Safe

On Thursday the 28th of May the Junior School had Chris and Kym from the Animal Management Team (Christchurch City Council) come to share about being safe around dogs. They had their (real) dog Fergus with them and he was very cute! Some of the children were able to pat Fergus, but had to ask if they were allowed to first - something they should always do before approaching someone else's dog. The children also learnt about looking after your own dog (and picking up after it!!) And what to do if you see a dog on its own - "If a dog's on it's own, leave it alone!!!".

Sports news

Our Table Tennis team is proudly competing every Wednesday at the Table Tennis Stadium. A big thank you goes to our parent supervisors, Lyndal Wright and Andrew Smith, for their ongoing support and guidance throughout the competition.



Two of our Year 10 girls are proudly competing in the Secondary School Hockey Competition (Winter 2026) as part of a composite team with Hillmorton High School, who required additional players. They play every Wednesday at Ngā Puna Wai, gaining valuable experience and representing our school with great commitment.



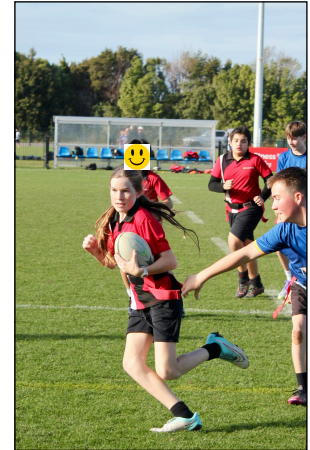
What a fantastic start to the season for our Year 5-8 students! Halfway through, and already there is so much to celebrate. Our tamariki have jumped in with energy, enthusiasm, and real heart – and it has been wonderful to see.

We couldn't be prouder – not just of the effort on the field, but of the way our students have carried themselves. Time and again, they have shown outstanding sportsmanship: encouraging their teammates, and competing in a way that reflects the very best of who we are as a school.

With plenty more sport still to come, we can't wait to see what the second half of the season brings. Keep it up, team!



Three boys represented our school at the 2026 CSS Cross Country Championships on 4 June at Ascot Park. A big thank you to Dana Paton for supervising and supporting our athletes on the day.



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When: From 9am - 3pm each day
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Location: Westmorland farm, meeting each morning at 600 Cashmere Road (Te Kuru Wetlands carpark)
Cost: \$150 for the three-day programme
Please note: This is a 3-day programme and registration covers all three days (Tuesday-Thursday), 9am-3pm each day.
Contact Di at diana.johnston@arocha.org for more info.
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