Aidanfield Christian School

Growing in Wisdom and Stature | Stand and be Confident

House Points

Pōtonga
152282

Tūāraki
143096

Hauāuru
141996

Mārangai
139937

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

Performing Arts in the spotlight

What an amazing group of talented students we have at ACS! By extension…what an amazing group of talented and supportive parents who produced such an amazing group of talented students! It was a delight to see the school production, Madagascar, finally take to the stage this week. Over the course of the three nights, we had just about every student involved with the production in some way – be it on stage, backstage, stage crew, lighting, music, props as well as the dance and acting crews. Given we have over 460 students in the school this year, that is a massive effort on the part of our staff team.

It was about a year ago that we began planning for this year's production. We have had a team of three teachers who have been the main drivers to bring to the stage this year's performance. **Mrs Sharon McDonald** and **Mrs Leah Williams** took on the creative direction and work with the cast. **Mrs Sharon Burt t**ook on the task of producing the work and together they have led a much larger team that involved costumes, make-up, props of so many different sizes, music, dance and many other aspects. The written programme on the night acknowledge the list of staff and parents who have contributed so many hours above and beyond to bring this production alive. To them we owe a massive thank you. Their day jobs have not decreased so that they could contribute -the work of production is always on top of the usual load and is a sacrifice and labour of love and joy. We have an incredibly devoted group of staff that work to shape and mould our young people. Because of this work have seen growth in confidence, maturity and character in all those students involved in this year's production – and this is why we do it – that young people would have opportunity to be formed into the likeness of Jesus and grow in wisdom and stature so they can stand and be confident. Hopefully that last line sounds familiar?

The cost of putting on a production of this nature runs well above $20 000. We are grateful for your support in buying tickets so that we had three sold out nights. This does not cover the full cost as we aim to keep the ticket cost as low as possible making it manageable for many families to attend. The reality is that the schools budget continues to subsidise the cost of these big events and we see this as a worthy thing because it supports our deep commitment to the formation of our young people and we see the results. Overall, all things work together for good for those that love Jesus and we see this played out through the process of putting on big shows.

Music Festival

Continuing on a focus of the performing arts, we have a choir and musicians involved in the Christchurch Music Festival in November. This group has been practicing for months and are nearing their performance in the Town Hall in early November. This will be an excellent night of music to a very high standard and we are looking forward to being a part of this city wide event.

As we begin to see the end of the year

You will note end of year details are beginning to turn up in our newsletters. There are multiple events that shape our last term. We have four different prize givings!

- Both Middle School and Primary have an end of term Learning Tree assembly which also awards a range of awards and certificates. **Middle School Year 7 – 10** will be Tuesday December 8 in the afternoon. **Primary Year 3 – 6** will be Thursday 10 December in the morning.
- We have our **New Entrant to Year 2** Learning Tree and formal Prize giving on Wednesday 9 in the afternoon and finishing by 3pm.
- We have our **Year 3 to 10** formal prizegiving at the Lincoln Events Centre starting at 5.30pm and usually running for about 1 hour 45 minutes (or there abouts).

Please note these dates in your diaries now. We will send more detailed information out around mid next term.

Some of the reasons we do these are to encourage all of our students by acknowledging some, highlighting great examples, giving examples to follow and celebrating a very good year together as a school. When young ones see others being acknowledged they can be inspired in their own effort and we have seen this time and time again. As parents, sometimes we are reluctant to spend time watching other families' children but please see beyond this. By being involved you are showing your child that you are invested in their community and in what is important to them. This speaks volumes to them and helps to support great connections between parents and children as everyone grows older.

Finally

The holidays are here and the school is closed for two weeks. Teachers will grab a break and also spend time preparing for a very full term 4. As families there can be an extra dynamic added to your weeks. In the spring term there are so many opportunities to do things with you young ones. Many things are free and simply take a bit of organising to do. Time with your child is the best gift. The cost is not the gift. Can I encourage you to change what you can in your week so that as a family you are able to continue to build strong relationships, build memories of fun, connection and challenge and stay connected. It is the greatest blessing to have excellent relationships with your children as they grow through the teenage years. These relationships are built from the toddler years onwards.

Have an excellent couple of weeks and we will see you very soon.

Grace and peace,
Mark Richardson
Principal

CHCH City Libraries' Mānuka Stories School Reading Competition kaupapa:

1. Set a school reading challenge goal for how many books your Y0-10 students will read in October and November (Mon 12 Oct – Fri 27 Nov)
2. Track your school's reading using the blooms on one of our large mānuka tree cutouts
3. Meet your school reading goal for a chance to win a share of $500 PB Tech vouchers and $500 Scorpio Book vouchers

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12 October	**Start of Term 4**
19 October	**Y ear 5-8 Athletics Nga Puna Wai**
26- October - 6 November	**Year 3-4 Swimming**
26 October	**Labour Day - School Closed**
2 November	**ACS BOT meeting**
3 November	**SWZ Athletics Year 5-8**
5 November	**Music Festival- Year 5-8 choir practise and performance**
12 November	**Year 0-2 Show Visit**
13 November	**Show Day - School Closed**
18 November	**SWZ Athletics Year 5-8**
20 November	**Year 1-4 Athletics- At school**
23 November- 4 December	**Year 1-2, 5-6 Swimming**
2-4 December	**Maranga Mai Year 9-10**
7 December	**Yr 10 Leavers' Dinner, Year 6 Celebration**
8 December	**MS Final Learning Tree Assembly**
9 December	**Y0-2 Prizegiving and Learning Tree**
10 December	**Year 3-6 Learning Tree Assembly**
11 December	**Year 3-10 Prizegiving Evening**
14 December	**Last day of school 2026 -12.30pm finish**
1 February	**1st day of school 2027**

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!

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AS YOU EXIT THE SCHOOL

VOMITING AND DIARRHOEA 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.

ATTENDANCE DUES 2027

The Christian Schools Trust has confirmed attendance dues for 2027. You can view this information by heading to https://www.cst.org.nz/aidanfield-christian-school/ . If you have any questions please get in touch with Rhonda - email attdues@org.nz or ph 03 741 1123.

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

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 Mark know via email: mark.richardson@aidanfield.school.nz

After the success of last year we now have our second kids market coming up on Saturday 17th October. If you would like to book a table for $10 use this link or the QR code on the attached poster.There will be limited spaces so make sure you get in quick. Limit of 1 table per family. Tables are BYO and 2m max length. Last year was lots of fun and we had some very creative kids making/baking and selling their preloved toys. This will be held in the school hall as well as some stalls outside under some gazebos. If you have any questions please email us at aidanfieldparents@gmail.com

Primary News

PJ Breakfast

In Week 5 the Primary Classes enjoyed our famous PJ breakfast. We came to school in our PJ's and enjoyed sharing lots of breakfast treats together.

Student reflections:

I walked into the Horoeka shared space to see the whole room decorated wonderfully. All of the tables and chairs had been rearranged, and there were pictures of breakfast foods and pyjamas on the walls. On each of the tables were menus with everything available, and best of all was the food. There was toast, pancakes, waffles, doughnuts, sprinkles, canned fruit, peaches, and cereals. It was the best day of the year.
By Bethany W

On Friday the 21st of August, we had breakfast in the famous Horoeka Café. The menu included waffles, pancakes, pikelets, Fruit Loops, Coco Pops, Honey Puffs, Corn Flakes, and toast with jam or honey. Everything was very, very delicious, especially the waffles with whipped cream and sprinkles. Everybody had lots of fun, and the activity sheets that the teachers made were also fantastic. Of course, we wore our PJs!
By Ariana B

Year 5-6 Service Trip with Liberton Christian School

This year, 10 Year 5 and 6 students took part in our Service Team. Their goal was to build connections with Liberton Christian School in Dunedin while participating in a range of service activities over three days.

We visited Orana Wildlife Park learning about ways we can serve and care for the environment.
On Day 2, the team did a fantastic job serving the community by packing food boxes and baking cookies for people experiencing hardship and homelessness in Christchurch's Red Zone. We greatly appreciated La Vida church for their support in these activities. We were able to bless them with our PJ Breakfast donations for the food parcels.
In the afternoon the team painted over graffiti on Pages Road. Under the direction of the Christchurch City Council.

On Day 3, the team spent time reflecting on what they had learned about service and discussing ways they could continue serving as they returned to their regular classes. Our groups also spent time praying together before the Liberton students began their journey home.
This was a very special time of learning, growth, and service for all the students involved.

Yeeun J's reflection:

"On the first day, we got to meet Liberton and build relationships with our buddies. When we finished eating dinner, we served Liberton by taking their plates to the rubbish bin. It was a small thing, but it was still serving. I learnt that serving doesn't always have to be big things.

On the second day, we went to Orana Park. We had a great time learning about other creatures that God had made. We learnt that factories destroy forests to plant palm trees. We can help save our environment by using less palm oil. I also learnt that lots of people volunteer to work at the zoo. They sacrifice their time and don't get paid. They serve the customers. I was thankful for the people who work there.

On Tuesday, we went to Life Church to make packs for people who don't have enough food. I was happy every time a box was filled. The boxes will help people in our community. We also baked cookies. We didn't get to eat any, but my heart was filled with joy while we baked. It was hard, but with friends it was enjoyable. Teachers helped us, and two kind ladies also helped us. We also painted some walls. It was the hardest thing ever! It taught me that most serving is hard and requires lots of patience. On the last day, we shared our thoughts about serving. We also prayed for our school and Liberton. Liberton then went back to Dunedin. We will miss them.

SPORTS NEWS

Our Winter Sport Season has officially come to an end with our teams having performed admirably. See below a couple photos taken throughout this season. A special mention to the year 7-8 Football team who progressed to the Primary Sport Canterbury Winter Tournament this year. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to support our teams and contributed to such a successful season of sport. Lastly, well done to out SportsPro coaches for the way in which they led their teams, supported their parent helpers and reflected good character this season - they all rose to the occasion and went above and beyond for their teams contributing to a positive sport culture here at ACS.

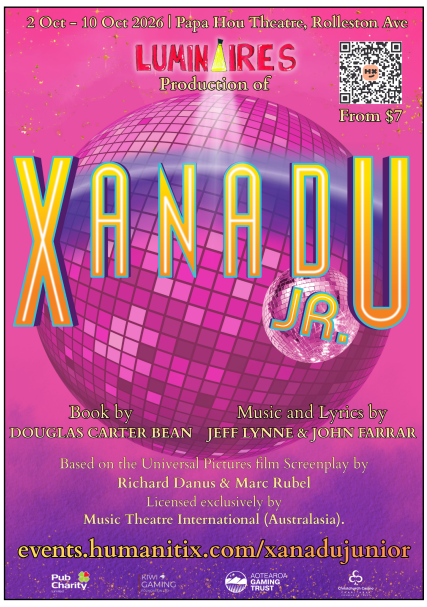
In Term 3, nine Year 9 students participated in the Active Wāhine Programme run by School Sport Canterbury. Every Wednesday, students attended free sessions at Pioneer Recreation and Sport Centre, where they enjoyed a variety of fitness activities including step aerobics, yoga, circuit training, Pilates, and spin class. The programme provided a great opportunity for students to build confidence, improve their wellbeing, and stay active in a fun and supportive

Feeling the pinch on lunchboxes? https://www.kiwilunchbox.co.nz is a free tool built by an Auckland parent. It plans a week of school lunches around whatever is on special at Woolworths and New World, shows what the week will cost, and gives you a prep plan. No account needed, nothing for sale. Woolworths and New World, shows what the week will cost, and gives you a prep plan. No account needed, nothing for sale.

October Holiday Basketball Camps For School Years 5-10

Canterbury Rams & Mainland Pouākai Holiday Camps are back this October at Parakiore Recreation and Sports Centre! Rams and Pouākai Holiday Camps are action-packed basketball sessions where boys & girls (school years 5-10) can stay active, improve skills, and have fun during the school holidays.

There are 5 days available at $60 per day. If you book all 5 days, you'll receive a $50 discount! Receive another $20 off the total cost per additional child registered. You must register each child within the same booking to receive the discount. https://canterburyrams.basketball/shop/canterbury-rams-mainland-pouakai-october-holiday-camps/



ATHLETICS CANTERBURY

ALL ABILITIES ATHLETICS

ALL PARA AND INTELLECTUAL ABILITIES ARE WELCOME

AGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

THIS COURSE WILL RUN IN TERM 1, AND TERM 4, ON A FRIDAY FROM 4:00PM-5:00PM.

COST & REGISTRATION: THE FEE WILL BE $5 PER SESSION, OR $25 FOR 6

START DATE: 23RD OCT

NGA PUNA WAI ATHLETICS TRACK

FILL OUT THE FORM HERE OR EMAIL US
CHLOE.ROBERTS@ATHLETICSCANTERBURY.ORG.NZ

NEW SEASON

WHAT'S ON

Terms 4 & 1
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Interclub Pre Season Training

Sunday 30th August, 9am – 12pm

If you are interested in playing Interclub this year come along to our pre season training session.
Available for new and returning players.

Junior Interclub & Hot Shots

Registrations are open for the new season. Find out more and register online at
https://cashmeretennisclub.org.nz/

School Holiday Programme

Week 1: Starting 28th September
Mon - Wed, 9am - 12pm
$150

Week 2: Starting 5th October
Mon - Wed, 9am - 12pm
$150

Register online via
www.meredithbrothers.co.nz/book-online

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ATHLETICS CANTERBURY

YOUNG RUNNERS DEVELOPMENT DAY

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2016 RIO OLYMPIAN

OCTOBER 10TH
10AM-3PM
FREE ENTRY

NGA PUNA WAI SPORTS HUB & TRACK
For School Years 5 to 8 (9-13 Year olds)
Bring own packed lunch & Drink bottle
Postponment day 11th Oct

PROGRAMME

10:00AM	11:00AM	12:00PM	12:30PM	1:30PM	2:30PM
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION	MIDDLE-DISTANCE SESSION	LUNCH	MOTIVATION & GOAL SETTING	SPRINTS & BLOCK STARTS	WRAP UP & PRIZES

SIGN UP HERE

BAPN
Badminton Academy Performance & Nutrition

TERM 3

BADMINTON HOLIDAY CAMP

Skill Development | Fitness & Footwork | Game Strategies | Team Building

SECOND WEEK : 5 OCTOBER — 9 OCTOBER

DAILY TRAINING SCHEDULE

Fitness & Conditioning	9:00am - 10:00am
Morning Tea	10:00am - 10:30am
Technical & Drills	10:30am - 12:00pm
Lunch	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Games & Match Tactics	1:00pm - 3:00pm

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HALSWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH

3 FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Spring in Halswell • All welcome

SKATE JAM

FREE!

Saturday 26 September
11am – 2pm
Knights Stream Skate Park, Richmond Ave, Halswell
Ages 10–14

Come skate. Have fun. Good vibes.

CIRCUS PICNIC

Fun, Food & Family Time

Saturday 3 October
11am – 2pm
Westlake Reserve, Halswell
Inflatable games • Live circus show • Popcorn & candy floss

Bring a blanket, bring your smiles!

LEVEL UP NIGHT

Hangout Youth Event

Saturday 10 October
5:30 – 7:30pm
Oaklands School Hall, Cunningham Place
Ages 13–18

Obstacle course
Inflatable Gladiator
Boxing ring

FREE PIZZA & HOT CHIPS
Bring your friends!

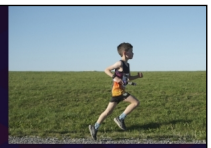
Presented by **Halswell Community Church** in conjunction with **Christchurch City Council**
halswellcommunitychurch.co.nz

Awatea Athletics

More Than Sport

South Island's Largest Athletics Club

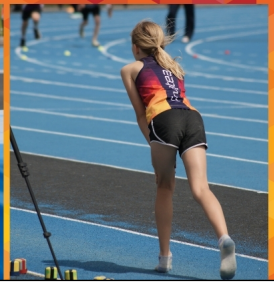
Te Kahu Park & Nga Puna Wai



Ages 5yrs to Adults

Programmes for all abilities and events

Led by Christchurch's only NZ-team youth-development coach (Oceania & World teams U18-23)



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CHARACTER

FAITHFULNESS
I am one whose word others can rely on.

INTEGRITY
My character is reflected in my words and actions.

EXCELLENCE
I always give my best effort.

STEWARDSHIP
I am looking after all the gifts God has given me.

LEARNING

MANAGING SELF
I am organised. I act appropriately.

THINKING
I use my imagination. I am curious.

PARTICIPATING AND CONTRIBUTING
I work well in a team. I use my gifts and talents.

LANGUAGE, SYMBOLS AND TEXTS
I am accurate, confident and clear. I am fluent.

RELATING TO OTHERS
I love God first. I love others. I am honest. I am respectful. I am forgiving. I am generous.

PURPOSE

BELIEF
I am finding out about who God is.

IDENTITY
I know who I am. I know my gifts and talents.

DISCERNMENT
I am learning the difference between truth and falsehood, right and wrong.

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

SERVICE
I choose to look out for others. I encourage and support others.

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