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Aidanfield Christian School

Latest News - Friday 8th June 2018

Kia ora

Welcome to another Friday and another addition of a Friday email.

There are a couple of bits of information for you to keep in mind this week.

Early finishes for school coming up - three of them!

The First early Finish Tuesday 26 June

As you may be aware, the Teacher Unions have begun negotiations with the Government in relation to the employment agreements of teachers across the country. There has been a lot written on this and commented on in the media of late. The unions are asking for a meeting with all members to lay out the first offer the Government has made and get feedback. These meetings are for all union members and we have a number of our staff who are. The meeting will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 26 June. The consequence of this is the school will not be fully staffed on that afternoon and normal classes will not be running. You are welcome to pick your child or children up at 2pm on this day. There will be supervision for all children who are not able to go home early so if you are not able to pick them up early we will look after them for you. Children must go home with their parent OR we need a signed note by the parent of the child saying who their child may go home with if they are to home with someone else. We will not let children go with anyone except a parent or a named other on the signed note.

The Second and Third early Finish Tuesday, July 3, Thursday, July 5

Parent Teacher interviews are coming. The school will close at 2pm on Tuesday, July 3 and Thursday, July 5. This allows all teachers to grab a cup of tea before starting interviews at 2.30. Please be aware that teachers usually work until 8.30 or 9 pm on these nights in interviews so they are long days. The early finish allows them to grab a breath from a days teaching before starting on the second part of the day. You must pick up or arrange for your child to be picked up by 2.15pm on these days. There will be no supervision of children after 2.15 on interview days.

Parking outside the school

Some of you will be aware that parking wardens have started issuing tickets for people parking with their wheels on the grass. It would be advisable to park fully on the road.

The grass outside the school is owned by the Council and is considered a reserve and therefore it is beyond the authority of the school to enforce anything but may I make a plea? Please do not park on the grass! You will see that the grass is getting significant damage on it with people driving up onto the grass to park close. There is no disadvantage to children walking! Cars do not need to park outside of classrooms, children are able to walk distances (even the five year olds) and using the road to park and walk is a great idea - and healthy too!

Further to this topic - we put cones out on the road on certain days to reserve space for buses and some of our parents have decided it is okay to move those cones so they can park close to the school! I didn't believe this when I was first told, I wondered who would think that was okay? The cones on the road are for child safety and for traffic flow in and around the school. If there are cones - do not move them!

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Stand and be Confident
Growing in Wisdom and Stature

Every school in town struggles with traffic issues at peak times. When we all work together, operate with grace and patience and use common sense everyone wins! Please play your part in helping the system to work well. This is a place where the principles and virtues of our faith can so obviously be put into action and it could be a mark of our school community that we do it well.

Speech finished!

Chickenpox

We have had a number of confirmed cases of chickenpox particularly in the junior primary. Children need to stay home until all spots have scabbed over.

More information can be found by clicking on this link <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/chickenpox>.

Parent opportunity: Please have a look at the information attached - it has been an excellent event in the past.

2019 Enrolment

Don't forget the need to apply for children turning 5 in 2019 if you would like to be considered for enrolment in 2019. Late applications must be dealt with only after all applications that we received on or by the due date. Last year no late applications could be considered!

Grace and peace for this weekend.

Mark Richardson
Principal



The flyer for Aidanfield Christian School features three photographs: a boy with glasses and red face paint, the school crest with a tree and book, and two girls reading a book. The text is organized into columns and boxes.

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Growing in Wisdom & Stature

Application closing date for 2019 enrolments at all year levels is:
August 24, 2018

Limited places in Year 7 to 10 applications are invited

We specialise in great schooling for years 1 to 10

- years 1 to 6 establishing strong foundations
- years 7 to 10 great preparation for the senior years
- well prepared for life beyond the gate

Working together with families in the south west of Christchurch. Our students benefit from our specialist teaching with emphasis on pastoral care and our special focus on personal character development and learning.

For more information, contact us on: (03) 338 8153 or enrol@aidanfield.school.nz or go to our website www.aidanfield.school.nz

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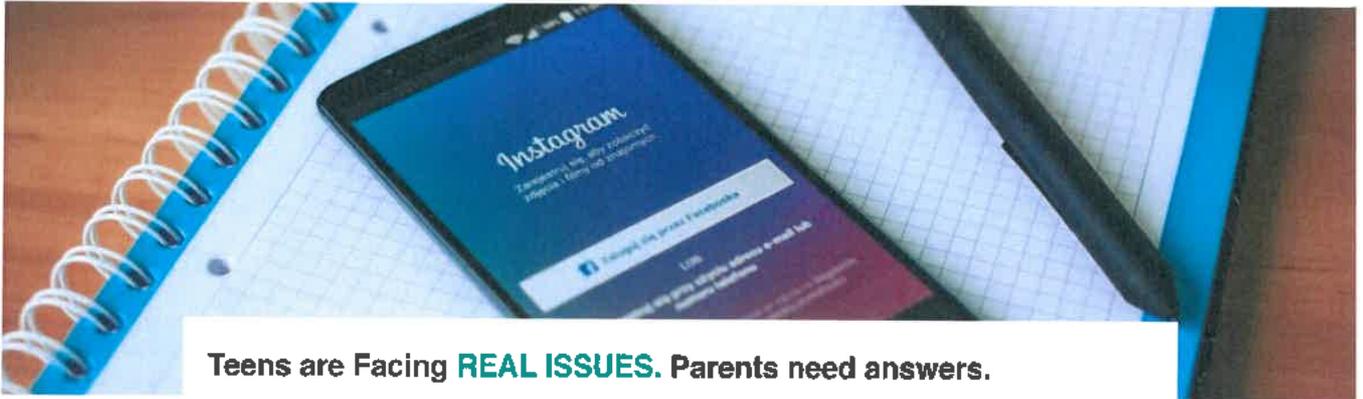
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a night for parents

RAISING TEENS IN A HYPER-SEXUALIZED SOCIETY



Teens are Facing **REAL ISSUES**. Parents need answers.

At a time where parents can feel overwhelmed and powerless to address issues such as sex, dating, relationships and pornography there is a huge amount parents can do.

This parents night aims to address the intimate questions that parents have while empowering them to be an influential presence in their children's lives.

- How to parent your child through a sexually saturated society.
- The truth behind media, marketing and advertising and how it can affect young people.
- Sexting, apps and the online world; the secrets parents need to know.
- Pornography; what you need to know as a parent
- The effects of poor sexual decision making.
- Rites of passage; your sons and daughters journey to adulthood.
- The major challenges teenage boys and girls are facing.

Did You Know?

- *The average age of a young persons first exposure to pornography is 11 years of age*
- *1 in 5 young people struggle with an eating disorder*
- *54% of students reported receiving a sexually explicit text message*
- *26% reported sending a sexually explicit text message*

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#teenBRAVE

Middleton Grange School
Parents Seminar
Tuesday, 12 June 2018
7.00 – 8.30 pm
Middleton Grange School
The Grange Theatre
Appropriate for all parents to attend
Years 4 up would benefit from this meeting

