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Growing in Wisdom and Stature Stand and be Confident



Kia ora Aidanfield whanau

It has been a while since I wrote for our newsletter. It is great to be back and developing a range of ideas and plans at ACS again. It is also a testament to the strength of our wider leadership team that any one of us is able to step out of the school for a while and it carries on so well. I mentioned at the end of last year that people are our greatest blessing and we are blessed at ACS to have such a strong group of teachers and support staff all working to support our tamariki (children) to grow in character, learning and in understanding their purpose.

This newsletter contains a focus on our cultural week that occurred at the end of last term. Our mix of backgrounds and cultures is an absolute strength of our school. I have spent time over the last half a year pondering culture. I am convinced that the cultural background we have is a gift from our loving heavenly Father. He placed us into the families and cultures that contribute to who we are. Our eternal future will be an extension of the cultural gifts that we have now. Heaven, as I understand it, will not be everyone the same and perfect but us, as we are now in our cultural form, in our physical shape, with our personalities ... and perfected to what we were intended to be, unaffected by sin any longer. The beauty of creation includes the beauty of God reflected through the diversity of humanity. As we learn to live with and understand each other we are, in effect, preparing for a future into eternity. As we teach our kids to learn and accept others we are giving them a head start for the life they have and the eternal existence they are invited to be a part of. That is very exciting and very challenging!

I am often asked, how does it work with so many countries represented in one place. My answer revolves around our priorities. We are first and foremost created in God's image. Each person is moulded in the likeness of creator God no matter where we come from. We are family whether we are tangata whenua (people of this land), from the Islands, the African continent, the America's, Europe, the UK, Asia or anywhere else. As created people we all carry the image of God. Our cultural background comes after that. We share a common origin first and we focus on that and celebrate that. We then can acknowledge the various similarities and difference that coming from a part of the world gifts us. We are not perfect in this community of diversity but we are continually working on it and learning and growing in it and as we do, God is glorified and worshiped.

I hope you are able to appreciate the blessing of diversity through the following pages.

Grace and peace
Mark Richardson

<p>We specialise in great schooling for years 1 to 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • years 1 to 6 establishing strong foundations • years 7 to 10 great preparation for the senior years • well prepared for life beyond the gate 	<p>Aidanfield Christian School <i>Growing in Wisdom & Stature</i></p> <p>Application closing date for 2020 enrolments at all year levels is: Friday August 23, 2019</p> <p>Limited places in Year 7 to 10 applications are invited</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>For more information, contact us on: (03) 338 8153 or enrol@aidanfield.school.nz or go to our website www.aidanfield.school.nz</p>		

2020 Enrolments

If you are planning to have a child at ACS in 2020 please note the closing date for enrolments. We already have a significant number of applications for 2020. If you are late, you can not be considered until everyone who applied on time has been considered. Year 1 to 6 applications close on August 23rd – don't be late.

We also ask that if you are planning to leave ACS at the end of 2019 that you let us know as soon as possible. We have very limited spaces in 2020 and it will assist us in class placements for next year.

Thank you.

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Cultural Week

What another fabulous week of cultural celebration. A big thank you to all those who contributed in many different ways.



Cultural Week



ACS Arts Evening

This is an evening celebrating the Arts that happen around the school. Come along to see Art displays from every year level in the school, hear the speech winners from the Primary school speech competition, see students perform on different instruments who are being taught right here at ACS and see the Middle School worship band perform.

The ACS Kapa Haka group will be opening up the evening with some of the items in which they will be performing in the Cultural Festival at Horncastle Arena later in the term.

It is going to be a fantastic evening of celebration and appreciation of the Arts, we hope we will see you there.

Where: Aidanfield Christian School Hall

When: Friday 16th August, 6:30pm



Homestay Families



If you have a spare room in a warm and loving home, we would love for you to consider sharing your family with an International student in 2020. These students will be studying at ACS for part of the school year and require an english speaking home to live in.

Length of stay is likely to be no more than one month and families are well reimbursed.

Please prayerfully consider this, and if it interests you, contact int.admin@acs.aidanfield.school.nz.

Community News

You are invited to hear Collett Smart at Middleton Grange

Collett has more than 20 years' experience working in private and public schools, as well as in private practice. She appears regularly on television and radio, as an expert in teen and family issues. She works part-time at Pacific Hills Christian School in Sydney.

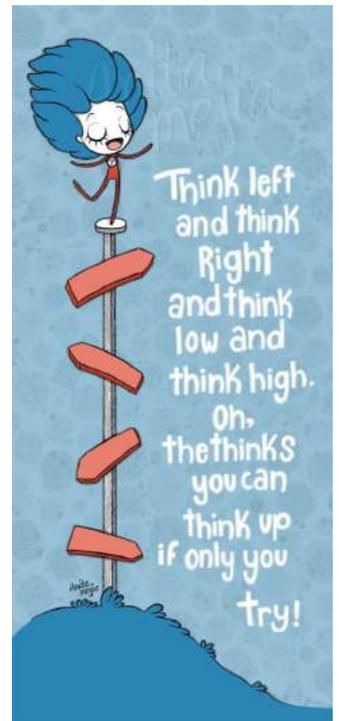
Collett has taught and delivered psychology workshops and seminars around the world, and is an Ambassador for International Justice Mission Australia and eChildhood. She is Mum to 3 children, aged 11, 16 and 18 years old.



Her new book, 'THEY'LL BE OKAY: 15 Conversations To Help Your Child Through Troubled Times' (Hachette), is available now.

Collette will speak at Middleton on Thursday 15th August at 7pm on the topic of 'Building Resilient Families'. Please mark this date on your calendar now, you're invited!

You can check out her website at <http://collettsmart.com>



Cornerstone
Christian Early Learning Centres

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We provide a warm, caring environment with structured sessions:

morning (8:30-12)
afternoon (12-3:30)
full day (8:30-3:30)

- ☺ Quality, friendly care for 2½ year olds and up.
- ☺ Limited numbers to ensure quality teaching and a sense of family.
- ☺ Teachers faithful to Christian character.
- ☺ Fantastic outdoor play area.
- ☺ Open during school holidays.
- ☺ Fees: Under 3's - \$6 hour (up to 30 hours), and over 3's - \$8 hour. 20 Hours Free ECE for over 3's, and WINZ subsidies available.

For more information, contact Niki in the office (who works mornings), leave us a message, send us an email or even a text works just as well ☺

2 DRUM
...or not to drum?

Does your son or daughter want to learn how to play the drums?

Drum Tuition (in school)
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