



TERM 3 | WEEK 5



Kia ora rā koe

The world we live in is groaning. This is evident all around with the challenge that COVID 19 presents to individuals, families, communities and businesses. As I watch the news, read the papers and listen to what is happening around me there is a sense, in some of anxiety. In some ways I wonder if it is similar to earthquakes where the very thing that we assume should be solid moves and rocks our foundations. When we cannot be sure of what we stand on there is a very real temptation to think that everything is movable, nothing is sure and so confidence in what we place our trust in shifts. Perhaps we even lose focus on what is unmovable? There is a place of peace and an immovable foundation.

David, writing in the Psalms says, “I love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and the One who rescues me; My God, my rock and strength in whom I trust and take refuge; My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower—my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; And I am saved from my enemies” (Psalm 18:1-3). Later on he says, “For God alone my soul waits in silence; From Him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, My defense and my strong tower; I will not be shaken or disheartened.” (Psalm 62:1-3).

There is a place of peace and assurance even when the events and news all around us challenges our peace. Those who turn to our Lord and seek him, wait on him, ask him are promised the certainty of an unshakable foundation on which to rest. He is our rock. Sometimes we need to make very conscious decisions to turn toward him and place our trust in his hands. Sometimes he wraps himself around us and speaks peace to us. Certainly the circumstances are not necessarily changed but, our response to them and our journey through them can be very different as we allow the promise of God’s presence and the certainty of his foundation to inform our reactions and conversations. As parents, teaching our children how to frame up responses to worldly events we lead in both word and action.

May you find this place of peace in the middle of the storms and may you lead your family to greater understandings of God as he expresses himself in both the dark and the light places.

Grace and peace for this period of time.
I raro i te korowai aroha o tō tātou Atua
(under the loving shelter of God)

Mark Richardson
Principal

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Covid Update

At the time of writing we are at Level 2. We know this level well and I suspect we will swing into and out of it over the coming year as the country manages the risks around the virus.

At Level 2 all pupils should be at school. Only those with a highly compromised health status should stay at home. This should be discussed with Mrs Lawn (Deputy Principal). Please remember the following public health messages, no matter which level we are at:

Stay out of someone else's 'moist breath zone' (about 1 meter preferably 2)
Catch coughs, sneezes in the crook of an elbow
Wash and dry hands regularly and sanitize often
Stay home and isolate if any sign of being unwell

Our protocol for managing at Alert Level 2 is on our website if you would like bedtime reading.

Every person must sign in if they get out of the car on site. Remember the start and end of day sign in's for contact tracing. Sign in at the office any other time.

Use the Tracer App every time you come (QR codes are at all entry points). This does not replace the paper sign in forms or office sign in for the school records!

We cannot have pupils at school who are remotely unwell, even at Alert Level 1 - we will call you to take them home for the good of everyone.

Our key ways of communicating remain: Email, School App (download from the App store for Android or Apple and set up for Aidanfield Christian School), the schools Facebook page and our website (www.aidanfield.school.nz).

Please make sure we have your most up to date contact details (email, landline, mobile, address) and let us know any time you change something in this regard.

Remember -The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and the One who rescues me; My God, my rock and strength in whom I trust and take refuge; My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower my stronghold.

Cross Country Zones

On Tuesday 4th August, our top 28 Yr 0-4 runners traveled to Hillview Christian School, ready to test their talents against 5 other schools. We had incredible results, coming away with 8 top 5 placings in the races. Special mentions have to go to Briana Paton who won the gold medal in the Year 0/1 Girls race, Reuben Hwang, Salvador Dos Santos Sanders, and Rebecca Hosking, who all placed on the podium in their races. The event was a lot of fun for the students and we eagerly look forward to next year's medal haul!

Alex Zorn

Year 3/4 Teacher

Year 0/1 Boys

5th Place - Benjamin Hsu

Year 0/1 Girls

1st Place!!! - Briana Paton (won by around 15 seconds)

Year 2 Girls

4th Place - Mila Swain

Year 3 Boys

2nd Place - Salvador Dos Santos Sanders

3rd Place - Reuben Hwang

Year 3 Girls

2nd Place - Rebecca Hosking

5th Place - Beth Pratt

Overall Team Champions Y3 Girls (incredible achievement),

1st Place - Lucy Hay, Beth Pratt and Rebecca Hosking!!



School Library Webpage

Check out our home page for our school library.

<https://aidanfield.athenaeum.nz/index.php/home/?category=Home>

TEACHER AIDE RELIEF

We are looking for people who would be willing to go on our Teacher Aide Relief roster. When a Teacher Aide is unwell, it is best to be able to continue support for children in classes with someone else who can stand in for the day. Although this is a paid role, it could not be guaranteed as regular work, so best suits someone who might be able to do this at short notice (often). While there is no formal training needed, we can run through the basics of what you might come across in a typical, varied day. If you are interested and think you may have the flexibility of time to do this, please contact Kaye Lawn on her email; kaye.lawn@aidanfield.school.nz This position would not be only open to the ACS school community, so if you have church friends / family who might be keen to work periodically, please encourage them to get in touch.

House Points



Tuāraki
6317



Hauāuru
6293



Marangai
6104



Potonga
5585

ENJOY THE SIMPLE THINGS WHIST SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

Aidanfield Christian School is selling Entertainment Digital Memberships as part of this year's fundraising initiative and we would love your support. Get out and support your local community. Entertainment Digital Memberships are convenient, easy to use and packed full of valuable 2 for 1 and up to 50% off offers for you to use over 12 months from activation. Enjoy offers from your local hospitality favourites and much, much more!



Buy online to support Aidanfield Christian School today by clicking the below link <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1347c89>

Enrolments

A reminder: closing date for applications for 2021 is Friday August 21. Please make sure you have forms in for any family member you intend to be here next year that is not already enrolled. Enrolment for new family members is not automatic.

If you are shifting your child to another school in 2021, please inform the office of this in writing now so that we are able to offer places to families that are very keen to join our school in 2021.



2 Nash Road (right here on the school grounds!)

Telephone: 338-9948 Mobile: 022 094-9926

Email: cornerstone@aidanfield.school.nz

Web: www.cornerstone.school.nz

We provide a warm, caring environment with structured sessions:

morning (8:30-12)

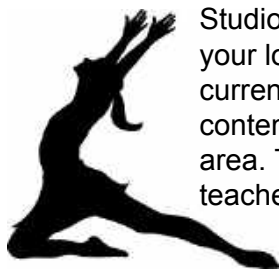
afternoon (12-3:30)

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 ☺

Community Notices



Studio One Performing Arts, your local dance school, is currently giving Ballet, Jazz and contemporary lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London).

Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Contemporary starting from age 7. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

[Before, After School and Holiday Care Programme](#)
[Home or Activity Drop off Service also available for all our buddies!](#)

We are based at **Seven Oaks School**

77 Murphys Road in Halswell

We collect children daily after school from: Ladbrooks, Aidanfield Christian and Halswell School. We also run a before school care programme for children from the above schools.

www.baxtersbuddies.co.nz

baxtersbuddiesnz@gmail.com

Or Call: 021 127 5865



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HALSWELL TENNIS CLUB

The Halswell Tennis Club is located in the Halswell Domain behind the bowling club.

The 2020/2021 season is about to get underway with two registration days.

This is for all players.

This will be held on: Sunday 30th August, 10am to 2pm at the Halswell Tennis Club
Sunday 6th September, 10am to 12pm at the Halswell Tennis Club
Sunday 6th September, 1pm to 5pm at Wilding Park;

www.halswelltennis.net or email halswelltennis@gmail.com

Brass instrumental tuition will be available soon at Aidanfield with Adrian Dalton, the Musical Director of Addington Brass. Addington Brass have launched a training band program, and already have young players from local schools involved. Come along to assembly on Thursday 20th August and the parent session on Thursday 27th August in TiK3 at 3pm to find out how your son or daughter could have a weekly brass lesson and progress to playing in a local band.



\$16 per afternoon \$12 for siblings

HALSWELL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMME

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www.sharp.org.nz

Easy Lunch Orders Every Friday

Order your favourite healthy and delicious subs, salads along with Subway's extras anytime before 9am on a Friday. Your Subway lunch will be delivered to the school in time for lunch.

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www.mykindo.co.nz

