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# Aidanfield Christian School

## Term 1 Week 11, 2017

*Growing in Wisdom and Stature Stand and be Confident*

Kia ora, greetings!

Easter arrives again and with it the chance to reflect on the power and relevance of the message of the cross.

Easter is the remembrance of the most powerful event in history. I have often pondered on the universal relevance of this event. The message of our separation or alienation from creator God through our individual sin, the sacrifice on the cross of God who became man, the resurrection from the dead which distinguishes this message of salvation from any other message of hope and is the power of God at work. This resurrection then followed by the witnessed return of Jesus to sit at the side of His Father in heaven. This is the reflection of Easter.

The message of salvation is not just for us in New Zealand but is as real and powerful in; China, Russia, Africa, both sides of Europe, all of the America's, the islands of any ocean or sea. It speaks hope to the hopeless in the Middle East, peace to the tormented in Asia, justice to those who fight injustice in America, freedom to the captives in Africa. It demonstrates a powerful and active expression of love to families and communities in any place. And yet we so easily assume with a practiced familiarity that we understand the power of the message of Easter – and life goes on because of the power of our loving God.

In staff devotions this week I have considered the idea that the cross is a doorway into a promise and future. It speaks to us today and is the place that each of us arrives at. When we arrive we are invited to lay down the issues of our past and the reality of our sinfulness, to humbly bow our knee at the foot of the greatest sacrifice. At this doorway we are challenged to take up our part of the cross. And we are invited to walk into a future with a hope for tomorrow and a strength in our weakest moments for today.

At the foot of the cross we are also invited to consider how our expression of Christian love looks in the world in which we live. In this sense our faith is as current, topical, and relevant no matter where society develops or moves, what issues are raised or what challenges arise. The message of the cross is one that transcends time and space and issue. One growing challenge to respond to is how we, as a community hold to the absolutes that scripture outlines and through this, express the acceptance of all that Jesus spoke of. How do we interpret the message of the cross to love deeply and accept widely and forgive often, while at the same time hold true to the moral virtues and absolutes that have been recorded over time? Surely there is nothing new under the sun. There are no new issues to arise in this generation that have not been faced by those before us. The contexts may change but the issues are not new. Our challenge and the invitation is to walk obediently in the true freedom that Christ leads us into, to continue to challenge bigotry or prejudice that is birthed in human sinfulness and to be wise enough to discern when biblical absolutes must be advocated and lived but sensitive enough to express this in a manner that reflects the character of the one who gave his life for each of us.

In my mind, someone who is truly seeking to follow Jesus is invited to be as contemporary and relevant as any other person on this planet, not held in archaic rituals but living freely and relevantly in their communities to make a real difference as they express the message of Easter to those around.

May your Easter be refreshing, may you find the strength, grace, peace and clarity that can come as you wait on the one who died and rose again. And, may you teach your children wisely to both see and understand why we have a holiday at Easter at all.

Grace and peace.

Mark Richardson  
Principal

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# Primary Fun Day

On the 8th of March the Primary School recently held a Fun Day sports afternoon. The children were arranged into teams of mixed ages from across Year 1-6 and rotated around different sports. Each team had to work together to play three of the games on offer: gym, spot relay, cricket, T-ball, tennis, noughts and crosses relay, oversized bananagrams, soccer and number hockey. There was a wonderful family atmosphere with the older children teaching and encouraging the younger ones.

The teachers enjoyed meeting new faces as they engaged with children from other teams. Thank you Junior School for your organisation - it was a great event!



## Sports

For all sports information please go to our school website [www.aidanfield.school.nz](http://www.aidanfield.school.nz), Our School, Sport. There you will find all the information you need regarding your child's sport or any school sporting event. We will constantly update here and keep our school community informed. We also place some notices on the school noticeboard, located by the front entrance, near the sealed car park.

Some highlights for Term 1....

### 3v3 Basketball Tournament for girls (Yr5-8)

Well done to 21 of our girls who attended the basketball event held at Pioneer gym, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. We entered five Yr5-6 teams and one Yr7-8 team:

- TTL-Tupou O, Lorraine C and Tawanashe S
- Slam Dunkers-Olivia R, Ella C and Erin R
- Pink Faith-Nevaeh W, Jessica Hol, Jocelyn M and Josephine H
- The Gamers-Angeli M, Jayme C, Zoe M and Isabella M
- ACER-Abigail P, Cici M, Rhianna T and Emilie B
- MSL-Miranda, Alexandria Y and Sarah HB

All the girls played extremely well and had a lot of fun throughout the day. We would also like to acknowledge Lori McDaniel (Canterbury Wildcats Coach) who came into the school to teach the girls ball skills, they really appreciated the time taken to share her knowledge of the sport.



### Canterbury Primary School Swimming Champs:

Congratulations to Lorelei Halgreen, Liam Rooney, Ezekiel Malcom, Matthew Cleverly, Tyler and Kyle Bratley and Samuel Manson. All these students qualified and competed on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at Selwyn Aquatic Centre. Well done, great effort put in by all.

### Up coming Sporting events in Term 2:

- Cross Country (whole school event)
- Yr 5-8 Winter travelling sport (Friday)
- Yr9-10 Winter sport (Wednesday)





The 40 Hour Famine is New Zealand's largest youth fundraiser, running annually for more than 40 years. Every year nearly 100,000 participants across the country go without, supporting children in developing countries.

It's a fun event for children and families alike and this year's 40 Hour Famine will be taking place on **9-11 June**.

In 2017, the 40 Hour Famine will be raising funds for children impacted by the Syrian refugee crisis. We have plenty of resources at [famine.org.nz/resources](http://famine.org.nz/resources), to help communicate the issue and talk to your children about this if you would like to learn more.

### THE 40 HOUR FAMINE IS A GREAT TEACHING TOOL

World Vision regularly visits schools around the country providing education sessions and NCEA-accredited resources for teachers. Written for the NZ curriculum, the resources give teachers an opportunity to inspire their students to be active global citizens. They help them think about things like international rights, the impact of natural disasters, and the importance of clean water.

The 40 Hour Famine campaign:

- **Encourages self-awareness** • **Develops critical thinking**
- **Builds self-confidence**
- **Develops leadership skills**
- **Creates connections**

Promotes self-reflection and gratitude amongst participants

Encourages the ability to engage in reflective and independent thinking about complex issues and topics

Empowers children to do something they never thought they could, giving something up or challenging themselves to do something new

Provides the opportunity to step into leadership roles, working collaboratively with others on a common cause

Builds a sense of community with their school and other participants as well as with the family and friends that sponsor them.

### 40 HOUR FAMINE 2017 - OUR GENERATION UNITED

This year is about a generation of young New Zealanders standing side by side with their brothers and sisters in Syria and giving them a chance to piece their lives back together. Thousands of young Kiwis across the country will be banding together and fundraising for the hundreds of thousands of children who have been left with no homes, no schools and an uncertain future.

The 40 Hour Famine isn't only for children, it's a great activity for the entire family, friends, and clubs to get involved in! Choose from 20 to 40 hours and be as creative as you like with your challenge. If the no-food challenge isn't for you, try giving up technology, talking or furniture!

To support our fundraising efforts, please join our group and sponsor our young people to impact the lives of those in Syria.

<https://www.worldvision.org.nz/fundraising/create?t=fundraising&fp=17FAMIND&tm=917619a6-2565-4097-be71-60dcf3edd609>



## HILLMORTON HIGH SCHOOL

### NIGHT CLASSES 2017

Life Drawing, Meditative Yoga,  
Qigong, French for Travellers,  
Intermediate French, French  
Conversation, Spanish Level  
Two, Spanish for Travellers,  
Spanish Conversation, My  
Make-up – 'Hands-on' Make-  
up Application, My Style:  
Style Make-over on a Budget,  
Metalwork



#### INFORMATION:

- [www.hillmorton.school.nz](http://www.hillmorton.school.nz)
- LIBRARIES
- (03) 3385 119

### Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017 (excluding weekends)

And

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April

And

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April to Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

New Zealand Football and Mainland's action-packed holiday football programme are a great way for young players to have fun and develop their football skills at the same time.

Available from one to three consecutive days per week.

Suitable for children aged 7-14 years old. Children will be placed in groups relative to their age and ability.

Girls only sessions also available for the Futsal Holiday Programme (week 2).

Each session includes skill-based training, so kids can learn the tricks and techniques to become better players.

There are also plenty of chances to play football games in a fun environment, and experience the thrill of putting those skills into practice.

#### Futsal Holiday Programmes

Age: 6-14 year olds

Dates: 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: St Thomas's of Canterbury College

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

Keen to play? [Click here to register](#)

#### GIRLS ONLY Futsal Holiday Programmes

Age: 6-14 year olds

Dates: 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: St Thomas's of Canterbury College

Cost: \$37.50 per day - 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

Keen to play? [Click here to register](#)

#### Mainland Football Outdoor Holiday Programmes

Age: 7-14 year olds

Dates: 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: English Park

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

Keen to play? [Click here to register](#)



**KidsFest** runs from Saturday 8 July – Saturday 22 July 2017 and is aimed at children aged between 0 -13 years old. Your brochure for this year's events will be coming home during Term 2. Please look out for it.

