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Aidanfield Christian School

Term 3 Week 10, 2017

Dear Aidanfield Community

The end of the term has arrived, the temperature is slowly creeping up and there seems to be some drying of the grass. Hopefully this will continue so we can get the landscaping done around the building in the coming two weeks. This will help to finish off the new building area beautifully.

It does seem like a moment ago that the year 9 and 10's moved into Akiraho. The space is working very well. The hard court area was a lot later going down due to rain and now the landscaping is also delayed but close! It seems that the new names of the buildings and rooms is also becoming well known. We have a beautiful school site and we are blessed to be able to be a part of this ongoing journey, a journey not possible except for the faithfulness of those that have gone before us.

Chris Wyatt

I have recently had the opportunity to spend time with the previous Principal of what was Canterbury Christian College (now ACS), Mr Chris Wyatt. I had lunch with him and Monica, his wife, two Monday's ago. We chatted for three hours over coffee. As part of that conversation I was able to thank both of them for their work, their faithfulness and their passion for the school. They were a part of a group of people that followed where the Spirit of God led and helped to establish what we have now. It was a special thing to be able to say thank you! On Tuesday of this week I went to Auckland with two of our pupil leaders (Brianna HB and Munashe Saruwaka) to attend the funeral of Chris Wyatt and to extend our condolences to Monica. In a conversation afterwards someone noted that if, after living a full life, people were able to reflect and comment that he (or she for that matter) lived a life of faith, loved and served God faithfully and had a positive impact on the lives of others, then that would be a life worth living. That was said of Mr Chris Wyatt!

Continuing to grow

Part of the legacy of Mr Wyatt is a school that continues to grow. At the moment we have a roll increase application in with the Ministry of Education. If you feel inclined to pray for a favourable response from them and we do get an increase that would be very helpful! Our end goal is a school with two classes at each level (about 600 pupils). We are just over half way and the next increase (if we get it) will allow us to grow to 375. This week I have offered 35 places to new entrants for next year. I have offered a few places at other levels where there is space and I have said we have no place to about 100 families.

Growth is not our end goal. To serve faithfully, to educate with excellence and to live in a way that points to our God is our end goal. Growth is just a function along the way but it would allow more families that want to share in what we are as a school the opportunity. In this way we follow Chris Wyatt's lead, we continue to establish and nurture so that one day we can hand the baton along to someone else.

Finally

Enjoy this holiday period with your kids at home (even if you work through). Make it special in some way for them. Show them the parental affection that all kids crave and show them, in some big or small way, the wonder of the world they have been placed into. In doing this, help to reveal the wonders and majesty of the God we serve.

Stay safe.

Grace and peace

Mark Richardson
Principal

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Standing in Wisdom and Stature

Stand and be Confident

Middle School Ski Trip 2017

From tumbles to tight turns, slushies to slip-ups. The ski trip that the Middle School went on was an experience to remember for many years to come.

We boarded the buses at 6:30am and off we went. The two hour bus ride was spent catching up on lost sleep, giggling with friends, and poring over the stunning views.

Once our destination of Mt Hutt was reached, it was through to rentals and out to lessons. Pizza wedges and magic carpets later they had accomplished the basics on the beginner's slope. Chairlifts and new-found nerves lead to Highway 72. After trembling and tripping a couple of times, they were off, speeding down the slopes, proud grins included. Time and time again, cheerful faces were revealed. Soon enough, our dream day was wrapped up in exhausted eyes and mouths with stories to tell.

But of course, none of our stories have existed if it weren't for our hardy helpers. The parents and teachers trudged over the steep snow hills to bring us to our feet. Patience and perseverance were essential in these moments of misfortune. The Middle School is grateful for your efforts to bring our snow day into being. Your understanding and encouragements are forever appreciated.

This was our 2017 Middle School ski trip.

By Sophie



Middle School News

Year 9 & 10 Exam week:

Date: Wed 8th - 15th Nov (Week 4-5, Term 4)

Rationale for exams:

1. Development of the learning to learn skills (study study study!)
2. Serves as time to revise and consolidate learning from throughout the year
3. Opportunity to experience exam conditions (student voice from previous years reinforces the value of this for pupils).

Subjects / Exams: 1.5 - 2 hours (Timetable to be confirmed early term 4).

1. Science / PE combined
2. SS / English combined
3. Mathematics

Mr Ferguson asked Year 9 & 10 students to complete the following sentence...

Although I would be happy if the MS exam week were cancelled I know...

"it does help to prepare us for future years because we have to learn how to study and practice recalling information. It also helps to build our confidence during tests." (Brianna H and Michaela G 10 Wi)

Although I would be happy if the MS exam week were cancelled I know...

"it would not actually benefit us because exams provide another opportunity for us to check our understanding. It also helps to provide some motivation to learn, develop some new study skills, time-management and also prepares us for the realities of NCEA. It also helps us to take responsibility for our learning" (Beth, Toks and Aemrich - 9Sj)

We Are Learning To: create a logo for the Middle School using translation, reflection, and rotation. Above is an example created by Viki J in Year 8.

Up-coming MS Dates:

Rarotonga Service Trip – 8-19th of October

Attitude Presentations – Wed 25th October

Year 9 & 10 Exams - Wed 8th - 15th Nov (Week 4-5, Term 4)

2018 Ambassador Applications open – 20th November (week 6)

Year 7 & 8 Swimming lessons – 27th Nov – 7 Dec (Week 7 & 8)

Year 7 & 8 Honours Evening – 1st December

Year 9 & 10 Journey – 6-8th December (Week 8)

Year 10 Leavers Dinner – Monday 11th December



Cantamath

The Cantamath competition was held on August 23rd this year. Students from Years 9 and 10 were involved in the team problem-solving competition and the display competition.

Mrs Au, Mrs Lah and a group of Year 9 students travelled down to the Horncastle Arena during the day to visit the display section of the competition. It was really amazing to see the work that students in Years 7-10 had created. It was also exciting to see our students' work pay off and many of them win awards for their entries. This experience will have provided the students with inspiration and ideas for next year.

In the evening, our Year 9 and 10 teams competed in the team problem-solving competition against the best Mathematicians in Canterbury. It is a really high-pressure environment and a great experience for our students to be part of. Our Year 10 team performed particularly well, finishing on 55 points and in the top half of the field.

Congratulations

Excellence Awards:

Wearable Maths: Abbie M, Beth W, Divyana B and Melelupe F

Written Work: Lilly F

Highly Commended Awards:

Static Model: Lucy B

Written Work: Brianna H and Michaela G

Problem-Solving Competition Teams:

Year 9: Finn W, Ahmick M, Abbie M and Tomasz L

Year 10: Lucy B, Yun-Tung W, Yun-An W and Thomas McA



Yr 4-10 Athletics Day:

What a great day Athletics turned out to be with just the right weather for our Yr 4-10 students. The events were High Jump, Discuss, Sprints, Track, Shot Put, Long Jump, and Relay. Students were able to wear their House colours: Cook-red, Tasman-green and Aspiring-blue what a sight to see! The highlight for students is the last event of the day and that is the House relay.

Results were:

9-10 year olds: Cook 1st place, Tasman 2nd place and Aspiring 3rd place.

11-13+ year olds: Tasman 1st place, Cook 2nd place and Aspiring 3rd place.

Hopefully, next year we can also incorporate the house chant off as this year we, unfortunately, ran out of time.

Congratulations to those who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Results for those who qualified for SWZ will be informed next term.

Lastly the results all our students have been waiting for the House points.

Triathlon Yr 4-10

When: Term 4, week 7, Thursday 30th November 2017, NO pp date

Where: ACS, on the hockey field

Time: 9-1pm

Triathlon Yr0-3

When: Term 4, week 7, Thursday 30th November 2017, NO pp date

Where: ACS, on the hockey field

Time: 1-2.30pm

Please note the different starting times.

There will be a sausage sizzle run by PAACS throughout the day.

Results for Athletics Day:

Aspiring 156 points Cook 200 points Tasman 201 points

Community Notices

School Holiday Junior Coaching Programmes



Hororata Golf Club
Thursday 5 October 10am-11am \$10

Rangiora Golf Club
Thursday 12 October 1-2pm \$10
Friday 13 October 1-2pm \$10

Russley Golf Club
Monday 2 October 1-4pm \$40

Waimairi Beach Golf Club
Tuesday 10 October 1-2pm \$10
Wednesday 11 October 1-2pm \$10

Waitikiri Golf Club
Tuesday 10 October 11am-12pm \$10
Thursday 12 October 11am-12pm \$10

**SIGN UP
HERE**

Please contact
rachel@canterburygolf.co.nz
359 4000 ext 2



GIRLS: Try **CRICKET** this summer

- Games are on a Saturday from 9-12
- We have teams for girls from years 4-8.
- Trainings will be at Hagley for most of the season. Games are around the city.
- we supply all the gear and coaching (however any parents keen to assist are more than welcome)
- Girls are guaranteed a bat and a bowl each week



Parents – bring a deck chair, sit in the sun, meet other parents, drink a good coffee and watch your kids have fun

For more information:

Email Tegan at St Albans Cricket Club teganw@stalbanscricket.co.nz
or call / text : 027 339 1340

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Mainland Futsal Holiday Programmes

Age: 6-14 year olds

Dates: 2nd, 3rd & 4th October 2017 (WEEK 1) 11th, 12th & 13th October 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm

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Keen to play? go to www.mainlandfootball.co.nz/futsal/

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, 3rd October to Friday, 6th October 2017 (excluding weekends) and
Monday, 9th October to Friday, 13th October 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.