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Aidanfield Christian School

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Growing in Wisdom and Stature Stand and be Confident

Kia ora whanau

Hasn't the start of this week been an introduction to winter! I hope you have been able to stay warm.

I was looking at the clouds yesterday and marvelled at the beauty in them. They were layered, dark and foreboding yet majestic at the same time. And then I reflected on the power, beauty and wonder of creation and that speaks to me of the warmth and love of Almighty God to us, that He would put us in such a spectacular creation – if only we open our eyes and see. Have you lately? He holds all things together, He breathes life into every aspect of our lives, He paints pictures of His love for us if we just look to see it. What a blessing.

This week has been a reflection of our cultural diversity within the ACS community. There are a few things that I talk to anyone about when I am asked about ACS and one of them is the amazing richness that comes from the many cultures that come together every day at our place. It has been a joy to watch as aspects of so many different countries have been unfolded, displayed and demonstrated across the school. I watch the way our pupils interact with each other and accept each other. I ponder what heaven will be like as God brings together all of His people from no matter where they are from and invites them to be together for a very long time. I reflect on the shallowness of lives that don't or won't accept that we are all equal, made in the image of the Creator, marked with His stamp of approval and therefore worthy of deep respect and acceptance. The pupils at ACS have an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that allows them to work out their place in a global village and to see the depth of the creators mark on all peoples. That is a privilege.

Staff changes

Our staff are our greatest resource at ACS. They are a hard working and dedicated group of professionals and we are blessed to have each one of them. Please continue to pray for their efforts in working with you children. They have a significant impact on the lives of children as they learn and grow!

There are a number of staffing changes happening over the coming weeks.

Firstly, we are looking forward to welcoming Miss Skelton back to Aidanfield Christian School. She will be opening up the new New Entrant class in week 8 and working in various classes through the school from the first week of the coming term. Miss Skelton's role is a result of our growing roll.

We also welcome Mrs Sharlyn Taylor into the Middle School. Mrs Taylor will be taking over from Mrs Kenneally through to the end of this year. Mrs Taylor is a secondary trained teacher and comes with expertise in PE, Health and EOTC. She will also be teaching Social Studies and a range of option classes in the Middle School. Mrs Taylor has a deep faith and brings experience in youth work over a number of years – she knows how to work and motivate teenagers while supporting them in the wonderful middle years. Mrs Taylor is also a past pupil of the school and it is exciting to welcome her back to a place that invested in her years ago.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs Fiona Kenneally who has relieved at short notice in the Middle School after the late departure of Mr Ferguson at the end of last year. Mrs Kenneally has gone above and beyond in her work through this term. She brings a gentleness, expertise and depth of faith to all she does and our pupils have really benefited from the way she has worked with them and the teaching team this term. Mrs Kenneally now has more time to invest into her community work in the South West of Christchurch, a passion of hers. We look forward to her continued involvement at ACS as a relieving teacher.

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Mrs Anna Lyford will also be really missed. Mrs Lyford has worked with a couple of our pupils as the ORRS teacher. Her role has been to adapt the curriculum and support families and she has done this over the last number of years with a passion and a bubbiness that has been contagious. I have really appreciated Mrs Lyford's compassion and insight into needs and her selfless efforts to help. As mentioned, we will really miss her. Mrs Lyford leaves to move to the Coast to support her husband's promotion. We wish her every blessing as she makes the move across the mountains.

Finally

As the holiday arrives for your children many of you are once again drawn into that space of complexity. Parents balance so many different priorities and expenses. The holidays sometimes add to the complexity but they are also a gift. There is a chance to do things to build your family unit, to invest into the lives of our kids in a different way than during the busy terms. See what you can do this holiday in this regards – even something small will count. It doesn't need to cost or be hugely time consuming but it does require you to invest yourself. Enjoy the time, accept the challenge, embrace the complexity.

Grace and peace

Mark Richardson

Principal

Primary Fun Day

“The Whanau gets Wet”

On the 2nd of March we got together for a selection of team games and challenges, most of which involved water. We ended the day with a slide, sprinklers and water fight in the orchard... and had a blast! In one activity the children had to make a water run out of bits of tube, filling a bucket at the end. Another activity was playing under and over, but instead of passing a ball, the children had to pass a container of water under and over!. We enjoyed this so much... it might have to become an annual event!



Primary Fun Day -
Water fight

Pewm, pewm! Water as cold as the Antarctic splashed over me. Isaac ran with a bucket of dirty water specifically following Mrs Hamilton. As quick as a hare, Isaac poured the dirty water over Mrs Hamilton's head. A screech of fright raced through the air, sawing through my ear. I guess Isaac emptied the water on Mrs Hamilton!

Nathan W, Ti Kouka 1

Whanau Hui

When: Term 2, week 3, Tuesday 15th May 2018

Where: School Staffroom

Time: 6-7.30pm

Please RSVP kirilee.williams@aidanfield.school.nz by Monday 14th May, midday.

Primary Writing

Mystery person

He loves his i-Pad and is very good at Maths. He writes comics and they are quite good. He sometimes gets a bit fussy but he has a heart of steel and he is always ready to help others if they're in need. This person plays pixel gun 3D and is very good because he wrecked me or killed me 5 times!

He is short and a bit chubby. His curiosity amazes me. He has black eyes and they are very big. He has black hair and his fringe is a n shape. Now I've told you about him, try to guess who it is!

Sam B, Ti Kouka 1

This mystery teacher is strict in her teaching methods. She has been at ACS for a very long time. Her best friend is Miss Annie and she worked with her a majority of the time she has been teaching here. She is very artistic and is willing to share her amazing talent with us. She has short curly brown, hair that she has worn for all the years that I've known her. Her ocean blue eyes add a little colour to her collection of scarves that she wears every day.

Eleasha C Ti Kouka 1

Metaphor Poem:

I am a revving engine of a motorbike.

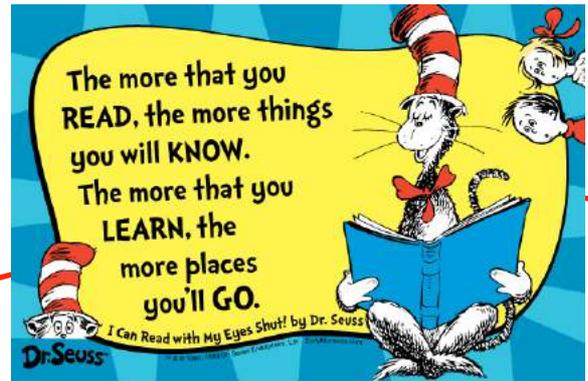
I am a pair of legs up a tree

I am a caterpillar munching on delicious food.

I am a killer whale, lunging into the clear blue water.

I am the pedals on my bike going around and around.

Tamara S, Ti Kouka 3



Lit Quiz 2018

Lit Quiz success. ACS team beats 59 other teams to take first place.

In March, Jasper, Cole, Josie, Jack competed in the Lit Quiz competition for our region. Mrs Strijbis organized and coached the team for this event. This is the second year that these students have been part of the Lit Quiz competition. They have been training for 6 weeks in class and at home this year. These students love reading and their parents are keen to support their reading passion, encouraging them to read many different kinds of books from a young age. Reading is highly valued at home and in our school.

All students are widely read across a range of genre.. ie some prefer fantasy/ adventure/ historical/ classics. Some of the training involved practicing past questions from the Lit Quiz World Series website and researching a wide range of books that have been made into movies in particular.



Before the competition, our team were keen to win a section of one of the topics, as we did last year. They won the first round of questions on 'Literature with Accidents' and won a \$5 voucher. We had no expectation of winning one of the top 3 placings overall, although they were keen to try! They are overwhelmed at the result, especially as we beat over 60 other Christchurch schools who competed exceptionally well.

Having gained first place overall, their prize is \$500 and a place in the New Zealand Final. The next step is the New Zealand Final to be held at the National Library in Molesworth Street in Wellington on Sunday the 10th June from 1-3:30pm. The Prize Money will contribute towards the airfares for the students and the Lit Quiz coach. This is an incredible opportunity for the children to represent their school and families. Most importantly, it is fantastic to see that Reading for pleasure is still prized by these young people, who love to spread their enthusiasm with others about the books that they treasure.

Part of what helped the team to this win is that each one of the students loves learning; they think deeply about stories that build into their wider experience and understanding of the past, present and future.

As their coach, it was important to tap into their interests, expertise and work strategically on how they could function most effectively as a team using their varying interests and expertise. Teamwork and talent won the day!



Sport

Up-coming events Term 2:

Yr 0-10 Cross Country - Tuesday 8th May 2018, 1.30pm-3pm
(pp date Thursday 10th May)

Yr 9-10 Winter Sport - Wednesday 16th May - Wednesday
22nd August. (13 playing days)

Yr 5-8 Winter Travelling Sport - Friday 18th May - Friday 24th
August. (11 playing days)

All sports information can be found on our school
website <http://aidanfieldchristian.ultranet.school.nz/Home/>

Please familiarise yourself with our sports page as this
provides detailed information about events. Some notices
can also be found on our school notice board located
outside the Science block (near the sealed carpark) If you
need further clarification about sports matters please email
Miss Nixon ruth.nixon@aidanfield.school.nz or Mrs Kiri-Lee
Williams kirilee.williams@aidanfield.school.nz

Stand and Be Confident

Aleasha was awarded the
GymSports in Canterbury
Rhythmic Gymnastics Senior
International Duncan Family
Trophy even though she is a
Junior. Congratulations on a
fantastic achievement!



School Production 2018

Aidanfield Christian School is happy to announce that the 2018 Production is called "Courageous" *Stand for what you believe*. This faith driven musical drama follows the story of a boy called Ryan in his struggle to find out if he has the courage to stand. On his journey, he meets some pretty influential people that will help re-shape Ryan's perspective on life and God.

The show runs on the 20th and 21st of September at the Middleton Grange Theatre.
The audition process has now been concluded and rehearsals will begin early next term.

Block out the calendar, this is an event not to be missed.

Andy Bibby

Community Notices

Postpartum Fitness Class

Tuesdays 10.30am - 11.15am in Halswell, at the Te Hapu Centre (Halswell Library). **CORE STRENGTH and FUNCTION** (including Pelvic Floor and diaphragm), **PELVIC STABILITY** (glute strength) and body alignment... with a focus on **WEIGHT LOSS and TONING UP**. Suitable for all fitness levels - modifications for everything including diastasis recti and pelvic floor dysfunction.

Children and babies are welcome to come along, it is indoors with lots of room for them to play, within your sight, while you work out.

Lisa is a qualified PT and group fitness instructor with over ten years experience.

The last three years she has dedicated to pre and postnatal fitness and is extremely knowledgeable in safe exercise to promote a healthy functioning core.

\$90 for an 8

week block

(\$11.25 per

class) or \$15

casual class.

Booking is

essential.

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SHARP Holiday Programmes

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