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Aidanfield Christian School

Term 4 - Week 7, 2017

Growing in Wisdom and Stature Stand and be Confident

Kia ora Aidanfield whanau

This is the second to last newsletter of the year.

Welcome to our new Caretaker and groundsperson

You may have noticed a new face wondering around the grounds of late? Mrs Penny Cowan started last week in the role of caretaker at Aidanfield. It is great to have her as part of our team.

Staff changes and shuffles

If you have been a part of ACS for any length of time you will be aware that we often make changes to the levels that our teachers work in from year to year. This is quite deliberate. For 2018 we are looking at a number of changes across the school. I will confirm all the teachers and their levels with the class placement letters that come out at the end of next week with the reports. While some teachers are changing levels, there are also a number of other changes taking place and I am excited about them for a range of reasons.

A key change is that we are introducing a new leadership structure across the school. As we have grown the roles that various people are filling have become increasingly loaded and there are some very busy people around the place. We are restructuring our leadership team to reflect both our current growth to date and also to prepare to work with a school of up to about 400 pupils. While our next roll increase is by no means guaranteed we hope to be approved to grow to 375 pupils shortly.

Our new structure will introduce a number of new people into leadership roles within the school. This is great news for all concerned. You will get more detail on what this all means in the new year but here is an overview of some of the key changes for 2018 with some of the names of those appointed to the various roles. Appointments for the other positions continues through this week and next and will be made from within the school staffing we have now.

Our structure focuses on the idea of being a 'Community of Learners and a Community of Leaders'. This will impact on our pupils in all sorts of ways over the coming years. The new structure is shown on the following page. As mentioned above, all the roles listed will be filled from our teaching staff or as commented below and will be in place by the end of the year.

You may note on the table that the Head of Middle School is changing. Mr Ferguson has asked to be able to focus on classroom teaching at ACS and less on leading the middle school and we are able to support this request. Mrs Teresa Thompson is joining us in this role.

Mrs Thompson is moving from Auckland with her husband to take up a role in our school. She has recently been the Principal of a Christian School in Auckland for 10 years. Prior to this she worked in a number of roles within the Middle School at Kingsway School in Auckland, one of which was the Year 9 Dean for a number of years. Mrs Thompson has been in Christian Education for many years and she currently serves on the Executive of the Association of Christian School NZ.

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from the Principal cont...

Leadership level	Year levels				ESOL Learning Support
	Year NE / 1	Year 2/3	Year 4 - 6	Year 7 - 10	
All Teachers in teams Looking after kids					
Pastoral Looking after Teachers and kids		New position	New position	New position	Feeds into each level as needed to support specific needs
Curriculum Leaders of learning Looking after teaching and learning	New position Mrs Sharon Burt		New position	New position	
Heads of School Leaders of leaders Looking after teachers, kids and programmes	Head of Primary School Mrs Janice Phillips			Head of Middle School Mrs Teresa Thompson	
Deputy Principal Looking after leaders	Deputy Principal Mrs Kaye Lawn				
Principal Looking after everything	Principal Mr Mark Richardson				

Other changes

Mr Josh Harding is to be congratulated for winning a position involved with digital classrooms at Redwood School. He starts there at the start of next year.

Mr Lyndon McIntosh has been awarded a scholarship to study Te Reo for a full year at Canterbury University and will be on leave for 2018 to take up this opportunity.

Mrs Sunia and Mrs Nareki are both extending their maternity leave although Mrs Sunia will begin to do some relief teaching here in the first part of the year before teaching the third new entrant class that will start late in term 3.

We are welcoming back Mrs Anna McGregor and Miss Jody Lickfold for 2018 as well as welcoming Mrs Jo Eason as a half time teacher. There remain a couple of other positions to confirm and these will be done by the end of the week – the Lord willing!

I am looking forward to working with our new structure of leaders and teachers as we continue to grow all aspects of the capacity at Aidanfield Christian School.

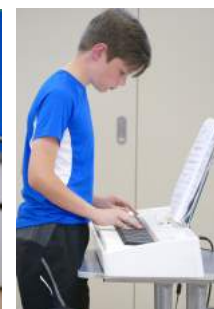
Grace and peace

Mark Richardson
Principal



Arts Evening

The Bi-Annual Arts evening was held in the Aidanfield Christian School hall on the 3rd of November. This was the first year we were able to host it in our new hall and the seats were almost full to capacity. The evening began with our amazing Kapa Haka performing songs they presented at the Christchurch Cultural Festival. The speech winners from each year group presented, our Chinese Mandarin group sang some beautiful songs, our Junior Primary showed off their amazing Visual Art and students performed who had auditioned to be a part of the evening. This included some wonderful singing items and students playing a range of instruments from the Piano, Clarinet, Flute and the Cello. The focus of the evening (for the students) was the House Lip Sync Competition, with countless hours of preparation put in for them to face off that evening! Well done to Cook for taking out the number 1 spot!



2018 Information

Term Dates for 2018

Term 1	<p>Wednesday 31st January - Middle School Interviews Thursday 1st February - Whole school starts Monday 5th February - Teacher Only Day - School is closed Tuesday 6th February - Waitangi Day - School is closed. Friday 13th April - last day of Term 1</p>
Term 2	<p>Monday 30th April - first day of Term 2 Friday 30th March - Good Friday/ Monday 2nd April Easter Monday - School is closed Wednesday 25th April - ANZAC Day - School is closed Friday 1st June - Teacher Only Day - School is closed Friday 6th July - last day of Term 2</p>
Term 3	<p>Monday 23rd July - first day of Term 3 Friday 28th September - last day of Term 3</p>
Term 4	<p>Monday 15th October - first day of Term 4 Monday 22nd October - Labour Day - School is closed Friday 17th November - Anniversary Day - School is closed Thursday 13th December - last day of Term 4</p>

Uniform Shop and Office Hours

The school uniform shop will be open the following days and times:

Thursday 30th November 2:30-3:30pm
 Thursday 7th December 2:30-3:30pm
 Wednesday 24th January 10:30am-12:30pm
 Wednesday 31st January 1:00pm-3:00pm
 Thursday 1st February 2:30-3:30pm
 Normal shop hours are Thursdays 2:30-3:30pm during term time.

Office Hours 2018

Wednesday 24th January 9:30am-12:30pm
 Thursday 25th January 9:30am-12:30pm
 Friday 26th January 9:30am-12:30pm
 Monday 29th January - Office is closed
 Tuesday 30th January - 9:30am-12:30pm
 Wednesday 31st January onwards -
 Normal office hours resume 8:30am-3:30pm

Sport

CPS Athletics Championships:

Congratulations to the following students who will be attending the Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics Championships. This will be held in Ashburton on Wednesday 6th December.

Isaiah Filaia- 12 yr old boys 100m
Lorelei Halgreen- 13 yr old girls 100m
Mieke Hunt- 11 yr old girls 80m and Long Jump
Samuel Manson- 10 yr old boys 50m, Discus and Shotput.
(Children with a disability-VI)

Well done, we look forward to hearing all about the day's events.

Triathlon:

A reminder about Triathlon being held Thursday 30th November 2017, 9-12pm, there is no postponement date. The timetable is available on the display board outside the science block. Please note the timings are a guide. PAACS will be running a sausage sizzle throughout the day.

Stand and Be Confident



A huge congratulations goes to Samuel M. He competed in the Halberg Junior Disability Games and came an impressive 1st in 9 different events and 2nd in one event. What a fantastic achievement!



Also, congratulations goes to Eleasha who competed at the National Gymnastics competition and won gold! Not just one gold medal, but 3 golds and 1 bronze. Her group also received a silver medal.

Community Notices



Fun and exciting holiday programmes run out of South West Baptist Church in Spreydon (244 Lyttelton Street). We provide high quality, low cost care for 5 – 13yr olds. Split into age based programmes for maximum fun we visit places like Corsair Bay and Garden City Bowls and we attempt skills like learning how to sail optimists and drive Blokarts! For more information and to enrol your children go to www.sharp.org.nz.

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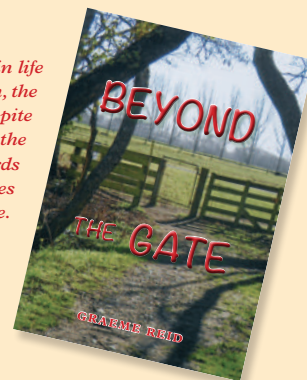
Kids Karate Classes

Help your child build confidence, self-control, and a healthy body and mind through a traditional martial art. Port Hills Karate supports a safe, caring and respectful learning environment at Christchurch South Intermediate.

Principal Instructor, Dan Jakes has been training in karate for over thirty years. Dan holds a third degree black belt and is a former National Champion and NZ Representative. Dan has twenty years of coaching experience and is also a qualified teacher.

For more information:
Visit: <http://www.porthillskarate.nz/>
Phone: 03 3665058 or 021 408036
Email: dan@sanctuaryhealth.co.nz

Even when everything in life is coming crashing down, the world keeps turning. Despite your personal turmoil, the sun still shines, the birds still sing and life still goes on beyond the front gate.



Graeme is the founder of Stepping Stone Trust, a community mental health recovery service, and the Caroline Reid Family Support Service for children and families affected by parental mental illness.

An ordinary bloke living the Kiwi dream behind a white picket fence with his beautiful wife, Caroline, and their young family. The unthinkable happens when Caroline suddenly plunges into severe mental illness. What follows is the heart breaking, yet inspiring, recollection of this family's journey over the next 30 years.

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