



Aidanfield Christian School

Greetings, Kia ora, Welcome Aidanfield whanau

Week one 2020 has started and the school is up and running. Our place comes alive when the pupils arrive back. It is great to have them all. There are some things you need to know as we start the year.

The school has changed its student management system. This is causing some teething problems as we embed this new database. It will come right as we both learn how the new system works and as it adapts to how we want it to function. Please be patient as we get this right. Make sure you read the information coming home carefully.

We will be sending paper copies of notices home while we work out the email system in the new programme.

Communicating with you in 2020.

We need to be able to communicate with you regularly. There are many different ways we could communicate with you and we have chosen just a few platforms. We will not use every platform available as this is logistically impossible at our end.

All parents must login to the ASSEMBLY portal (further info below). This is the key way that you will get information from the school. If you do not, you will miss out on a lot of the information sent home. The sooner you respond to the email that will come home shortly the quicker the information flow will start.

I highly recommend you also download the School App and join the schools Facebook group. We will be communicating through the following platforms in 2020.

Assembly Portal. You will be getting an email to the address you have provided us shortly. If you have changed emails and not told us.....! The email you receive will allow you to access parts of our database directly. It will ask you to choose how you receive information that we send through this portal. If you do not do this you will not get the information and that will be your families responsibility to carry. If you have not given us up to date contact details, you will not get the information.

The School App. Down load this from either the Apple or Android App stores (free) and set it up for Aidanfield Christian School. It is an excellent way of keeping in touch. You can even do your absence messages to us through this app. If you have children at MGS you can set it up for both schools – easy!

Facebook. Join the Aidanfield Christian School Facebook group. NOTE, this is not the Parent Association FB group which is run by the Parent Association and is not the official school communication channel but a place for parents to communicate. For official information and communications you need to belong to the schools FB group.

Webpage. The Aidanfield Christian School website carries access to the school wide information we put out. This should be a place you regularly visit to get information.

In any emergency situation we will be using the School App in the first instance and then the Assembly Portal as a second form. As we are able we will link this to our FB page and website. Please make sure you have installed and set up both of these platforms.

Please be patient with the trials and start up with our new Assembly database. Please be proactive through the year in being informed by visiting the places that information is posted. Please make sure you inform the office of ANY change of contact details – we cannot communicate with you if you have changed and not told us (seems obvious but you would be surprised how often we are blamed for not mind reading!)



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New Building old building

We have begun to use the new building and started work on remodelling the old library and science spaces. The new building is being set up as we only received Code Compliance tick last week, which has placed a large load on staff in a short space of time. We also now have a brand new locker space for the year 9 and 10 pupils and new male and female toilets for the middle school. The new space will be open for you to look through on the evening of the Parent Teacher picnic. Feel free to come along and have a look. The remodelled spaces in the Matai building will become our new entrant spaces from term 2 onwards.

ERO report

The final ERO report on ACS is now available on line if you wish to read what they had to say. Visit ero.govt.nz and search for Aidanfield Christian School. The 20/12/2019 report is there for your reading pleasure. The link is <https://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/aidanfield-christian-school-20-12-2019/>

Coronavirus

Thank you to all our families that have travelled and have made excellent choices about remaining home for the two-week delayed start. I am so appreciative of the thoughtfulness and cooperation that we have received, especially from our Chinese community who have travelled. Your commitment to the ACS community and involvement in it is deeply appreciated. The school continues to monitor the situation and advice from various places as we seek the good of everyone who belongs to ACS.

Upcoming dates for the diary

More detail for each will arrive home as the weeks unfold.

Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day	The school is closed for the public holiday
Tuesday 11 February	Parent Teacher Picnic	Bring a family picnic, chat with school families and meet for Primary and Middle School related meetings
Tuesday 25 February Thursday 27 February	Parent teacher interviews Year 1 – 10 (Not New Entrants)	Meet with your child's class teacher to discuss this year.
Saturday 14 March	School Fair Day	Start saving to spend!

Grace and peace
Mark Richardson
Principal

NEW PARENT PORTAL

This message was posted on Facebook and sent out via our School App this morning:

Hi everyone, we are aware that you all would have received an email last night with login details for our parent portal. Some of you probably received this up to 6 times. We apologise for the confusion this may have caused as we understand you may not have been able to login. Please ignore all of these emails. If by chance you did manage to login, the new email you will receive tonight will override those details so you will have to do the process again.

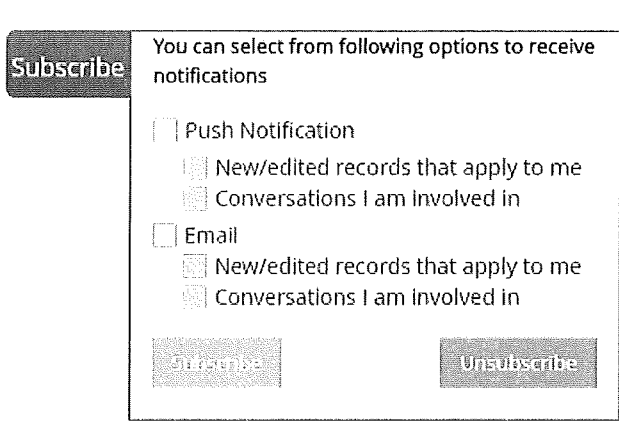
Our system will be resending an activation email tonight. This will have the correct login and password for you to access the portal.

The parent portal will be the key way in which you receive communication from school. You need to login with the username and password that have been provided to you via the email that will arrive in your inbox tonight. Please also check your JUNK/SPAM folders just in case.

If you open the email on your phone, when you click on the link it takes you to the webpage and you will be prompted to add an icon to your phone or homescreen and then going forward it will act like an app. The little red icon (see example below) which says 'subscribe' will be where you can choose how you would like to receive notifications (either pushing to your phone or emailing you). If you are using a computer to login you will likely only have the email option.

If you don't login and sign up to the portal you will not receive any emails or messages from school. The website, facebook and our school app will all still be used.

Finally, if you do NOT receive any email at all, please email Rhonda at rhonda.thorpe@aidanfield.school.nz and let



SCHOOL APP



Can we also encourage you to download our school app.

To download the app just search SchoolAppsNZ in the app store, and then enter Aidanfield Christian School to find our School App.

If you have already downloaded the app then please sure you subscribe to the right groups (ie Ko1 etc)

