



# Aidanfield Christian School

Growing in Wisdom and Stature | Stand and be Confident

## House Points



Hauāuru



Pōtonga



Mārangai



Tūāraki

## School App

- \* Stay Up To Date \*
- \* Notify Absences \*
- \* Link to our Website \*
- \* School Calendar \*

Download at

[www.aidanfield.apps.school.nz/install/](http://www.aidanfield.apps.school.nz/install/)



We have a committed group of parents that are available to support you in prayer. Contact Jo Dowle in confidence by emailing [prayerrequest@aidanfield.school.nz](mailto:prayerrequest@aidanfield.school.nz)



Has anything changed for you and your family this term? Moved house / changed email / contact details? Please do let us know.

[office@aidanfield.school.nz](mailto:office@aidanfield.school.nz)

## Kia ora Aidanfield Whānau

What a great start to the year. The informal feedback I have heard regarding the start of year interviews is that many found these a positive way to start the year, notwithstanding the juggle parents needed to do around timings. Our young ones found it helpful to meet teachers they might not know before they started in a full classroom. I also enjoyed seeing so many families join our start of year picnic last week. Large communities are supported by individual connections as families link with families and with various aspects of the school. Thank you to all of you who took time to do so through the range of opportunities these last few weeks.



One of our school strategic goals is to develop a culture of manaakitanga (or hospitality, kindness, generosity and support). In doing this we want to enhance opportunities for all age levels to lead and serve both individuals and the wider community. In this sense we are encouraging the fruits of the Spirit talked about in Galatians 5, which are expressions of a freedom in our Lord to love others as we love ourselves. An aspect of this loving others is to welcome those who are new, generously.

On the first day with all our students we had our first mihi whakatau of the year. A mihi whakatau is a warm and inviting way to meaningfully acknowledge and welcome those who are new to our community. It is a format we have borrowed from Māori culture and is supported by our local marae, Ngāti Moki. Our mihi whakatau is an expression of Biblical truth and a practical outworking of the love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control we are called to express as part of who we are. We welcomed over 60 new people to our school from new entrants to year 10, new staff and international visitors. In this setting it is powerful to look to our God who calls us together from all parts of the world and to remember His love for us and our call to love others. And now we are underway.

## Enrolment Scheme change

The Ministry of Education has now confirmed our new enrolment scheme. The Ministry must follow the law and is responsible for all enrolment schemes at all schools. Our community had a chance to feedback directly to the MOE in 2024. There are some significant changes to our new enrolment scheme. A couple of notable changes include:

- **If you move out of the ACS school zone** and then apply for a child to enter the school, even if you have a child at ACS already, you will be an 'out of zone' applicant. This is a big deal if you plan to shift houses.
- **Our zone boundaries have shifted.** We have lost Lincoln and Rolleston and parts of Hornby. These areas are now 'out of zone' for ACS. However, if you live in one of the old zoned areas you will be treated as 'in zone' until you remove your child or children from the school. After that you will become an 'out of zone' enrolment.
- There are new categories in the priority order that the school must follow to determine who is offered a place and who is not.

We operate the enrolment scheme with as much transparency and integrity as possible. Over the last few years we have received up to 300 applications per year. The new enrolment scheme will possibly help with this. Our confirmation of growing to a larger roll over the next five years with a maximum 550 students in 2030 will also help with this pressure. In 2025 and 2026 our maximum roll is 450 students. We are planning building classrooms in 2027 to accommodate the larger roll.

**The new enrolment scheme is now on our website** <https://www.aidanfield.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/ACS-Enrolment-Scheme-2026-1.pdf>

Please take the time to read it through and feel free to come (or email) and ask any questions you may have regarding it.

## The ACS car park experience - making sense of the space

I spent time at the picnic talking about how to use the car park. Please pay careful attention the map in this newsletter. Our families with younger children should have priority access to our kiss and drop and carpark zone. To help with this, there are some key things to consider:

- Middle school students could meet their pickup car somewhere down the street after a short walk. Nga Puna Wai carpark is available, the side streets around the school could work. Please consider this option to reduce the traffic in the carparks. Walking is a healthy activity I am told.
- Arrive later. Perhaps older students could expect their pickup between 3.10 and 3.20. This would spread the number of cars at any one point out and make it quicker for everyone.
- Avoid turning right from Nash Road to Aidanfield Drive - this really does hold up the line a lot. Turn left and go around the roundabout to come back up the other way - a couple of minutes difference makes a difference for so many.
- Could it be possible to scooter or walk to school?
- Remember the kiss and drop zone is for a 20 second stop - it should be quick so make sure your child knows to look out for you and get to the car quickly.

Please - check the map and instructions in this newsletter carefully and help everyone have a better car park experience.

Don't forget - all passengers MUST BE SEAT BELTED INTO THEIR SEAT.

## After school care

Are you looking for after school care for you child? Please note the advertisement from BLAST. They operate at Middleton Grange and will be willing to develop a link to get children to the MGS site after school. Contact Melissa directly to make arrangements.

## Attendance at school

You will be aware of the Government focus to raise attendance of all children. ACS is required to record the type of absence each time a child is away with a code to explain the absence. We are also required to send this data daily to the Ministry of Education through our student management system. Under the law, sickness or a major family issue are the only reasons a student is legally allowed to be away from school once enrolled. I understand our text messaging feels harsh. Please understand, that we are trying to be transparent and open with how we are required to report student absence. If your child is needing to be away from school, please email [absence@aidanfield.school.nz](mailto:absence@aidanfield.school.nz) via our SchoolApp (which is very easy...speaking as a father who has used it for such things) to let us know your child's name, class and the reason for their being away.

## Finally

2025 is a year for the Board to develop the next three year strategic plan, which takes effect from 2026. Through this year there will be a chance to give your feedback on both how you feel the school is going and ideas or dispositions you would like to see the school develop. We look forward to receiving your feedback as we plan into the future.

Grace and peace

Mark Richardson  
Principal

### ABSENCES

If your child is away for any reason, please use the School App to email [absences@aidanfield.school.nz](mailto:absences@aidanfield.school.nz) OR ring the school (03 338 8153 -option 1 preferred). Thank you in advance

### KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|                     |                                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Term 1:             | Thursday 30 January - Friday 11 April |
| 3-5 March:          | MS Camp                               |
| 7 March:            | Yr 9-10 Athletics Nga Puna Wai        |
| 10-14 March:        | Walk and wheel to school              |
| 15 March:           | School Fair                           |
| 21 March:           | Teacher Only Day (school closed)      |
| 24 Feb:             | ACS Whānau hui                        |
| 24-28 March:        | Culture Week                          |
| 31 March -11 April: | NE-Y4 Swimming                        |
| 11 April:           | Last Day of Term 1                    |

### Attendance Dues 2025

You should have received your 2025 attendance dues statement from The Christian Schools Trust. If you have any questions or queries please refer to our website [www.cst.org.nz](http://www.cst.org.nz) or contact Rhonda on [attdues@cst.org.nz](mailto:attdues@cst.org.nz).

### PRAYING PARENTS

Our faithful group of parents who pray for our school community would welcome more parents to become involved or prayer partners. Please contact Jo Dowle by emailing [prayerrequests@aidanfield.school.nz](mailto:prayerrequests@aidanfield.school.nz)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ACS

Please check email sent 18 February

### MUSIC FESTIVAL SCHOOL CHOIR

We are looking for people who would like to be a part of our Aidanfield Christian School Choir who will be heading to the Music Festival in 2025. This is for students who are in year 5-8. Please have a chat with your child about whether this is something they might be interested in!

#### Auditions for Special Choir

The auditions for the representative groups Junior Choir (Years 5 & 6), Senior Choir (Years 7 & 8), Concert Band and Orchestra are happening soon.

If your child would like to be involved in these please email either:  
[hannah.medland@aidanfield.school.nz](mailto:hannah.medland@aidanfield.school.nz) or [leah.williams@aidanfield.school.nz](mailto:leah.williams@aidanfield.school.nz)  
More information to come.



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AIDANFIELD AFTER SCHOOL  
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TO MIDDLETON GRANGE SCHOOL

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PER SESSION

[WWW.BLASTNZ.COM](http://WWW.BLASTNZ.COM)  
[BLASTNZ@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:BLASTNZ@OUTLOOK.COM)

We currently have a small vehicle taking 4 children each day. We can try to increase that number if the demand is there so please get in touch!

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION AIDANFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ALL parents are members of the Parent Association. We would love to have more help with the School Fair on Saturday 15 March 2025. The school fair is our major school fundraiser.

Please contact Claire Adams -see notice on page 7

### FAMILY EPISODES UPDATES

Listening to Families videos provide answers to everyday questions about health and wellbeing challenges facing children and adolescents. Many of these challenges can affect overall attendance. The questions the videos answer are real - they come directly from families. The answers are provided by trusted specialists.

Allergies and Anaphylaxis

<https://www.listeningtofamilies.co.nz/allergies-and-anaphylaxis>

Aimee Mackey-Clinical Nurse Specialist in Eczema/Allergy and Emily Templeton-Public Health Nurse, answer questions.

### RELIEF TEACHERS NEEDED

ACS is keen to add to their pool of valued Relief Teachers. These would be for day relief, often at short notice within the school. If you are a registered teacher, are looking to get back into teaching, wish to have ACS as one of the schools you relieve at AND can uphold the Christian character of the school, please don't be shy - get in touch with Kaye Lawn who will be very grateful to chat with you about the possibilities. This could be for Primary or Middle School (or both). Please email [kaye.lawn@aidanfield.school.nz](mailto:kaye.lawn@aidanfield.school.nz) or call in at the office to speak with her. Please also ask those friends and whānau who may be interested in this. Thank you!

### REMINDER: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Requirements regarding Vomiting and Diarrhoea

Children with vomiting and diarrhoea must stay away from school until there has been no vomiting or diarrhoea for 48 hours.

No waiting in carpark areas unless parked in a parking space. Consider picking your child up between 3:10-3:15pm.

**NEW LAYOUT - the blue space**

- Waiting line right next to the grass area.
- Children MUST NOT enter a car in this line
- Stay in your car
- Rejoin the flow when you can see your child-pick up from the kiss and drop zone only.
- Ensure the traffic flow is not hindered by your vehicle.

WAIT ZONE

Kiss and Go Dropoff / Pickup 30 second time limit

**NO EXIT THIS WAY**  
from 8:45am to 9:10am and 2:50pm and 3:15pm

ONE WAY - EXIT THIS WAY

This sealed carpark is NOT a drop off zone. It is for parking only. If you park here you MUST exit following the one way arrows from 8:45am to 9:10am and 2:50pm and 3:15pm.



Nash Rd

Aidanfield Christian School

Please avoid turning RIGHT onto Aidanfield Drive between 2.50pm and 3.15pm. Turn left, drive to the roundabout and double back. This helps everyone avoid long queues.

Please be aware that the speed limit on our school grounds is



Watch out for children crossing at all times.

**Make it click! Always**  
All passengers and driver must wear seat belts before moving on school grounds. See reverse page for more information.

Exit here onto Aidanfield Drive from 8:45am to 9:10am and 2:50pm and 3:15pm.

## MUSIC TUTORING DURING SCHOOL HOURS



**Graham Thomson**  
 email grayim@hotmail.com  
 mobile 021 365 313

Graham Thomson offers drums and bass guitar lessons at school during the day on Tuesday and Thursdays, ranging from age 6 and up. You can contact Graham on 021 365 313 or Email, him on grayim@hotmail.com



Mel Perkins offers singing lessons all day on a Wednesday. You can contact her at melperkins5556@gmail.com



Christine Rudd teaches lessons on Thursday and Friday during the day at school and include one on one tuition, group practice, exam preparation music theory and knowledge. Her subjects are: Piano/keyboard, Violin, Guitar, Ukelele, Recorder, Singing and more. She can be contacted 027 227 4856  
 Email: christinerudd55@gmail.com

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**REGISTER NOW AS LESSON SPACES WILL FILL UP!**

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- ★ OPT IN FOR REGULAR PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERTS!

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**INFO PACK**




## MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCE TUTORING AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

**Luminares Acting and Singing Workshops 2025!**

**Term 1, every Thursday**      **Acting Workshop 4-5:15pm**      **Scholarships Available**  
    **Singing Workshop 5:30-6:30pm**

**St Albans Primary School Hall. For ages 8+**



**LUMINARES** [luminarescharitabletrust@gmail.com](mailto:luminarescharitabletrust@gmail.com)   

### Luminares Charitable Trust - Term 1 Workshops 2025

For ages 8+ held at St Alban's Primary School Hall  
 Thursdays 13 February to 10 April + Showcase  
 Saturday 12 April

Acting 4-5.15pm      Singing 5.30-6.30pm  
 \$150 (\$120 CSC) 15% discount if you sign up for both  
 Scholarships Available  
 Register at <https://forms.gle/kZBjsyy4GSC65yDb8>  
 Or email [luminarescharitabletrust@gmail.com](mailto:luminarescharitabletrust@gmail.com)

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PARENTING PROGRAMMES  
2HR SESSION PER WEEK  
6 WEEKS

SEE WEBSITE FOR TERM 1 DATES  
FOR CANTERBURY WHĀNAU  
IN SCHOOL YEARS 0-8



REGISTER AT [MANAAKE.HEALTH.NZ/TUNING-IN-TO-KIDS/](https://manaake.health.nz/tuning-in-to-kids/)

## Tuning into kids/teens

For Term 1 Tuning in to Kids and Tuning in to Teens, programs are designed for parents and caregivers of children aged 5-12 years old. These sessions focus on practical skills to navigate the ups and downs of your parenting journey.

There is more information on the Mana Ake website for parents who are interested or would like to register. <https://manaake.health.nz/tuning-in-to-kids/>



### BB 14th Christchurch

- BB 14th Christchurch meets at the Beckenham Methodist Church Hall.
- BB is an adventure based programme for 5 to 18 year olds in three sections.
- BB offers a well-balanced fun filled programme for young guys.
- BB is the oldest international interdenominational uniformed Christian organisation

We run a action-packed programme geared for Young Kiwi Men.

Boys' Brigade 14th Christchurch is a fun filled Christian based programme for boys aged 5-18 yrs old. We operate in four sections, Anchor 5-7 years, Adventure Section 8-10 years, Delta jnr Section 11-14 years and Delta snr 15-18 years old. Activities include Crafts, games, camps, outdoor pursuits, leadership training, life skills and lots more.

We meet on a Friday night at Beckenham Methodist Church Hall, 52 Martin Ave, Beckenham.

For more information info visit our website for [www.14thbb.org.nz](http://www.14thbb.org.nz) or contact Stephen Gregory Ph/Txt: 027 4371565, email: [admin@14thbb.org.nz](mailto:admin@14thbb.org.nz)



**Anchor Boys**  
For Boys aged 5 to 7  
6:15 to 7:10pm



**Adventure**  
For Boys aged 8 to 10  
7:00 to 8:30pm



**Delta**  
For Boys 11 to 18  
7:00 to 9:00pm

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- Performance
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- Movement
- Production
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Christian School Hall

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## AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER

WEDNESDAYS  
26TH FEB TO  
26TH MARCH  
3:30PM TO 5PM

Boys & Girls  
6-12 Years Old

Training Venue  
Aidanfield christian school  
2 Nash Road, Christchurch, 8025

5 Week Program \$50

Contact: Eugene Hawyn  
02102725066

More info, please email: [ehawyn@gmail.com](mailto:ehawyn@gmail.com)

# AIDANFIELD SCHOOL FAIR

The Aidanfield school Fair is coming up quickly on March 15th and there are lots of ways to be involved! Please get in touch with Claire Adams (via MA3) or Jess Fowler (MA1), or email [aidanfieldfair@gmail.com](mailto:aidanfieldfair@gmail.com) if you can help with any of the areas below.

Also, please LIKE AND SHARE our Fair page! Give it a follow to stay up to date: <https://www.facebook.com/Aidanfieldchristianschool>

**Prizes / Donations for Auction & Voucher Wall:** If you have or know of a business that would donate vouchers, free passes, services etc please get in touch! Perhaps you can think of a business that would sponsor a getaway, or a tradesman who would offer their service to be auctioned - the options are endless!! As a thank you we will advertise for them on our Facebook page and to the school community.

**International Food Cafe:** We need a variety of food offerings for our delicious international food cafe as it is always very popular and sells out! If you are interested in cooking a tasty dish (curries, sushi and snack type foods work best) please contact Janice Phillips at [Janice.phillips@aidanfield.school.nz](mailto:Janice.phillips@aidanfield.school.nz) for more information of ways you can help.

**Cakes & Baking wanted!** Are you a baker with a talent for baking delicious cakes and sweet treats? We are looking for people to bake scrumptious treats to sell in our cafe. If you can help with this please let us know, or keep an eye out for the upcoming post on the Parent's Facebook group for more details.

**Face Painting:** We would love another couple of people to join our Face Painting team - never face painted before? No worries, we have training opportunities if you would like them before the Fair.

**White Elephant Items:** Now is the time to gather up those books, toys, household items, bikes/outdoor gear, etc, that we can use for the secondhand 'white elephant' area. This includes clean, good condition used clothes (no underwear please) and please only donate items in reasonable condition, no broken or not working items. We will be collecting these at school from the week starting Monday 10th March with a trailer out at the kiss and drop (we will advertise this closer to the time).

**Games Organiser:** We are on the lookout for an additional parent (preferably with Middle School children) who can supervise our star student helpers on the day, who are volunteering to run the fabulous games as part of their Rui challenge. Games are a very important part of the Fair and a huge highlight for the tamariki that attend!



# GROWING IN WISDOM & STATURE

## CHARACTER

**FAITHFULNESS**  
I am one whose word others can rely on.

**INTEGRITY**  
My character is reflected in my words and actions.

**EXCELLENCE**  
I always give my best effort.

**STEWARDSHIP**  
I am looking after all the gifts God has given me.

**MANAGING SELF**  
I am organised.  
I act appropriately.

**THINKING**  
I use my imagination.  
I am curious.

**PARTICIPATING AND CONTRIBUTING**  
I work well in a team.  
I use my gifts and talents.

**LANGUAGE, SYMBOLS AND TEXTS**  
I am accurate, confident and clear. I am fluent.

**RELATING TO OTHERS**  
I love God first. I love others. I am honest.  
I am respectful. I am forgiving.  
I am generous.

**BELIEF**  
I am finding out about who God is.

**IDENTITY**  
I know who I am.  
I know my gifts and talents.

**DISCERNMENT**  
I am learning the difference between truth and falsehood, right and wrong.

**LEARNING**  
I give my best in everything as I explore the world and my place in it.

**SERVICE**  
I choose to look out for others. I encourage and support others.

## PURPOSE

# STAND AND BE CONFIDENT



Aidanfield  
Christian School