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*Growing in Wisdom and Stature Stand and be Confident*



# Aidanfield Christian School

## Term 3 Week 7, 2017

Kia ora Aidanfield whanau

This mid term newsletter is about thank you!

Scripture says the joy of the Lord is our strength. I have read lately that the foundation of joy is gratitude. Without gratitude, it is not possible to live with a sense of joy. Biblical joy is not based on circumstance which means that no matter how grave our situation, how bleak it seems we are invited to find that place of joy. The path towards that place is to express gratitude even for the smallest of blessings. As we practice this expression of gratitude we lay the foundations for joy to be a part of who we are.

For those of us with children the challenge is to teach our children how to express gratitude as a habit. This can happen with the simplest of reflections during a day. It can be as simple as making a habit of saying thank you. As we demonstrate this through our own actions as adults we invite our children into the wonder of constantly being challenged and growing into the character of our saviour.

As a school we have some things to be thankful for.

### Cultural Festival

As you know, our kapa haka represented themselves incredibly well when they performed before a very big audience at the Horncastle Arena. My thank you is our Kapa Haka teacher, Anton McLean, to Mrs Hamilton and to Mrs Williams. I know that there were others that contributed to this excellent presentation but these three were the driving force behind such a high quality presentation.



One aspect of learning that our pupils were confronted with relates to effort. To truly do something really well takes a lot of effort and sacrifice.

It is easy to do mediocre by just doing what we can do. To do something truly polished and excellent often means stepping well outside our comfort zone and sacrificing what we would rather be doing to achieve what we want to achieve. This is an excellent lesson to work through as children grow up. It reflects in so many aspects and areas of life and is well worth learning early. The biblical concept of sowing and reaping applies. When we sow from the best of our abilities we are likely to reap the result of these efforts. Our Learning Tree refers to Excellence and encourages Aidanfield pupils to give of their very best effort. Our kapa haka exemplified this beautiful!

### Netball hoops

Our school benefits in so many different ways from the donations and voluntary service that our parent community give. Mr Rudhall has done a fantastic job on adding netball hoops onto the back of our basketball hoops. He has engineered the posts in such a way that they can be swivelled and allow the court to be used for both sporting codes depending on the direction of the poles. Thank you!

### Car park people

Again, an example of a group from our community seeing a need and doing something about it. Thank you to Lisa Zandbergen for organising our group of volunteers to help keep the car park areas flowing. Also, a thank you to Kees Zandbergen and his son Sam for smoothing out the bumps. For this, many people will be saying thank you!

Finally, thank you to our sport coaches and volunteers lead by Miss Ruth Nixon and Mrs Kiri-Lee Williams. Their ongoing effort is giving a large number of our pupils the chance to learn and grow. A number of our teams placed well in the winter sport competition. Well done to:

Yr7-8 Table tennis team ADCS 5 placed 2nd in the tournament for their grade.

Yr5-6 Football ADCS 1 placed 2nd in the tournament for their grade.

Yr7-8 Hockey placed 2nd in the tournament for their grade.

Thank you!

Mark Richardson  
Principal

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# Kapa Haka



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■ CHRISTCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOLS ■  
**CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2017**  
14 - 18 AUGUST 2017, HORNCastle ARENA

Our Kapa Haka ropu performed for the first time in the Cultural Festival event held the week of Monday 14th August-Friday 18th August. Aidanfield Christian School performed on Tuesday 15th August, capturing the hearts of many.

Our kura performed a 13 minute performance with waiata, waiata-a-ringa, haka and poi. We opened our performance with a tongan song E Otua, led by siblings Melelupe and Isaiah Filiat, followed by Ka mea Ihu, E Te Ariki, (song) Tahu Potiki (Haka) and God of Nations/Aotearoa (Waiata-a-ringa and poi). Our Kapa Haka ropu is very blessed to have many different cultures embrace Te ao Maori (all things Maori) the cultural diversity of our tamariki was captured visually through the many different cultural outfits worn on the night, standing side by side to sing as one.

I'm happy to say that along with other schools the link is up to view our performance. Please watch it, share it but most of all enjoy it with Whanau and friends.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stWNa1FXPLc>

We were blessed to share the night with the following schools: Shirley Intermediate, St Patricks Kaiapoi, Lincoln, Sumner, Opawa, West Spreydon, Cobham, Casebrook, Wearable Arts and O'Neills Irish Dancers.

Thank you to our amazing staff who helped out in the evening in order for the night to run smoothly.

A huge thank you to Matua Anton who not only teaches our kura (school) Kapa Haka but many others. Matua Anton continues to do an amazing job and we are very grateful. It was a delight to see Matua Anton had 3 other schools perform the same night as us and then a few more during the Cultural Festival week, what a busy time that must have been for him. Lastly as I am able to reflect on this journey, our school is very blessed to have a community of people that share their God given gifts and talents with our tamariki. May we continue to grow in wisdom and stature.

Colossians 3:16-17. 16-Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and advise one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17-And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ehara taku toa, he takitahi, he toa takitini.

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, as it was not individual success but success of a collective.

Nga Mihi nui  
Kiri-Lee Williams

*What our students said*

*On my own it felt very scary but together we were really strong.*

*We did great!*

*I felt very nervous but once we performed I felt proud.*

*I felt we did a really good job.*

*We worked really hard and I feel we performed well.*

*I like singing and I feel like I want to lead. Leadership role/ Kaea.*

*I loved it so much. I can't wait until next year!*





# Middle School News

During Term 2, Middle School Students were busy crafting speeches based on topics that were both persuasive and informative. As a Christian school, we encourage our students to speak confidently and compassionately about important issues from a biblical perspective. The variety of speech topics provided the audience with challenges to consider, and were delivered with passion and clarity. As always, it is a difficult task to judge finalists when so many speeches were of a high standard. The winners of the ACS Final in Years 7, 8 and 10, were given the opportunity to present their speeches at the Middleton Grange Speech competition, held in week 9. The calibre of speeches at this interschool final was high, providing our ACS students with an opportunity to compete with Hillview and MGS finalists in front of supportive whanau and teachers. We were delighted when Rachael Woods won the Year 7 category with her speech, 'Holding On'. All speeches were well received, with many positive comments by the Middleton Grange judicators.

## International Travel

by Madalyn Cleave, Munashe Saruwaka, Thomas McAven and Brianna Harding-Browne.

In July this year the Year 10 Aidanfield pupils were invited to apply for the 2017 International Beijing Summer Camp alongside Year 10 and 11 pupils from Middleton Grange School. This was a unique opportunity with 33 other countries and cultures from around the world represented. It was a pretty special experience being the New Zealand ambassadors.

After finding out about being selected and receiving the scholarship to attend this opportunity we were excited, grateful and had a sense of anticipation. For all of us, travelling to China was an interesting and life-changing experience that has given a new perspective and challenged our views of the world.

We would like to publically thank the Christian Schools Network (CSN) for this amazing opportunity. Our encouragement to future Aidanfield pupils would be to step out of their comfort zone, take the language opportunities offered to you at Aidanfield and definitely apply in future.

## Middle School Speech Winners

Year 7 Finalists: **Rachel W**, Jasper H and Sarah HB

Year 8 Finalists: **Scarlett-Rose A**, Lorelei H and Vickie J

Year 9 Finalists: **Divyana B**, Melelupe F and Americh T

Year 10 Finalists: **Brianna HB and Margott L** (1st equal)

The following students were eligible for the Middleton Grange Speech Competition:

Year 7 Rachel 'Holding On'

Year 8 Scarlett Rose 'I Wish Someone Would'

Year 10 Brianna HB 'Why I Should Be President' and Margott 'Unity'



In week 3, the Year 7 & 8 Totara Team attended Spencer Park to participate in a range of Team Building, Bush Walk, Orienteering and Bivvy Building challenges with three other schools from Canterbury. This collaborative experience was a chance for the Totara Team to keep working towards their William Pike Challenge Award (WPCA) as they strive to achieve five outdoor challenges, participate in 20 hours of a passion project and 20 hours of community service over the school year. The next challenge is the Mt Hutt Alpine experience coming up in September. Below are some highlights, challenges and reflections from the Spencer Park Big Day Out.

A highlight was bivvy building because it helped to make our team more united and connect with other students. The challenge for me was walking through the swamp as I definitely needed some resilience to get through. (Scarlett-Rose)

My highlight was orienteering because I was able to spend some quality time connecting with students from other schools. The biggest challenge for me was the bivvy building because we had so many different ideas, personalities and tough decisions to make. (Sunshine)

The biggest highlight was lunch! I was so hungry because the morning was so active. My personal challenge was during the orienteering because of the speed we had to run through the course. Thankfully it was raining! (Nathan S)

My highlight was bivvy building because of the important design and location that we needed to succeed. It was also cool meeting and working with students from other schools. The challenge for me was reading the maps under time pressure. (Abbie O'D)

The toughest challenge of the day was bivvy building because of the fact that I worked with new people and we spent 10 minutes trying to choose a suitable location. (Jessai Mohod)





# Sport

## Year 4-8 Athletics Day - Tuesday 26th September

(pp date Thursday 28th September 2017)

Athletics will be held at school from 11am to 3pm.

All ages- Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put & Discus.

Age: 8-10 yr olds-Track: 1000m & Sprints: 50m & 80m

Age: 11-13+ yr olds-Track 1200m & Sprints: 60m & 100m

The time table for this event can be found on our website.

We also encourage parents to continue checking our Sports page for all sport related events.

## Stand and Be Confident

Finn W competed in the Mid South Fencing Competitions and came 4th in the Under 15 Men's Foil. Well done on a fantastic achievement Finn!



## School Notices



### Prizegiving Trophies

Can you please return any trophies/cups that your children received during Prizegiving in 2016. We need these to start preparation for our 2017 Prizegiving.



**FATHER'S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST**

In appreciation of all Fathers at ACS, we are having a **Mens Breakfast!**

**Where?** School Hall

**When?** 8:00 am on Sat 9th September 2017

**RSVP to** [aidanfieldparents@gmail.com](mailto:aidanfieldparents@gmail.com) by Thursday 7th September 2017

## Community Notices



Bookings for the October holiday program are now open!  
Week one: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October - Week two: 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Cost is \$62 for the week or \$105 for both weeks.

Email: [info@starfishswimschool.co.nz](mailto:info@starfishswimschool.co.nz)

Or phone us at: 03 3381795, 2 Nash Road, Halswell

Selwyn Athletic Club  
Registration and Open Day  
Come and Have a Go

Sunday 3rd September 2017  
Brookside Park, Rolleston, 10am-2pm

Everyone welcome  
Juniors (Age 4yrs -14), Seniors and Masters.  
Athletes and those keen to assist and coach.

If you would like to know more and/or are unable to make it to registration day and would like to receive an electronic registration form please email [selwyn.athletics@gmail.com](mailto:selwyn.athletics@gmail.com)  
Registrations after 3rd September will be accepted.

### 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

**Venue:** St Thomas's of Canterbury College (WEEK 1)  
Cowles Stadium (WEEK 2)

**Cost:** \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

#### GIRLS ONLY Futsal Holiday Programmes

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Cowles Stadium (WEEK 2)

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Keen to play? go to [www.mainlandfootball.co.nz/futsal/](http://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz/futsal/)