

Here at  
South  
Auckland  
Seventh-day  
Adventist  
School we  
grow to

**LEARN**

Through discovery

**LOVE**

Wonder

**LIVE**

With Passion

**LEAD**

Mission focused

**GOD'S  
WAY**

WE VALUE

**excellence**

TURANGATEITEI

**respect**

FA'AALOLO

**family**

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# South Auckland Seventh-day Adventist School Newsletter



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## WHANAUNGATANGA TOGETHER



It is said often in Education that it takes a village to raise a child and for most this means that partnerships with all those invested in the child is important for growth and development.

This year we are embracing **Whanaungatanga** where together with our families and our communities we provide our learners with 'wrap around' support. We know this works because the evidence of our learning journey from 2017 tells the story.

We are happy to share with you that our end of year achievement data showed some awesome gains, particularly in Mathematics.

Students achieving at and above the National Standards.			
	2015	2016	2017
Reading	69%	69%	69%
Writing	60%	56%	66%
Maths	73%	59%	74%

Last year we targeted our Year 4-6 students in Mathematics and engaged groups of learners in a programme called ALiM (Accelerated Learning in Mathematics). All students who completed the programme met their goals but one student, in particular, achieved above and beyond expectations which raised the question as to why the gains were greater than the other students in the programme. The key difference was the support this child received from her parents who followed through on the daily learning and kept in close communication with the teachers.

At SASDA **Whanaungatanga** is simply coming together to wrap around our children, growing them to be the best they can be.

We do this because...

**EVERY CHILD THRIVING IN THE KINGDOM**

...is what matters most.



Mrs M Tau  
PRINCIPAL

## TERM ONE CALENDAR

15 Feb	Education Directors Visit Newsletter goes home
15 Feb	COMMUNITY PICNIC – MEET, EAT AND GREET
16 Feb	Year 7/8 Technology at Pap Int.
<b>Week Four</b>	
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 7/8 Immunisation talks
23 Feb	Year 7/8 Technology at Pap. Int
<b>Week Five</b>	
26 Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting
26 Feb	Full School Chapel
27 Feb	Papatoetoe Town Hall Centennial Celebrations
1 Mar	Newsletter goes home
2 Mar	Year 7/8 Technology at Pap. Int.
<b>Week Six</b>	
6 Mar	Y4-6 Papatoetoe Schools Swimming competition
6 Mar	Y7/8 Girls Softball Competition
9 Mar	Y7/8 Technology at Pap. Int.
<b>Week Seven</b>	
12 Mar	Full School Chapel
13 Mar	Year 7/8 Boys Softball competition
	Year 4-6 Boys Cricket Comp (Pap West)
	Year 4-6 Girls Cricket Comp (Kingsford)
15 Mar	Newsletter goes home
16 Mar	No technology for Y7/8
<b>Week Eight</b>	
22 Mar	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES School finishes at 1:00pm
23 Mar	Year 7/8 Technology at Pap Int
<b>Week Nine</b>	
26-29 Mar	EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER
29 Mar	Full School Communion
30 Mar	GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY Easter programme at PAPSDA
<b>Week Ten</b>	
April 2-3	EASTER MONDAY – no school EASTER TUESDAY – no school
6 Apr	Year 7/8 Technology at Pap. Int.
<b>Week Eleven</b>	
9 Apr	Full School Chapel
12 Apr	Newsletter goes home
13 Apr	Year 7/8 Technology at Pap. Int
13 April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Dates to be added for:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTA meetings</li> </ul>	

### VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL.

All parents and visitors entering the school during school hours are to report to the office first and sign in. This ensures that we keep our school safe for emergency reasons and we also keep our children safe.



### SCHOOL HOURS

School starts every day at 8:45am.

School finishes at 2:45. Children are supervised till 3:05 and should not be at school after this time.

### LATENESS

We encourage all our children to be ready for learning and on time to school. On the odd occasion where they are late we would ask that you provide them with a note and sign in at the office.

### WITHDRAWING CHILDREN

From time to time parents will need to withdraw their children during school hours to attend appointments. Parents are to come to the office first to sign their child out and collect a Leavers Pass to give their child's teacher. No children will be permitted to leave the school grounds during school time without a Leavers Pass.

Thanks for helping to keep our school safe.

### HATS

Term 1 and Term 4 are our Hat terms. We will be insisting on all children wearing the school royal blue hat. These can be purchased from the school for \$10. Children without a hat or in the incorrect hat will be sent to sit in the designated shade area. No Caps are to be worn. No hat – no play.



**SPORTS UNIFORM** – Koru School will wear Sports Uniform on **MONDAY**. Pikorua will wear Sports Uniform on **FRIDAYS**.

**Please note that leggings and tights are not part of our Sports Uniform, neither are 'skins'.** Please make sure your child has our school Sports Polo shirt and plain black shorts or track pants. As part of our Sports Uniform children must wear sports shoes and socks. All other days of the week children will be expected to be in full school uniform.

**EDUCATION DIRECTORS VISIT** – today we have the pleasure of a visit from Miss Rosalie McFarlane a previous Principal who will be well known to many of you (and your parents). Rosalie is here on behalf of the NZSDASA to meet with the Principal, staff and some students as she supports us in ensuring that we retain our Special Character and are promoting it in all ways. This is important as it is what sets us apart from other schools.



## LUNCH ORDERING

Children can order Subway lunches from 8:20 to 8:45.

Lunch packs consist of a 6-inch sub, cookie and **water**. Cost is \$6. Options are Vege Delight, Beef, tuna and turkey.

**WE ARE A WATER SCHOOL. Children may refill their water bottles from our soon to be installed water fountains. Please do not give your children any other kind of drink. Water is best!**

Children are expected to take their rubbish home in their lunchbox each day as we work towards becoming a rubbish bin free school in 2020.

## UNIFORM

Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform each day. Should they have any part of their uniform incorrect, please provide them with a note explaining why and when they will be in correct uniform. If you need to know what the correct uniform entails please obtain the information from the office.

Yr4 Boys and older must have the Dress shorts and Yr4 Girls and older must have the Tartan skirt (please note the girls can unpick the top part of the pinafore to make a skirt).

## SCHOOL PARKING

We have a limited number of parking spaces available for parents to use. Please do not use Staff parking spaces (yellow lines) or the Footsteps Preschool parking spaces.



Footsteps parents are provided with a parking permit to display in their cars. Parents who do not have this permit will be asked to move their cars from the Footsteps carpark.

If our school parking spaces are full please feel free to use the Church parking spaces before and after school.

The emergency parking space directly outside our entry gate is to be kept clear should we need an emergency vehicle on site.

## FRUIT IN SCHOOLS

This week your children have enjoyed pears, bananas, carrots and apples for morning tea. We are so blessed to be able to give our students fruit to start off their 5+ a day.



## AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL

With our student numbers increasing we have decided that we will only have a full school dismissal on Friday in preparation for the Sabbath. During the week the classroom teachers will finish the day with the children, praying over them and giving them last instructions. They will then take their classes to the supervision area on the courts for them to be collected. **Just a reminder that children should not be taken until 2.45pm after school supervision finishes at 3:05pm at which time all children should have been collected.**

## CAN YOU HELP?

We are needing to build our Art supplies of ...

- Carboard (clean on one side is good)
- Newspaper

## TECHNICAL STUDIES

This year we are trialling a new method of doing our Technical studies for our Yr7 & Yr8 students with Papatoetoe Intermediate.

Every Friday morning the students will be bused to Papatoetoe Intermediate at 9.00am and back at 11.30am.

This has increased the range of options that we are able to offer – Sewing, Food Tech, Woodwork, Visual Arts, Music and Digital technologies.

We look forward to this increase in options and will be monitoring it very closely. **It is very important that our Yr7 & Yr8 students arrive on time every Friday wearing the correct uniform.**

## COMMUNITY PICNIC TONIGHT

Come along at 5.30pm for a chance to enjoy the company of other parents, teaching staff and your children.

Bring along some food and lets all enjoy a meal together before 6.15 when Mrs Tau will introduce you all to the staff – especially the new teachers in K5

and P3 – then after a few more words of welcome you will be able to visit your child's classroom and meet the teachers personally. See you there.



# iCAN58

CELEBRATING FREEDOM  
South Auckland Food Drive

Thank you for helping us collect

## March 10, 2018

“Together we CAN!” That is our theme for this years can and rice collection for *iCAN58*.

Based on the biblical commission of Isaiah 58 our school community, each year, pulls together to help marginalised communities through the gifting of canned food and rice/pasta. Through the generous giving of our SASDA families our school has been able to contribute over 1,000 food items toward *iCAN58* each year. Do you have canned food and/or rice that you can donate? If so, please pass them to your child/ren to bring to school before Friday, March 9. All proceeds will be distributed at the *iCAN58* event in the Clendon Shopping Centre on March 10. Come and be part of the blessing!

### FONTERRA MILK FOR SCHOOLS

To make sure Kiwi kids benefit from the goodness of dairy, Fonterra Milk for Schools offers free milk to every primary school in New Zealand. We are a part of the program and your children are able to enjoy milk every day for morning tea along with the 5+ a day fruit.

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Dairy for life



**PLEASE REMEMBER** – if your child has long hair it must be tied back while they are at school. This helps reduce the spread of nits among other things. With the current warm weather this is even more important. Please keep your child at home until their hair is clear. We have treatments and combs available free here at the office.



### 2018 Term Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> term	Commenced 30 <sup>th</sup> January. Ends 13 <sup>th</sup> April.
2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Commences 30 <sup>th</sup> April. Ends 6 <sup>th</sup> July.
3 <sup>rd</sup> term	Commences 23 <sup>rd</sup> July. Ends 28 <sup>th</sup> September.
4 <sup>th</sup> term	Commences 15 <sup>th</sup> October. Ends 13 <sup>th</sup> December.

### Roman Sandals

Are optional for this term. Please note that they must be black and in the style shown in this picture on the left. Otherwise plain black school shoes must be worn as per the picture.



**Absences** – Our phone line can take messages 24/7. Phone 092786055 and press 1 to leave a message and report your child’s absence or any other important matters please. The office phones are only manually answered from 8.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday. email [office@sasda.school.nz](mailto:office@sasda.school.nz)

### CYBERSAFETY AT OUR SCHOOL.

We are noticing again an increase in Phones and Electronic Devices at our school and would take this opportunity to remind our parents that phones and other devices must not be brought to school without permission. If your child brings a phone or device in order to contact you before or after school they – **MUST BE HANDED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** The School will not take any responsibility for any phones or devices if this procedure is not followed so parents please ensure that your children are aware of this and hand their phones in.

### ATTENDANCE DUES

Many thanks for the prompt payment of your attendance dues – we appreciate it as it makes our jobs easier. We reached the end of 2017 with over 95% of our attendance dues paid again – far better than prior years and our Proprietors appreciate that. Those of you whom are paying by weekly or fortnightly automatic payment - well done and keep those payments up. If you are finding it difficult to make payment and have any concerns or queries regarding your attendance dues please contact Garam Kim or Ms Rosalie McFarlane in the Proprietors office on 2502740 as soon as possible as they will be able to help.