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South
Auckland
Seventh-day
Adventist
School we
grow to

LEARN

Through discovery

LOVE

Wonder

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With Passion

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Mission focused

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OLD SCHOOL OR CUTTING EDGE?

Over the past few years a number of 'new' theories/pedagogies have emerged in the Education field which have generated a lot of discussion both in the profession and the community at large. Some of these approaches are still being debated as to their effectiveness and whether they should stay or not.

On the weekend our teachers attended the biannual NZ SDA school conference where Peter Kilgour, Director of Christian Education Research Centre and senior lecturer in Education at Avondale College,



posed the question 'how would some of our modern-day pedagogy align with the more than century old advice offered by Ellen G White?' Just when we think we have 'cutting edge' educational approaches we are shown how this thinking aligns with Ellen White's writing which 'revolved around recognition of the uniqueness of each learner, and the importance of catering for

individual needs of students (differentiation) and the roles students play in their own learning (student agency, student efficacy, independent learning, self-directed learners)'.

In the final paragraphs of his abstract, Peter Kilgour states;

'The power of the individual brain to expand with learning is a concept that impacts the understanding of educators and resonates with white's position of students being created in the image of God. The concept of using differentiation to unlock learning potential requires recognition of each learner as unique. This recognition motivates teachers to foster holistic student well-being. White's challenge that teachers inspire students to be thinkers rather than reflectors provides an incentive to use teaching methods that drive students beyond lower level thinking skills into the realm of possibilities...'

It may have taken more than a century, but if educators today follow some of the current theories of effective teaching and learning, they are also aligning with what some people have labelled 'Ellen White's blueprint for Christian education.'

We know and believe that what we do here at SASDA is educating our children for eternity. This motivates every teacher in our school to be reflective in their teaching practice to ensure that every child experiences learning that prepares them to be **equipped leaders, embracing every opportunity to make a positive impact** for now and for eternity. We do this because...

EVERY CHILD THRIVING IN THE KINGDOM

...is what matters most.

M Tau, Principal.

TERM TWO CALENDAR

Week Seven	
15 June	Year 7/8 Technology
Week Eight	
19 June	Year 4 – 6 Netball
20 June	Hub 4 MOTAT trip
21 June	Hub 3 MOTAT trip
22 June	Year 7/8 Technology at Pap. Int.
Week Nine	
25 – 29 June	Book week – His Story our Stories
25 June	Full School Chapel
28 June	Book week parade
28 June	Reports go Home
29 June	Year 7/8 Technology at Pap. Int
29 June	SDA Schools Soccer Tournament
Week Ten	
4 - 5 July	Hub 4 AKO conferences
6 July	Year 7/8 Technology at Pap. Int
6 July	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
23 July	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
29 Sept	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
15 Oct	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
13 Dec	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2018.

THE DAYS ARE GETTING SHORTER.

Please remember that our Sabbath commencement is getting earlier and earlier each Friday. We would ask that you please pick up your children from skids no later than 5.15pm on Friday. Also please remember that if your children are not in skids they must be picked up by 3.15pm at the latest each day.



HE IS HERE – MR AND MRS PUA'S ROCKSTAR

Alexander Ionatana Samuelu-Pua arrived last Sunday the 3rd of June. Born 9lb 4oz he is a big boy and ruling the roost in the Pua household. Mr Pua reports that he is a great eater and both he and his wife are both really feeling blessed and are enjoying being parents. We look forward to his first school visit.

LOST PROPERTY

We have an ever-increasing amount of lost property. **Please, please** label all items of uniform as we are unable – with 330 plus children here at school - to identify who has lost uniform and what belongs to who if it is not labelled. Also take some time to talk to your children about taking care of their possessions and looking after what belongs to them by keeping it in their bags. Also, if your child brings home uniform that is not theirs please return it to the school office as soon as you can.

FAMILY FONO

During Samoan Language week we held a family Fono on the Thursday night. Our approach to consultation with our community took on the principles of whanaungatanga and talanoa. Where we have traditionally engaged parents in consultation we invited families to come together to 'talanoa'. The evening was attended by approximately 30 families with over 80 suppers given out. In keeping with our special character, the evening started with family worship taken by Pastor Iosefa Afoa who spoke about coming together on the mat to talanoa. This was followed by a welcome and introduction to principles of talanoa where families were given the opportunity to join language groups. We provided for our Samoan, Tongan, Cook Island, Maori, Filipino, Fijian and English-speaking families to discuss 'how we talk with our families' and to share with them the 'talk moves' tool to support their conversations. We are so blessed to have staff that could facilitate these language groups with three of the groups presenting little skits to summarize their 'talanoa'. This was a hugely successful consultation with our community asking for more.



FUN DAY

The school celebrated with a Pacifika dress day on Friday the 11th at the end of Samoan Language week. Some of the children looked spectacular.



SPORT

The year 7 & 8 Boys full day soccer tournament against the other Papatotetoe/Mangere Intermediates has been played and the boys came 7th out of 12 teams. We are told a fun day was enjoyed and all participated well. With the sports exchange soccer/netball with Puhinui school, for our Yr4 – Yr6 students, both the boys' soccer teams lost while the netball girls won.

The next sports day is on Tuesday the 19th at Winter sports day where our Yr4 to Yr6 children will be playing netball and soccer.

FULL SCHOOL CHAPEL

Will be held next on Monday 25th June – all parents welcome. Please get your children to school on time so they can participate in this and the morning worships as this is part of our Special Character difference. This week's Chapel provided a special moment when Harsheen Kaur spoke about why she came to our school and what it meant to her. She finished with the words "Learning about Jesus and the good values has changed my outlook towards life. I value being a good human being over everything else. I may not be a Christian but I imbibe all the values that Christianity teaches".



On the Teacher only day last Friday and continuing across the weekend all our Teaching staff enjoyed the collegiality of meeting with their compatriots from the other 16 Adventist schools around New Zealand as they worked on curriculum development particularly relating to our Special Character. They then finished up by celebrating their years of service to our children. The support staff took advantage of the day to sort and tidy the resources around the school - so the work continues even though the children were not there.

SICKNESS AND ILLNESS.

We have many children away currently with winter ills and chills. Please if your child is not feeling well keep them at home where they are warm and cosy. This is also a tough time for the teachers and staff at the school as they look after their health and their children's health. We have had to look for relievers over the past few weeks and in most cases, have been successful despite the teacher shortage. Where we have not been able to find a reliever we have had to split classes. We work hard to keep this to a minimum.

PTA Wants YOU

Join our team of fun-loving, Energetic, creative and dedicated parents who make it happen for your children in your school. **We need a team of 8 people to help with cooking a sausage sizzle and selling them along with ice-blocks on the Soccer tournament day during school hours - 29th June. Then we are looking for another team to help on the parent interview day – afternoon and evening of the 5th July. Let the school office know if you can help.**

This is to raise funds for Concrete board games/Concrete markings (hopscotch, 4 square and other games. Also to clean up the existing markings.



LUNCHES-

We have been supplied with healthy lunches from SUBWAY for over two years now and the price has remained at \$6.00. Unfortunately due to increasing costs Subway have advised us that they must increase their price from the start of 3rd term when the price will be **\$6.50** per lunch. The options remain – Vege, Tuna, Chicken and Beef.

BOOK WEEK

Is coming up fast – 25th to 29th June and we will be learning about “His Story – our stories”. There will be a book parade on the Thursday and children are challenged to dress up as Bible characters. Start planning for this now

ATTENDANCE DUES

Many thanks to those of you who regularly attend to the timely payment of your attendance dues – we appreciate it as it makes our jobs easier. Please remember that your third terms fees are due as your child starts third term and **outstanding arrears must be paid**. If you are finding it difficult to make payment and have any concerns or queries regarding your attendance dues please contact the Attendance Dues Officer on 2502740 as soon as possible as they will be able to assist. Please do not leave it as it only becomes harder to deal with if left.

The Proprietors are becoming concerned with the lateness of some of these payments and will be sending out statements which must be addressed before your child starts here for the third term.

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At ASDAH we encourage students to reach their full potential through:

LEARNING Including learning in a digital environment

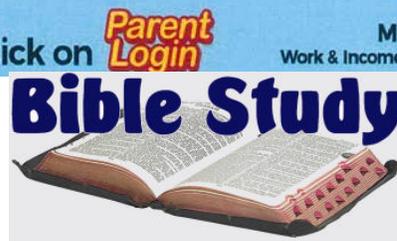
SPORTS We offer a range of sporting opportunities for students

SERVICE Our students are actively encouraged to engage in service activities in our local community

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES we encourage our students to celebrate their heritage and identity



For more information and an enrolment pack contact us on (09) 275 9640. www.asdah.school.nz



BIBLE STUDIES

Our children’s Bible studies classes with the children who expressed an interest during Week of Prayer continue in the morning each day.

Here are some thoughts from the Bible study for this week. Bible Adventures for young readers Lesson 3 ‘My father in Heaven’

“I can trust my heavenly Father.

My heavenly Father is loving and always supportive.

Our heavenly father will find us and keep us safe.

We all have a heavenly Father whose loves us non-stop.” Pray for our children please as they continue their studies.

Please contact our Chaplain - Shane Harper on 09 2786055 if you wish to do Bible studies as well. We will warmly welcome you.