

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

LEARN

Through discovery

LOVE

Wonder

LIVE

With Passion

LEAD

Mission focused

**GOD'S
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South Auckland Seventh-day Adventist School Newsletter



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'Well done, good and faithful servant...'

They came...they saw...they smiled...they left...just as they did three years ago.

This week has been an important and critical week for our school as we welcomed the Education Review Office team. Mrs Elizabeth Keresoma and Mrs Carleen Blucher showed great respect for our school and Special Character as they worked alongside our leadership team in evaluating our school. We welcomed them with our full school powhiri in which our children honoured them with our school haka and embraced them with their waiata. They were treated with rousing speeches from Micah Peehikura who also prayed over our visitors and school. James Nuia, our Head Boy, greeted them in Cook Islands, Niukapu Afu greeted them in Tongan, and Aukusitino Vaafusuaga welcomed them in Samoan. We shared with them how we were excited to 'Fofola le fala' and 'talanoa' with them to gain insights that will affirm and inform our direction forward. They were humbled by how they were received and included in our school and felt a deep sense of our commitment to our children thriving in the Kingdom.



We wish to thank our **student leaders** who met with the team and shared their thinking of learning at our school and what their school meant to them. We wish to thank our **parents** who met the team and shared their aspirations for our children and gave their reflections of our school.

Lastly, we wish to thank the **Board of Trustees** who were commended on their roles as Stewards of our school and the strong support they give the senior leadership team and the school.

The ERO team have shared with us their findings which are very positive and encouraging. We look forward to their report which will be available at the latest early next year.

We proudly share our school and our purpose because...

EVERY CHILD THRIVING IN THE KINGDOM

... is what matters most.

M Tau, Principal

13 Dec **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2018.**

TERM FOUR CALENDAR

Week Five

12 – 14 Nov	ERO visit.
15 Nov	Class and full school photos.

Week Six

20 Nov	Papatoetoe Schools Athletics.
21 Nov	Swimming for Yr 3 to 6.
22 Nov	Yr 7 & 8 Athletics.
23 Nov	Yr 7 & 8 Technology.

Week Seven

26 Nov	Full School Chapel.
26 Nov	BOT Meeting.
28 Nov	Swimming for Yr 3 to 6.
29 Nov	Carols evening.
30 Nov	Yr 7 & 8 Technology

Week Eight

4 Dec	Yr 8 Banquet.
5 Dec	Kiwi Kids Tryathlon.
5 Dec	Swimming for Yr 3 to 6.
6 Dec	Yr 7 & 8 Technology

Week Nine

10 Dec	Full school farewell Chapel.
10 Dec	Graduation and reports go home.
12 Dec	School Picnic
13 Dec	Last day of school.

FIRST DAY OF TERM in 2019 is Tuesday 29th January 2019. Registration will be on the 24th and 25th January.

2019 Term Dates

- 1st term Commences 29th January.
Ends 12th April.
- 2nd term Commences 29th April.
Ends 5th July.
- 3rd term Commences 22nd July.
Ends 27th September.
- 4th term Commences 14th October.
Ends 13th December.

CLASS OF 2018 - YEAR 8 GRADUATES.

Will celebrate their graduation and the end of their time at SASDA with a Banquet at the Skycity centre on 4th December 2018 – Get your \$35.00 into the office now. Hoodies can also be ordered and paid for \$37 or \$45 each.



FIRST FRUITS.

A bowl of strawberries and lettuce from our school garden. They are sweet and succulent. Thanks to Mrs Afoa, Mrs Crallan and the gardening team. We look forward to seeing more of the tasty harvest.

TEACHERS STRIKE

Is over for now – thank you for your support and taking care of your children for the day. We trust that the situation is resolved before we move into 2019 and we have no more interruptions.



Koru 1 science project.

Koru 1 have been learning about the Sun, moon and stars and have gone on to each prepare and make a diorama demonstrating what they have learned. Well done Koru 1



ATHLETICS DAY 2018

Despite the inclement weather we held our school sports day last Thursday and a great day was enjoyed by all from our Yr0 to our Yr8's. There was a lot of competition

as everyone gave their utmost to earn points for their houses. However, there was still respect and consideration shown for others throughout the day and at the end of the day they all went home satisfied and worn out. We now have our representatives for the Papatoetoe schools' athletics to be held next week on the 20th. Red house was the winner on the day

Photolife photos have been taken. There are class and full school photos this year. Sibling and individual portrait photos will be next year. Thank you to those whom have paid – those whom have not can still purchase them afterwards, but we cannot guarantee delivery before the close of school. All students were given a payment pack but if it has been lost we have spares here at the office.

GRADUATION 2018



MONDAY DECEMBER 10th
Papatoetoe SDA Church

All students are to be in full school uniform and assembled on the courts at 6:45pm for 7:00pm start.

Students will receive their Year End School reports which will be given out at the end of the Graduation program.



TOUCH TEAMS

Our Yr 7 & 8 Boys and girls touch teams who both competed in the south west zone touch tournament last Tuesday. They both played well and enjoyed themselves. The girls improving with every game and the boys winning 3 of their 6 games.

PARKING AND PICKING YOUR CHILDREN UP.

We are receiving complaints about parents parking in the driveways – Please do not double park

Please be considerate of others and park in the Church carpark or wait out on the road until the gate is opened at 2.45pm – Do not park in the driveway or the Footsteps carpark. We are trying to ensure that your children and the Footsteps children are safe so please do your best to help us.



COUNTIES MANUKAU SPORT

We are blessed. They came in with a donation of sports equipment to say thank you for supporting them in the work that they have done with our students. We are sure that we will be able to put the soccer and rugby balls to great use.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Are being achieved almost daily as we approach the end of the year. Well done to those who received their award from Mrs Tau on Tuesday. To the rest of you – come on – it's not long until the end of the year now – you can do it.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Our Yr 7&8 Girls played in the Auckland championships finishing 4th out of 9 teams. Well done girls we are proud of you.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT.

Coming up on Thursday 29th November. Keep this night free to celebrate along with your children.

We have arranged for sites for fundraising groups to sell meals and drinks. There are still some stalls available if you are interested. Come along enjoy some food and join the festivities.



SWIMMING- Y3 to Y6



Every **Wednesday** including 5th December.

Children will need:

1. Swimmers and towel in a named plastic bag. (no swimming in clothing).
2. All their clothing clearly named.
3. Long hair tied back.
4. Swimming goggles (if you have them).

Please support your child in preparing what they need for Swimming on Wednesdays.

ILLNESS

We are currently experiencing an unusual number of viral infections among our children and would like to ask you to help us in reminding your children to wash their hands at all times. If you are wondering about incubation times and how long to keep your child home here is an official website with all the necessary information.

https://www.healthed.govt.nz/system/files/resource-files/HE1214%20Infectious%20diseases_0.pdf.



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. Otherwise you can email to office@sasda.school.nz

HATS MUST BE WORN THIS TERM.

This term brings the sunny warm weather. Please ensure that your child has the correct **royal blue** hat at school every day as if they do not have a hat they will not be able to play at Interval or Lunchtime. We have hats available for purchase from the school office at \$10.00 each



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TRYATHLON

Is being held this term on 5th December for those aged from 7 to 13. Miss C Tau and Mrs E Dantzie are organising this for 2018.

Parent donations – These are \$20.00 per term and without them we would not be able to run some of the activities and excursions that we do for your children. Please help us to provide an exciting stimulating activity for your child once a term by keeping your Parent donations up to date – we really appreciate this as it shows that you care about what we are trying to do for your children.



Roman Sandals

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



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 full years fees should have been paid by now 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 0800 4693837 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.

PROPRIETORS FEES FOR 2019.

The NZSDASA have notified us that there will be a small increase in attendance dues for 2019 to \$570 a year. This is \$142.50 per child per term – a small increase of \$5.00 per term.

CHEWING GUM Please ensure that your children are not bringing Chewing gum to school. We are noticing an increase in students being placed on detention for chewing gum. We work hard to keep this school clean and tidy.

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