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School we
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South Auckland SDA School NEWSLETTER



7th December 2023

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SHINE

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify you Father in heaven.

When we began this year, we made a commitment to find as many opportunities as possible, for our children to have their moment to SHINE!

We have seen these moments throughout the year across different areas of the curriculum and have celebrated what God has done in and through our children...His purpose, His will and His way!



Last week every child at SASDA had their moment to SHINE when they took to the stage and presented to our community SHINE – THE CHRISTMAS STORY!

From our youngest students dressed as gifts, cows, donkeys and sheep to our oldest students performing in the Kapa Haka, every child played their part in the story and did so with passion and pride. As we near the end of the school year we will once again celebrate those moments where our children SHINE – moments in their learning, loving, living and leading!

We will honour our Year 8 graduates as the 'Kereru' that leaves the Puriri tree to take on opportunities to share all that they have become as learners and leaders in their own right but most of all as children who thrive in the Kingdom.



Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu
Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar.

We have adorned the birds with feathers so they may soar!

Thank you for being part of SASDA's journey to SHINE.

We have done this so...

EVERY CHILD THRIVING IN THE KINGDOM will
SHINE.

TERM FOUR DATES TO NOTE

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| 8 Dec | Farewell Chapel Reports go home |
| Week 10 | |
| 11 Dec | Graduation Yr 0-4 Morning 11.00am Yr 6-8 Evening 6.30pm |
| 12 Dec | Class Parties |
| 13 Dec | Fun Day |
| 14 Dec | Picnic Day – Long Bay Last day of School. |

GRADUATION

On Monday 11th at
PAPSDA Church.

Will be split into two
sessions as in past years
to cope with the numbers expected.

11:00AM

Years 0 to 4 (Koru, Wera and Toki Hubs).
To wear full school uniform to school.

6:30PM

Years 5 to 8 (Pikorua and Whai Repo Hubs)
To wear Sports uniform to school and then full
school uniform to the Graduation.

Please make the time to join us on the day as
we celebrate your children's achievements for
the year.



KEY DATES FOR 2024

School Office Opens 22nd January 2024.
8.30am to 4.00pm.

Registration 25th and 26th January 2024.
8.30am to 4.00pm.

First Day of School 30th January 2024.
Be here at 8.30am for an 8:45am start.

Term Dates 2024

Term 1 Tues 30th Jan to Fri 12th Apr
Term 2 Mon 29th Apr to Fri 5th July
Term 3 Mon 22nd July to Fri 27th Sept
Term 4 Mon 14th Oct to Thurs 13th Dec.

Teacher only days

31st May 2024
29th October 2024

REPORTS

Your child's report will be sent
home with them tomorrow
(Friday 8th). This is a snapshot
of where they stand against
the NZ Curriculum at the end of this school
year.



WELCOME TO BABY LUKE- JAMES.

Mrs Samantha Jackson
(Toki Hub) had a healthy
7lb baby boy on Friday
1st December in the
early hours of the
morning.

Mother and baby are
both doing well.

We wish him a blessed lifetime full of happiness,
love and laughter and praise God for his grace
and mercy.

Well done, Sam, hubby Chris and big sister
Blake.



LEAVING STAFF

Not only do we have new arrivals but as we
come to the end of the year there are those
that move on.

We have already farewelled **Mrs Siniva
Setefanoto** Australia late last month and will
also be farwelling **Mrs Brenda Afoa** and her
family as they return to Australia also.

Mrs Leila Baba has accepted a teaching
position in Australia as well and will be taking
up her new position in 2024.

We wish them all safe travels and thank them
for their hard work and support.

Miss Margaret Hodgson who has supported
many of our families with children with needs
over the years and has been a wealth of
wisdom to SASDA over the years and we wish
her a happy well deserved retirement.

Mrs Mata Puna has also decided that it is time
to retire. We have been blessed by her 23
years of quiet gentle service and are
saddened by her decision to retire. We will miss
her but wish her well.

We will have a special farewell for Mrs Puna on
Wednesday 13th at PAPSDA Church at
9.30am.

STUDENTS LEAVING

If your child/ren are not returning to SASDA next
year, can you please let the office know. As
always, we have a waiting list of children needing
to get in, so we need to know of any spaces
available for 2024.



YEAR 8 BANQUET

Our year 8 students celebrated the end of their years together at SASDA last Tuesday night by dressing up and attending the banquet hall at the Holliday Inn. We are told that they enjoyed a great night together.



HEALTH NURSE

We will continue to have a Health Nurse in the school on a weekly basis to check on the health of any of our children that may require it – in the first instance you will be able to contact your child's teacher if you wish to take this opportunity to have your child referred to the Nurse.

PLEASE USE THE PARENT DRIVEWAY

During the busy periods in the morning and afternoon we close the Main driveway to keep the traffic flow manageable.

Please help us by using the Parent driveway in the busy periods.

INFORMAL COHORT ENTRY

In 2024 SASDA will be operating an informal cohort entry in order to better support parents and families of new entrants and provide the New Entrant teachers with coordinated pre-visits and more balance staffing. All of which is planned to make the commencement of school a happier and less stressful time for the Children.

The children will be encouraged to start at the beginning of each term or another cohort entry date within the term.

HATS

First term 2024

These are vital to keep our kids sun-safe! **All children** must wear their hat every day to play – no hat, no play. Children without their hat will be asked to stay under the Pikorua canopy during break times.

Hats are \$12.00 each at the school office.



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 or send a text to 0212786055 please. **The office phones are only manually answered from 8.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday.** email office@sasda.school.nz.

ATTENDANCE DUES

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ATTENDANCE DUES OUTSTANDING FROM 2023 MUST BE PAID BY REGISTRATION.

Attendance dues for 2024 have increased to **\$610.00** per annum per student.

These are –

A legal requirement.

A condition of enrolment.

Charged per year with payment in advance at the start of each term.

They are not a Donation and therefore, not Tax deductible.

If opting for a payment plan (these will need to be discussed and approved by the Attendance Dues officer) options could be:

- \$152.50 per term per student or
- \$51.25 per month per student or
- \$30.50 per fortnight per student or
- \$15.25 per week per student.

These must be paid at the start of each term, or a payment plan must be in place.

If you have any queries regarding your Attendance dues, you can make contact with our Attendance Dues officer:

Phone: 09 2502749 Email:

AttendanceDues@adventist.org.nz

All other enquiries, please contact our school office.

SPORTS UNIFORM

Please note that leggings and tights are not part of our sports uniform make sure your child has our school Sports Polo shirt and plain black coloured shorts or track pants.



We continue to notice the wearing of Slippers and Crocs – these are not Sportswear and are unsafe for sports activities – Can you please ensure that your children are in the correct Sports shoes.

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.