



# ASDAH NEWSLETTER

CONNECTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Term 3 Issue 4

24 August 2017

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"I am the light of the world." John 9 : 5

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### *Commitment and Excellence*

*Dear Parents and Caregivers*

#### **He waka eke noa**

*A canoe which we are all in with no exception*

Welcome to our August newsletter. Time has certainly been flying by and we find ourselves in the business of the second half of the year. Walking around the school we can see the 'harvest' of half a year of work. The GROWTH that started at the beginning of the year, taking shape. There has been excellent art work by our very talented year 9 and 10 students – thank you Mr Arnold. The creative boys who have put together shelves – impressive. Thank you Mr Nadigam. Our ASDAH Brass Band practicing in the afternoons, getting ready for their competition – thank you Dr Mone and Tony.

There is much more learning going on with many teachers and students working together, a partnership that continues to grow the best young people. He waka eke noa – a canoe which we are all in with no exception. I want to say thank you to everyone who plays a part in the shaping of young lives. The home, the school, the church – together we make a difference. Thank you.

The Board of Trustee will be holding their annual Hui on the evening of September 16 at the school gym. The programme will begin at 5pm with a closing Sabbath programme and then at 6pm we will have our consultation. This year we want to consult around how we can engage with you our families more. We value what you bring to our school and we believe our strength lies in our partnership so please come along and give us your feedback as to how we can work together better so that we can raise our student's engagement and achievement at school.

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We will also be feeding back to you the results of our student and parent survey school satisfaction survey.

### **SOME UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:**

**September 4 – 8:** Senior Derived Grade exams. Please encourage your senior students to prepare for this.

**September 18 – 22:** ERO school visit.

**September 29:** Last day of term 3.

### **PAYMENT OF ATTENDANCE DUES:**

I would like to remind you that it is important to continue to keep up with the payment of attendance dues. A very big thank you to the parents who have come in to make arrangements to pay their attendance dues for this year. We would like to encourage you to come in and see us if you haven't already done so. Our office staff are ready to help set up automatic payment options. If there is a genuine hardship that your family is facing, please come in and talk to us. We are here to work with you.

Finally, we had our SDA Accreditation from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of August. What stood out from the feedback given to us was our students. There was mention of how our students were polite and shared that they valued the Special Character of the school. A few said that now they pray. We had our first baptism in a couple of years at the end of term 2. We rejoice at the decision made and we know that while there is still a lot to be learnt in the journey of this life, a student has given their heart to Jesus. This is what our school is about.

Thanks be to God



Gloria Teulilo - Principal

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES HUI

**Date:** Saturday, 16 September

**Time:** 5pm - Closing Sabbath  
6pm - Consultation

**Venue:** ASDAH Gymnasium

A special invitation to all our families to please come to our Hui and have your say about ASDAH.

For more queries please contact the office on 275 9640.

## CHAPLAIN



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This term our emphasis during our Chapel time has been on “ATTITUDES”. We have had a couple of key speakers such as the likes of well-known former student Manase Lua. Manase is a one of the most influential young Tongan Leaders in the nation. He is a key figure in wider community particularly the Tongan community. Manase is currently a candidate for the Maori Party running for the Maungakiekie region. He spoke on the importance of maintaining a positive attitude and the fact in his own experiences in life, he had pushed through trying times and encouraged our students that even through adversary, with God...you can still pull through. He also reminded our students to always seek first the Kingdom of God!



Manase Lua



La-Dean Malifa

We were also blessed to have some musical talent come through our Chapel time. With EXCEL Performing Arts School coming to bless our students with their awesome energy, and La-Dean Malifa who is currently a Worship Leader at Papatoetoe SDA Church, come to share her story in how God has made such an impact in her life! She was such a blessing to have at our school. Students were fully engaged as she shared her story of how the God of HOPE has made her the person she is now in Christ!

## CHAPLAIN

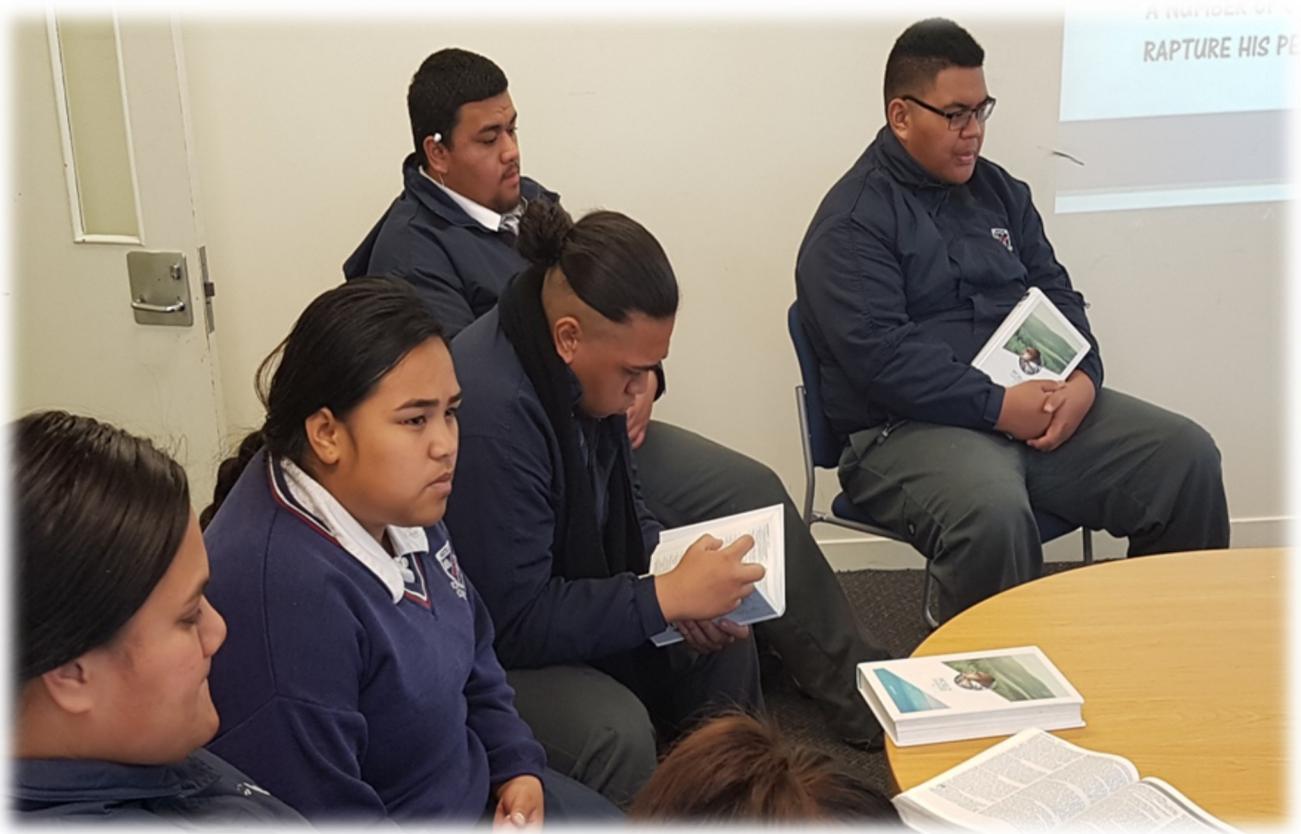
# BIBLE STUDIES

We have had expressed interest in our Bible Studies in the past few weeks. We have moved from “Build ups” which was a Bible Study Discipleship initiative in the early mornings before school, to STEVE CASES “It’s your Choice” booklet.

This study happens during the STARS period every Thursday. We have currently 15 students coming in on these sessions.

The lessons are based on 10 Key fundamental key aspects of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, with a teenage spin on it.

The students are thoroughly enjoying the study. It is very encouraging to see the interest in Bible Study. It is also great to hear deep discussions/questions amongst the students. Our prayer is that the decision to make Jesus their Personal Saviour is a reality to them and for them to realise that it is within their reach!



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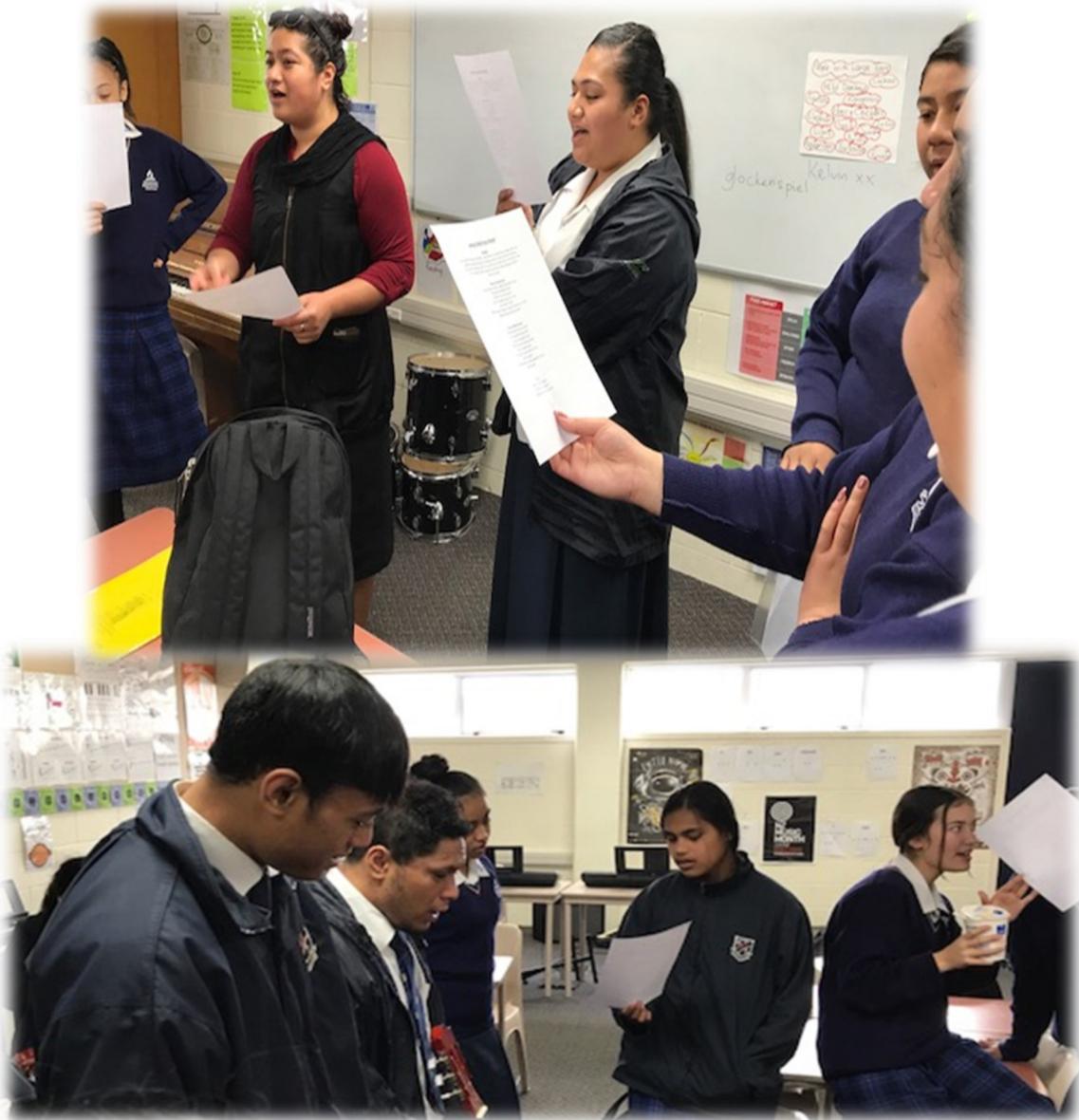
Pr Keli engaging in Bible study with students.

## CHAPLAIN

# SCHOOL CHOIR

The School Choir has made great progress over the term. With the introduction of Miss Kathryn Helu leading the music in the choir and adding her musical expertise has added much value to the potential of the 30 plus gifted students involved.

They have had a recent performance in East Tamaki SDA Samoan Church and are planning to perform at Mizpah Community Church in the coming weeks. The School Choir have also performed in our School Pastoral Concert, featured in the iCAN 58 event in Clendon and have made an appearance a couple of times during our Chapel Services. They have made some plans to perhaps travel later this year.



## CHAPLAIN



## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Term 3 started and we are already in week 2. The Y12 Biology class went the Auckland Zoo where they have studied Adaptations of Nutrition and Movement in 1 herbivore (plant eating mammal) and a carnivore (meat eating mammal). They are now writing a scientific report based on their findings which is due Next Wednesday.

Different teeth for different food types



The Birds and the Bees and the flowers and the Trees!

Please make sure that your children pull out their Science Workbook and work from it for 20 minutes every day. This will help them to prepare for the upcoming final exams in November.

They can fill in the answers or revise the work they have done in class for that day.

## WASTE WISE

Please remind your children to show respect for the environment that God created for us and gave us dominion over. We have to display sustainable habits so our environment can remain clean and green. REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE! In that order



**Different bins:** Blue for clean paper and cardboard, Red for Rubbish and Yellow for recycling!



This is in the classroom for clean paper and cardboard! God bless and we make sure we respect the earth God has created for us by getting rid of our rubbish responsibly!

## CAREERS DEPARTMENT

### DRIVER LICENCE UPDATE:

Last term seven students sat their learner Licence – five of them were successful. We are planning to offer one more session at the end of the year for 11 students (late November) but dates are yet to be confirmed. The cost is \$93.90 – the cost of the licence.

It's important that parents remember that if their child is interested in the Trades they will need at least a Restricted Licence before they can apply for an apprenticeship. A lot of jobs also require a Driver's Licence.

Just a reminder about **Behind the Wheel**, a local community group offering help with driver licencing. If for some reason your child is unable to attend our Learner Classes, **Behind the Wheel** are offering free classes in Mangere too. They also provide help with

Restricted and Full Licences. Take a look at their website - <http://www.behindthewheel.nz/> - to see what courses are available and make the pledge to help your child achieve a full licence.



### STAR AND GATEWAY UPDATE:

Many students took part in programmes over the last school holidays and earned credits for NCEA. These holidays we will be offering the Red Shirts programme at the Warehouse and Level 2 and 3 sports programmes at the New Zealand Institute of Sport. If your child is chosen for one of these programmes parents will be expected to attend a meeting to discuss obligations.

### APPLICATION FOR UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Year 13's should be really busy at the moment with applications for scholarships and university – many scholarship applications will have closed but there are some that are still open.

### ASDAH CAREERS EXPO:

Many students were disappointed that our Careers Expo did not go ahead last week (we had a power outage) but we are pleased to announce that we will be holding another Expo on October 26th (the second week of Term 4) from 6.00 – 8.00 pm. So please put this date in your diaries. We will confirm who is attending at a later date. We will be catering for all students, those who are considering university and those who are planning to work when they leave school. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

## CAREERS DEPARTMENT

### THE 2017 ANNUAL NZMA VOCATIONAL CAREERS EXPO:

In September we will be taking a small number of Year 11 & 12 students to The 2017 Annual NZMA Vocational Careers Expo which will be held at the Vodafone Event Centre in Manukau, Auckland on Wednesday 13 September 2017 from 9am to 12noon. The first students to hand permission slips in will be going.

Students will have the opportunity to meet with Student Advisors to discuss possible career options and tertiary study pathways and then to meet key employer partners to discuss their needs and preferences in the future of their industries.

#### The Expo will host employers in the following industries:

- ◆ Hospitality and Tourism
- ◆ Culinary Arts
- ◆ Business
- ◆ Contact Centre
- ◆ Retail
- ◆ Early Childhood Education
- ◆ Health
- ◆ Construction
- ◆ Electrical Engineering
- ◆ Allied Trades
- ◆ Plumbing and Gas Fitting

If you wish your child to go, please get the permission slip back as soon as possible.



CAREER  
EXPO

## MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

This term we welcome Mrs Andrew who has taken over from Mrs Ram and will teach 9MC for the remainder of the year. Mrs Ram was relieving for Mrs Baatjies while she is away on sabbatical.

**Junior Exams** were held week 7 last term with the following results.

At Year 10 outstanding students John Marea, Braxton Sampson, Roki Pulini and Jessica Ryan all achieved consistently at L6. And in Year 9 Jedidiah Vinzon, Hanevah Lole, Falasaina Vaili and Sydney Bates achieved consistently at L5.

In July, 26 of our best year 9 and 10 math students took part in the Australian Mathematics Competition, the scripts are in Australia being marked and results should be out at the end of this term.

This term both Year 9 and 10 are working through Algebra and Graphing. These topics are very important if students are to progress successfully into senior maths. All junior students have a work book and are expected to do regular homework.

**Senior School** students have exams week 7 this term.

Students in the 3MAT1, 2MAT1 and 1MAT2 classes will all sit an exam similar to the external they are sitting in November.

**It is imperative that students prepare well for this exam by spending time at home completing work and revising.**

### **OUTSTANDING FEES:**

There are still a few students **who have not payed** maths fees.

Senior students pay \$30 for all workbooks

Junior students pay \$25 for the single comprehensive workbook at year 9 and 10

Albert Poleki  
HOD Mathematics

## MAORI DEPARTMENT



# Hikoī from Auckland to Paihia Mauri ora

11<sup>th</sup> August the Year 10 Te Reo class went on an excursion to the Treaty of Waitangi Grounds – Paihia – Bay of Islands – Northland.

8:45am we hit the road through the tunnels and out the back through west Auckland was the best selected route. Nek minute we were in Wellsford... Wharepaku and refreshers stop....wahoo....



....nek minute Whangarei and Kawakawa pit stop....



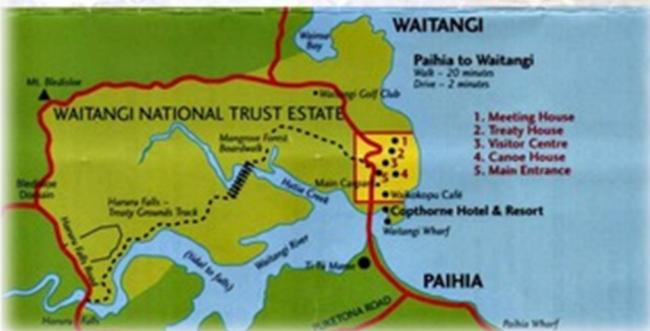
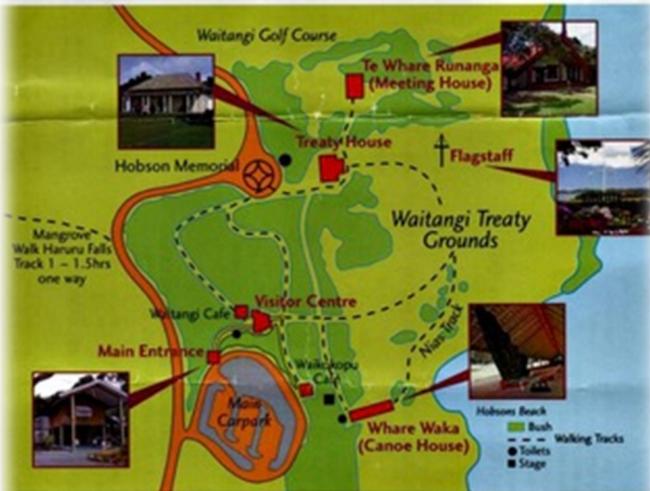
# MAORI DEPARTMENT

How do you know you are in the far north? **the Hundertwasser Public Toilets in Kawakawa...living art at it's finest.**



**waitangi**  
TREATY GROUNDS  
*Our birthplace Te pitowhenua*

## Location & Information Maps



Here is the best picture of our walkabout at the Waitangi grounds...

All jam packed into 1 hour and then a quick thank you and farewell...

REVERSE AND HOMEBOUND....

**Parents and guardians**

Thank you so much and we also apologise for getting home late... once we hit the tunnels out in Orewa it was tail to tail...TRAFFIC.... I am just so blessed to have Mr Koopman with us who took us around the Westside of living and we were just cruising all the way to the south... thank you tunnels.

A blessing to get home safe and sound... A blessing to have glorious weather.... A blessing to see some of the finest scenery in the world... A Blessing all day...

Kia ora e kia manuia  
Miss Tuoro and Mr Koopman

## ART DEPARTMENT

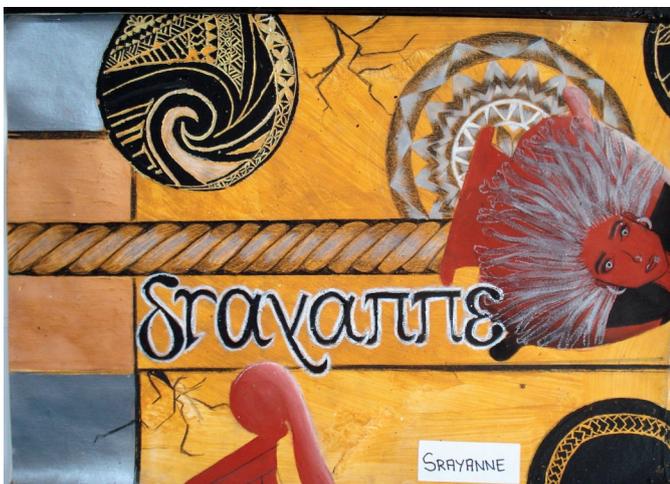


### YEAR 10 MOSAICS BASED ON GREEK ART

For a 4 credit project year visual art 10 students needed to produce a work showing an understanding of Greek art in a variety of techniques around the theme of growth.

Students worked collaboratively so that eight students each contributed a single piece growing into a large mosaic work. Students had to co-ordinate the works so that they matched, taking the neighbouring works into consideration.

The techniques involve planning, typography, pattern, paint layering and scratch back on the plates which had to reveal a growth motif based around the infurling koru.



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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### MUMPS ALERT

Currently Auckland is experiencing an epidemic of mumps. This places our school at risk for a Mumps outbreak.

Please take note of the following points:

- ◆ Mumps is spread by coughing, sneezing or through direct contact with infected saliva
- ◆ Mumps is a serious infectious viral disease. Symptoms include sore and swollen areas under the jaw, fevers, muscle soreness, poor appetite, tiredness and headache
- ◆ If you experience any of these symptoms stay away from school and call your family doctor or health line on 0800 611 116
- ◆ The best prevention against mumps is immunization with two doses of the measles-mumps rubella vaccine (MMR). Vaccination is free
- ◆ To check whether your child/ren are fully immunized please check with your family doctor



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S

The Principals AWARD for PB4L for the Best students in Commitment, Excellence and Respect goes to Jedidiah Vinzon and Braxton Sampson. These students have received 20 green cards and therefore have been awarded with the Principals AWARD. We congratulate them for their Excellent Achievement in Demonstrating the School Values.

Great Work.



Braxton Sampson



Jedidiah Vinzon

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S****YEAR 11 - 13 NZQA FEES REMINDER****Completed Financial Assistance****Application Form Due: NOW****Payment Due: Thursday 31 August****NZQA Fees: \$76.70****NZQA Fees with Financial Assistance: \$20.00****Make sure your child can received their 2017 NCEA results  
January 2018.**

Any queries please contact the office on 275 9640.

## TERM THREE CALENDAR

| Week Dates  | Monday  | Tuesday                            | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
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| <b>5</b><br><b>21-25</b><br><b>Aug</b>                |   |                                    | Chapel<br><br>OPEN DAY: Y 7/8<br>Feeder schools<br>10am-1:30pm   | STARS/Skills<br><br>Jnr Social – Std Cncl<br>– Pastoral Team 6:00<br>– 9:00pm                                  | Daffodil Day<br><br>Newsletter<br><br>L1 History<br>Excursion (FD) |
| <b>6</b><br><b>28</b><br><b>Aug-</b><br><b>1 Sept</b> | Assembly<br><br>Student Cncl Mtng<br>Rm 18 JF   | PLG – Late start                   | Visit The Old<br>.Peoples Home   | STARS/Skills<br><br>Visit The Old Peoples<br>Home  | Y 11 Market<br>Day Business<br>Studies                             |
| <b>7</b><br><b>4-8</b><br><b>Sept</b>                 | Prefect Mtng<br>@lunch<br><br>Y9 Options Group 3<br>begins<br><br>Due Dates: Financial<br>NZQA Assistance<br>Forms<br><br>Student Cncl Mtng<br>Rm 18 JF | Y11-13 Derived<br>Grades Exam      | Y11-13 Derived<br>Grades Exam  | Y11-13 Derived<br>Grades Exam  | Y11-13 Derived<br>Grades Exam                                      |
| <b>8</b><br><b>11-15</b><br><b>Sept</b>               | Green Week<br><br>Assembly- Tongan<br>Week  | Green Week<br><br>PLG – Late start | Green Week<br><br>Chapel<br>Fathers Day<br>Programme<br><br>Parent Open Day-<br>Walk Around.<br><br>Careers Expo Trades.<br>RD | Green Week<br><br>STARS/Skills<br>Pastoral Cultural<br>Engagement  | Green Week   |
| <b>9</b><br><b>18-22</b><br><b>Sept</b>               | Assembly<br><br>ERO VISIT<br><br>Prefect Mtng<br>@lunch   | PLG – Late start<br><br>ERO VISIT  | Chapel<br><br>ERO VISIT  | STARS/Skills<br><br>ERO VISIT<br><br>Senior Social Games<br>Fundraising<br><br>MCAT External<br>Maths Exam. P2 | ERO VISIT<br><br>Loves me not<br>training.<br>Y12&13               |
| <b>10</b><br><b>25-29</b><br><b>Sept</b>              | Assembly – Tuvalu<br>Week<br><br>Student Cncl Mtng<br>Rm 18 JF  | PLG – Late start                   | Chapel<br><br>Parent/Teacher<br>interviews   | STARS/Skills<br><br>LOVES ME NOT<br>PROGRAM Y12&13   | Last Day Term 3<br><br>Newsletter                                  |

**TERM THREE HOLIDAYS**  
**30 September to 15 October**