

Psalm 37:23-24

“The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.”

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Commitment and Excellence

Greetings and Aroha to our Parents and Families at ASDAH

E hara taki toa

I te toa take tahi

Engari, he toa takitini

Success is not the work of one but the work of many

A warm welcome to the 2021 school year. We have had a very interesting start already with the stops and starts, yet we still have a lot to celebrate at the start of this year. Firstly, it is really good to see the school full. At the moment, we have 308 students on the roll. There are some year levels where we have reached capacity at 75 students. Thank you parents for the trust you have placed in us to educate your children. We continue to believe that all success is not the work of one, but the work of many. In our partnership we hope that every child will have the opportunity to meet Christ, understand the value of having a good quality education and work hard to complete their year successfully.

Our special character focus is Wisdom in Decision making. We will be unpacking this during the year in worships and also in classes. Being able to learn and practice good judgment is so valuable especially in a world where there is so much information that constantly comes at us. We look forward to the journey that this will take us on this year.

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New Staff

This year the school is very happy to welcome Mrs Janine Smith who joins us from Southern Cross. Mrs Smith is an experienced teacher and is teaching Home Economics and junior English.

We also welcome Miss Siulolo Kaho. Miss Kaho is new to teaching this year and is part of the Teach First NZ programme. She is teaching English to years 9, 10 and 11.

We are excited to have these new teachers as part of our ASDAH family.

2020 NCEA Results

Below are the participation results* for NCEA in 2020:

Year 11 – 77.7%

Year 12 – 86%

Year 13 – 86%

Literacy – 96%

Numeracy – 74%

*Statistics based on our participation (students who started and finished the school year with us).

We would like to thank all the students who have worked hard and all the families that have supported them

Prefect Team

This year we have a fine group of young people who are our student leaders. Head Boy Jedidiah Vinzon, Head Girl Falasaina Vaili and Deputies Lupe Hala and Ravin AhHim ably lead them.

The rest of the team are:

Girls:

1. Uheina Tafolo
2. Tagi Rasmuesen
3. Sydney Bates
4. Seini Veisisio
5. Leitosia Aonga
6. Sandy Panama

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Boys:

1. Xavier George
2. Joshua Bates
3. Antonio Makasini
4. Junior Teupa
5. Siua Latu
6. Phillip Scott

We look forward to working with these young leaders this year.

We will continue to put out information on the website and school Face Book page if and when we are required to move Alert Levels. We will also be sending out texts and emails to you to keep you informed. Please make sure the school has your most up to date contact information so that you do not miss out.

Some reminders around Lockdown Levels:

At Level 1:

Classes operating as normal, all the following school and extra-curricular activities operating as per normal:

- Chapels
- Assemblies
- Sports training
- Sport competitions
- Band practice
- Band performances
- All planned excursions
- All after school homework activities
- All planned parent/teacher meetings
- Church visits

At Level 2:

Only classes will be operating as normal. All other extra activities including Assemblies, Chapels and afternoon homework centre will not run.
Staggered dismissal in the afternoons.

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At Level 3:

School open for children of essential workers only. Years 9 and 10 only
Learning to move online and hard copies of work to be given to students.
Skeleton staff operating in school

At Level 4:

School closed
All learning moved online with hard copies of work distributed.

Payment of Attendance Dues

I would like to remind you that it is important that we keep up with the payment of our 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.

Once again, thank you for choosing ASDAH as the place to educate your child.

Thanks be to God

Principal,

Gloria Teulilo



PASTORAL

PRAYER WALK

Our first chapel for the year was planned intentionally to set a strong spiritual tone and focus for the year. We organised a 'Prayer Walk', where students were divided into their homerooms, and assigned areas around the school to walk to, and to pray specifically over what activity happens in that space.

The prayer walk included prayers and related activities to make it a practical, fun, and learning experience.

GOING LIVE WITH THE HEAD PREFECTS

One of our exciting chapels this term was getting our head prefects up front and just talking candidly with them about who they are, their funny experiences at ASDAH, what their ambitions are in life, and other various topics. It was a great opportunity to empower our student leaders and for the whole school to see and hear from them.

Jedidiah Vinzon (Head Boy), Falasaina Vaili (Head Girl), Rayvin Ah Him (Deputy Head Boy), Lupe Hala (Deputy Head Girl)



SPECIAL CHAPEL VIDEO CLIPS – Getting to know your teacher.

At every Chapel we want to show a 4min clip of a teacher that will help students know who their teachers are – what hobbies they like, where they have taught before, their background, family etc. This helps the students appreciate their teachers and take away lessons that they can learn from their shared story.

We have shared a few already, and we want to thank our teachers for your time, and support in helping us to create these awesome videos.

SPECIAL CHARACTER

This year the Special Character for ASDAH is 'Wisdom in Decision Making'. In alignment with the special character the Chaplains have selected the following themes for Chapel this year.

Term 1: Wisdom in Decision making

Term 2: Making wise decisions in FAITH (James 1:5-7)

Term 3: Making wise decisions in CONSULTATION (Prov 15:22, Prov 11:14)

Term 4: Making wise decisions with CLARITY OF MIND (Prov 19:2, Prov 21:5)

Meet our Chaplains**Pr Keli Pepa****Esera Timu****Pr Chris Sululoto**

HEALTH CENTRE

WOW, what a start to the school year.

For the new families to ASDAH, let me introduce myself.

My name is Joanne Longstaff and I have been a part of the ASDAH family for nearly two wonderful years, running the Health Centre as a registered nurse. The Health Centre is open to students from 9am to 3pm with a wide range of services. We have a visiting Doctor who comes every Friday morning.

An asthma nurse visits every term and is available to see all asthmatic students in the school.

My contact phone number is 275 9640 ext 703 or email nurse@asdah.school.nz if you have any queries or would like me to see or book your child into our services.

I am also involved in the breakfast club. With the help of the prefects, we offer toast and hot milo to students from 8am to the start of the school day. The MOE has started lunches in schools this year and we have been blessed to be involved. The students are offered a delicious lunch every day.



I am available to answer any questions or concerns you may have at this time. My email is nurse@asdah.school.nz.

Kind regards and keep safe

Joanne Longstaff

Registered Nurse

YEAR 9 POWHIRI

We welcomed all our Year 9 students and their parents on the 2nd of February 2021. Pr Peehikuru joined in the ASDAH Powhiri to welcome our students to our school. We have 75 year 9 students at ASDAH this year and our three classes are full. We are having a wonderful time sharing our experiences together with our homeroom teachers, Mr Poleki, Mrs Dausabea, and Miss Brown.



PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

We want to say thank you to all our Year 9 parents and caregivers for attending our Year 9 Information Evening. It was great to see so many parents interested in the journey of their children at High School. This is an important investment so we are aware of the expectations for the future education of our students.



We had a well-attended NCEA evening for our Year 10 – 13 Parent and Teacher meeting. We really appreciate the time parents and caregivers gave in support of student learning. We were able to provide translation of the NCEA information in the different languages. Please continue to come along to these meetings because we need to work in partnership with all our families.



STARS

At the beginning of the year during the school holidays, we held our STARS training day for our mentors of 2021. This was 2 days of hard work, dedication, and lots of fun for our new mentors to learn the values, skills, and leadership needed for being a role model to our new Year 9 students. With the many lockdowns we have already had this year, STARS camp has not been able to go ahead as of year, but the STARS program has still been running and students have had a chance to connect with other students outside their homeroom classes as well as their mentors.

We thank God that we are able to still have camp and are excited to announce the new dates of STARS camp is **Term 2 Week 1 Wednesday 5th May – Friday 7th May.**

New information letters will be provided to Year 9 students later this term.



Our STARS Mentors for this year are

Toakase Fevaleaki, Lupe Hala, Leotisia Aonga, Lusa Poutongo, Siua Taufa, Josh Nateba, Antonio Makasini, Junior Teaupa, Sydney Bates, Townsend Sa Umaga, Simote Savieti, Rayvin Ah Him, Mounu Lua, Falasaina Vaili, Lina Tauaika, Bryanna Hale, Saimone Teulilo, Jedidiah Vinzon, and Joshua Bates

ASDAH 2021



An introduction to our new staff .

Mrs Janine Smith

I taught in South Africa for many years but started my new journey in this beautiful country in 2008. I taught at James Cook High School for nine years, after which I moved to Southern Cross Campus for three years. I am married and have two sons. I love discovering new places.



Miss Kaho is a proud Tongan teacher from the villages Nukunuku and Kolofo'ou, who is part of the Teach First NZ programme. Before Miss Kaho pursued teaching, she was studying while working in insurance. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Creative Writing and English & New Media Studies. Miss Kaho served on a mission trip to Russia and has been fortunate enough to travel to Singapore, Fiji, Tonga, and Australia. She hopes to travel to all the Pacific Island countries someday. Miss Kaho values time with her family and close friends the most and enjoys music, film, and supporting local business and talents.

SONG WRITING COMPETITION

WRITE A SONG TO LIGHT THE WAY TO JESUS!

Searchlight 2021

NZ SDA SCHOOLS SONG WRITING COMPETITION

18.06.21 is the last day to submit your entry details & video

*INTERMEDIATE: YEAR 7-8 *SECONDARY: YEAR 9-13

AUDIENCE OF ONE

speak to your teacher in charge of music for details

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: info@aol.org [facebook](#) [YouTube](#)

Please email your entry form to audienceof1nz@gmail.com by the 18th of May. You can enter one or both categories (but can't use the same song for both) Limit of 4 minutes per song. Remember the 18th of June is the last day to submit your lyrics and recording.

SPORTS DAY

Sports day 2021 was a huge success, some exciting young talent competing in their respective fields. Some of the banners this year were amazing, and the students were engaged and determined to represent their houses with passion and excitement. However there could be but one winning team, for ASDAH's Sports Day 2021 and with only 23 points separating the top 2 it was a tight finish. Winners were the team in the red, HASKELL 2021 SPORCHAMPIONS!



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SPORT

Manukau Auckland Volleyball Association (MAVA) held a free 3 hour referee course at Māngere College for anyone that was interested in qualifying as a Local Volleyball Referee. Some South Auckland schools attended to qualify as a local referee but to also referee for the Auckland Volleyball Championship.

6 students and 1 teacher from ASDAH attended the course led by Nathan Samu (National Referee) and Nancy Palelei (Oceania Referee). All those who attended passed and are all now qualified local volleyball referees.

The newly qualified local referees from ASDAH are:

Jayden Afoa (Year 11)

Ebony Ah Him (Year 11)

Darius Teao (Year 11)

Kauvaha Tupou (Year 12)

Daniella Vaili (Year 11)

Falasaina Vaili (Year 13)

Mr C Malatiai



VOLLEYBALL GIRLS

We were privileged to have our ASDAH Volley Ball Teams represent us in the Auckland Championships this year.

Players in our Girls Team under the guidance of Mrs Joanne Marsters are

Arietta Marsters

Slli Futialo

Tagi Rasmussen

Breyani Marsters

Sydney Bates

Ebony Ah Him

Daniella Vaili

Falasaina Vaili

Leimoana Sami



VOLLEYBALL BOYS

Our ASDAH Volleyball Boys Team under the guidance of Mr Christian Malaitai represented our school at the Auckland Volleyball Championships that were held between the 17th to 19th of March.

Talite Kafoika

Rayvin Ah Him

Cohan Nasmith

AJ Setefano

Dahnell Setefano

Darius Teao

Sioeli Faanunu

Kauvaha Tupou

Jayden Afoa



CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Driver Licence Programmes

www.drive.govt.nz is an excellent website for students who want Learners, Restricted or Full Licences. It is recommended that all students wanting a licence spend time working through the programmes. It is also an excellent resource for parents teaching children to drive.

Chamber Drive Programme:

We were fortunate to join the Chamber Drive programme this month. Ten students attended the fully funded Three Day Learner Licence Programme last week. Nine of these ten students were able to sit the test and all passed. Five students at present are involved in the Restricted Licence Programme and will sit their practical test in the next few weeks.

ADRA Scholarship Driving Programme:

We are still waiting to hear if this will go ahead in 2021.

Important!

We are extremely lucky to be involved in fully funded programmes. Can I please remind parents that it is important that when your child applies for this programme that they have the correct ID (this is clearly laid out in the Permission Letter). There is always a long waiting list and it is disappointing if we lose a place because a student cannot get the correct ID

ASDAH Learner Licence Programme:

ASDAH will run a Learner Licence programme later in the term and Term 2.

Auckland Transport Learner/Driver Licence Workshops

Auckland Transport also run free programmes. Check out their programmes at:



<https://at.govt.nz/driving-parking/road-safety/young-drivers/learners-driver-licence-workshops/>



<https://at.govt.nz/driving-parking/road-safety/young-drivers/restricted-driver-licence-workshops/>



<https://at.govt.nz/driving-parking/road-safety/young-drivers/full-driver-licence-workshops/>

Gateway and Other Courses:

ASDAH has funding for various programmes.

Gateway: Currently we have nine students involved in the Level 2 MITO Ignite Startup Programme (Automotive Engineering) and a number of students are involved in IT and Retail programmes.

A Gateway Programme involves 20 NCEA credits and 10 days' work experience. This is usually organised for the school holidays. There are a limited number of spaces available for Years 11 – 13. Students need to register an interest with Ms Duckett if they have not already done so.

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Star Funding: Eight students so far have been enrolled for April Holiday programmes in Barbering and ATC Training. Again, students need to register an interest with Ms Duckett if they have not already done so.

Keeping up with Career Updates:

It is important that students are regularly checking Teams on Microsoft Office. Each year level has a Careers Team where they are regularly updated about Career Events. Apart from seeing students face to face this is a main point of contact. Information on all kinds of opportunities is regularly sent out.



Student Job Directory

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website has published a comprehensive directory of student jobs. With 50+ well-known employers listed and links to their student job application details, there is something for everyone. Getting a part-time job is a lot easier with this guide, exclusive to MoneyHub

To access the guide, visit: <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/student-jobs.html>

CV Writing

MoneyHub also produces an excellent guide to CV writing and letter writing for job applications.

<https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/cv-template-students.html>

The Student Volunteer Army:

To date we have:

Members	13
Bronze	11
Silver	4
Gold	2

CAREES DEPARTMENT

The following students have received new awards and will be receiving their pins in assembly soon.

		Member	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Jedidiah Vinzon	13	04/09/20	04/09/20	04/09/20	09/02/21
Elison Reguerra	9	09/02/21	09/02/21	10/02/21	11/03/21
Janveer Kaur	11	03/03/21	03/03/21		
Ofa Vea	12	03/03/21	04/03/21		
Malia Terepo	12	09/03/21	09/03/21		
Ruby Keil	9	10/03/21	10/03/21		

The SVA Service Award is available, free of charge, to any student at a participating NZ Secondary School. Students can take part in groups or as individuals and are awarded a pin for initial volunteering hours before logging additional efforts online.

School, community and in-home volunteering hours all qualify and are combined into a single record of service. This can be downloaded for CVs, job, scholarship and university applications.

Simply register at <https://service.sva.org.nz/> and start logging in your hours. When you have logged in your first 5 hours you will receive a Members Pin.



Member Pin: 5 hours



Bronze Pin: 32 hours



Silver Pin: 250 hours

Gold Pin: 500 hours



DRIVING LESSONS**DRIVING LESSONS
AVAILABLE****FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE A
LEARNERS LICENCE****Cost: \$60 (one hour driving lesson)****Instructor is able to pick up from school
or home,****Depending on if you live locally.****If you want more information please
contact****Mrs Marsters at the school office**

TERM ONE CALENDAR

7 15-19 Mar 5 days	NCEA Celebration Assembly Prefect Mtng@lunch SCHOOL PHOTOS MLG 3:30pm	NO LATE START Monday Bell Times AUT Careers 1:45pm Encounter Series Conference SS	Chapel <u>Volley Ball</u> <u>Tournament Auck-</u> <u>land Championship</u> GEO Year 11 Data Collection CB	<u>Volley Ball</u> <u>Tournament Auck-</u> <u>land Championship</u> Year 9-13 Academic Counselling 3.30-7pm	PLG – Late Start Volley Ball Tournament Auckland Championship	
8 22-26 Mar 5 days	TOOTH Dental Visits Assembly Stud Coun Mtng Y11 Co- construction Grp 3.30 Community Meet- ing South Auckland Police JF	TOOTH Dental Visits PLG – Late start OTAGO Uni Careers 1:45pm Feeder School Promo GEO Year 12 Data Collection CB	TOOTH Dental Vis- its Chapel Feeder School Pro- mo SPORTS DAY	TOOTH Dental Visits Feeder School Promo	TOOTH Dental Visits Leadership Weekend. GEO Year 13 Data Collection CB	Promotion Visit to GI church Brass Band, Leader- ship Weekend.
9 29 Mar- 2 Apr 4 days	Assembly Split assembly Prefect Mtng@lunch World Vision - Pre- fects	PLG Travellers Programme TBC	Chapel Travellers Programme TBC	STARS/Academic Counselling Newsletter Rocky shore Y 12 Biology Trip Beatz of Mangere – ASDAH Band – Mangere Central	Good Friday	
10 5-9 Apr 3 days	Easter Monday	Easter Tuesday	Chapel Pastoral Care Mtng JF New Teacher SDA Orientation	STARS/Academic Counselling. Science Trip Y10 Ambury Farm AB	Science Trip Y13 Ambury Farm AB	
11 12-16 Apr 5 days	Health & Safety Principal & Pastoral Assembly Prefect Mtng@lunch Auditors MLG 3.30	Auditors	Intermediate First Aid Chapel	Intermediate First Aid	Last Day Term 1	
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TERM 2 CALENDAR

Term 2 2021

49 days – 98 half days – 10 weeks

Week Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1 3-7 May 5	: Term 2 Begins Assembly Term Awards Prefect Mtng@lunch	Late Start – PLD Jan Hill PLD 8.30am	STARS CAMP Chapel Auditors on site	STARS CAMP /Academic Coun- selling Y11 Science STARDOME Homework Centre 5pm JF/FM/LH	STARSCAMP ML: Term 1 Goals and Targets Due Y11 GEO Trip Muriwai CB	
2 10-14 May 5 days	SWOP Wellness Week TOOTH Dental Vis- its Student Council Mtng.JF Learner Licence 3:15 – 4:15pm	SWOP Wellness Week TOOTH Dental Visits PLG – Late start	SWOP Wellness Week TOOTH Dental Vis- its Chapel Health & Safety JF	SWOP Wellness Week TOOTH Dental Visits STARS/Skills Homework Centre 5pm JF/FM/LH	SWOP Wellness Week TOOTH Dental Visits	
3 17-21 May 5 days	Green Week Assembly –	Green Week PLG – Late start	Green Week Chapel	Green Week STARS/Skills CAREERS EXPO/SENIORS Homework Centre 6pm	Green Week	
4 24-28 May 5 days	Assembly 9 Option Grp2 begins Prefect Mtng@lunch Assembly Student Cncl Mtng Rm 18 JF	NO Late start	Chapel SDA Feeder Schools Open Day South Auckland/ Balmoral./West Auckland. Open day 10am – 1:30pm	STARS/Skills Homework Centre 6pm	Girls Weekend Camp	Girls Weekend Camp
5 31 May 4 June 5 days	Samoan Language week (TBC). As- sembly Prefect Mtng@lunch	PLG – Late start	Chapel – Health & Safety JF NON SDA Feeder OPEN DAY schools TBC	STARS/Skills Homework Centre 6pm JF/FM/LH	Science Dept YEAR 12 Zoo trip AB	

2021 TERM DATES

TERM ONE HOLIDAYS

APRIL 19 TO MAY 2nd

Term Two will commence on Monday, the 3rd of May.

TERM TWO HOLIDAYS

JULY 12 to JULY 25

Term Three will commence on Monday, the 26th of July.

TERM THREE HOLIDAYS

OCTOBER 4 to OCTOBER 14.

Term Four will commence on Monday the 18th of October.

PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

If you have any second hand pieces of school uniform that are not being used, and you would like to donate to the school to give away, please drop them into the front office.

But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength,
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31

