

# **ASDAH NEWSLETTER**

### CONNECTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Term 2 Issue 3

4 June 2019

#### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding ." Proverbs 3 : 5

### **PRINCIPAL'S 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

Greetings to our ASDAH community. Term 2 has started as a busy term. Year 13 together with the Chaplain and Bible teachers presented 'The Last Call' as a theme for their Student Week of Prayer.

We had a wonderful week of worship with Pr Matt Moore and many students responded to the call to give their lives to Jesus and start a personal relationship with him. We see this as core to the learning we have at ASDAH and to see young people serving and giving their hearts to Christ is very fulfilling.

#### THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ASDAH has been blessed with the board members that have steered and led this school over the last 3 years. We are coming up to election time and before we go into elections, I would like to thank our board members that have served our school well.

They are Mr Stephen Davies – Chairman, Mr Paul Honnor – Deputy Chairman, Miss Viola Edwards, Mrs Losana Maka – Staff Representative, Mr Mathew Butler, Mr Mark Ryan and Pr Ben Timothy and Pr Hugh Heenan – Proprietor's Appointees.

enquiries@asdah.school.nz www.asdah.school.nz In the last 3 years they have accomplished much for our school. This includes:

- Managing school finances well so that we could invest in student learning. They have resourced the IT of the school and chosen to buy the sets of laptops so that parents would not have to bear that cost.
- They have also provided the \$400 scholarships to all our year 9 students to help parent with the required attendance dues.
- With their leadership and financial help, the year 9 roll is full at 70 students.
- Acknowledged in our very positive ERO report as a board that is making the difference in the planned outcomes for the school.
- Overall achievement and especially boys achievement is continuing to rise because of the resourcing and backing that the board has given the school.

On behalf of the school community, we would like to say thank you for believing in our school. Thank you for making the decisions and providing the resources for us to address the inequity issues we deal with. We would also like to say thank you to current board members who are willing to stand for election again. Thank you for believing in our school.

#### THANK YOU TO IDA MILLIST

On Tuesday 21st of May, we held a farewell assembly for Miss Ida Millist who has worked at ASDAH over the last 14 years. It was an opportunity for the whole school to come together and say thank you. Ida has been a very faithful member of staff and we will truly miss her. We wish her all of God's blessings as she begins a new chapter in her life.

#### 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



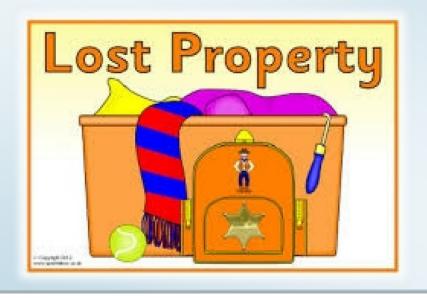
Gloria Teulilo - Principal

### **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

At the beginning of Term 2 we appointed Mrs Manormani Ramkolowan as a literacy specialist. She will be working with Year 9 and 10 students to accelerate their learning so that they will be able to work at curriculum level 4. She is currently working with 44 students.



**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:** We have some lost property here at school that has not been claimed by students. If you would to come and have a look you have time to claim the lost items by the 7th of JUNE otherwise I will sell the items of clothing to other students. Some shoes, jumpers, jackets, and lots of jackets/Hoodies of all colours students have left around the school and they have ended up in Lost Property. Thanks Mrs Fuamatu Deputy Pastoral.



### **CHAPLAIN**

#### SWOP 2019 - "THE LAST CALL"



This year's theme for Student Week of Prayer was "The Last Call". The theme was based around discerning the Shepherd's Call around the soon return of Jesus.

The Year 13's did an amazing job to produce such a Creative, High Spirited, and highly organized week. Such powerful messages along with such powerful testimonies!

The design team produced a train station tunnel from the entrance of the gym. The "train setting" mural across the stage was also such a clever concept! Our Praise and Worship team was vibrant, full of enthusiasm and Spirit filled, with a great team of super talented students leading out in the theme song "Psalm 23, I am not Alone."

Pr Matt Moore- Youth/Chaplaincy Pastor for the North NZ Conference was the inspiring speaker for the week. He drew out stories from Scripture portraying Jesus as the good shepherd and also shared personal testimonies that captivated the listeners, speaking powerfully into the lives our students.

We ended off such a brilliant week with a connection time and sausage sizzle allowing the students to mix and mingle and have a time for reflection and fellowship.

### **CHAPLAIN**



We are so grateful for the awesome team of Mr Fine Teulilo, Eugene Teulilo, Mrs Cokansiga, Mrs Sululoto, Pr Chris, Pr Keli and our students from different year groups chosen across the board to help with the programme. But a special acknowledgement to our Year 13 group. They did awesome and showed great signs of leadership. We are so proud of them.

As a result, we were very pleased from the response. 18 in total requesting for Bible Study and 3

requesting for Baptism. Please keep them in prayer!

On behalf of the SWOP team 2019, we want to thank everyone for the love, prayers and never -ending support in what was such a pivotal and spirit filled week for our school.



### GEOGRAPHY

On May 5th, 2019 the 11 Geography class visited Muriwai Beach to study the impact that 4WD vehicles, quad bikes, and dirt bikes have on the beach and dune environments.

The excursion was important for their understanding of the issue of vehicle use on this popular beach. They observed the dune formation process in action and noted the fragile vegetation on the dunes.

Out of the classroom education is an important contribution to learning. The exceptional weather helped to make this excursion a great success.





### HISTORY

The Level 1 History class recently completed their key presentations on human rights abuses covering themes like slavery, racism and violence against women.

The students chose their own topics and worked in pairs to research and share their presentations to the class. It was a positive experience to see our students develop their confidence in sharing their ideas with their peers.



Annie and Faith



Arietta, Uheina and Matelina

### HISTORY

In Level 2 History the students are working on researching 'The Dome' – Nuclear Testing in the Marshall Islands in 1946. They are analysing the impact it has on the Marshallese past and present and the broader Pacific region. Comparisons are then made with current nuclear threats in today's political climate.





#### **ASDAH to BAY of ISLANDS**



Last week Wednesday ASDAH Year 13 History and Level 1 Te Reo Classes went on a 3 day excursion to the Far North (Bay of Islands). We visited Ruapekapeka Pah, Kororareka (Russel), Pompallier House, Christchurch Church (oldest church in NZ), Maike Hill (Hone Heke cut down the flag staff), wondered



around Kororareka itself (first capital of NZ), Kerikeri Stone house, Kemp House, Hone Hika's Pa, and finally the Treaty house.

We were blessed to be the first to try out the indigenous games like Poi Toa, then Measuring using right angle triangle. We learnt about the three "P's", as they are often referred to, are the principles of partnership, participation and protection. These underpin the relationship between the Government and Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi. These principles are derived from the underlying tenets of the Treaty.

Mathematics measuring the flag staff , then the tallest tree, then the house, using this piece of right angle triangle - wood to using our hands.



Thanks to Mr Lea for the awesome Praise n Worship teams ... the word for morning and night, let us not forget the driving...

Thanks to Miss Tuoro for supporting our MKR Chefs.. and the yummy meals...Breakfast – Lunch and tea ....Amazing

Special Shout out to Mrs Dausabea for organising all the paper work, Board presentation and transportation ...YOU Rock..

To our amazing students thank you for your awesomeness, the laughter, the fun and the early nights ...





Kemp House

KeriKeri Stone House



Poitoa – Co-ordination activity catching the poi by the string only, but throwing the poi as high as possible



In front of the Te Whare Rūnanga (carved meeting house)



The Kauri tree stump Ngatokimatawhaorua on Hobson Beach at the Treaty of Waitangi Grounds



Memory, Kiana and Ms Dausabea at Hongi Hika's Pa in Kerikeri



Inside the beautiful Christ Church in Russell. Built in 1835 it is the oldest surviving church in New Zealand



Ms Dausabea and the awesome Year 13's at the entrance of the Pa



Level 3 History and Level 1 Te Reo students on top the sun dial at Maike Hill in Kororareka (Russell)

### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

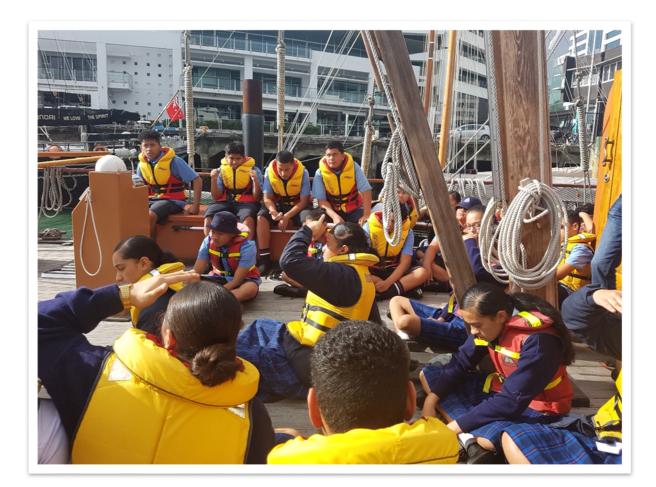
#### YEAR 9 SOCIAL STUDIES TRIP TO THE NEW ZEALAND MARITIME MUSEUM

On Wednesday, 15th May our Year 9 Social Studies classes visited the New Zealand Maritime Museum in Auckland CBD. The museum invited us to participate in their popular 'Immigration and Identity' programme. Our year 9 were working in Term 1 and 2 on the units called 'On the Move' and Pasifika. The area of study looks at:

- Why do people immigrate to Aotearoa New Zealand?
- What are the driving forces and factors that influence people to leave their home countries?
- How has immigration changed Aotearoa New Zealand over time?

Our students also have the opportunity to compare immigration in the past and today in this interactive programme and experience life through the eyes of our earliest settlers as they arrive, survive and thrive in early New Zealand.

Thanks to Ms Tuoro for organising the trip and our wonderful staff and students who helped make it an exciting learning opportunity.



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#### **MISSION TRIP**



There are 12 senior students attending the Fiji mission trip in July.

Students will be running a SWOP program, and various projects such as installing a bee farm and fencing off the property.

This fundraiser will help our students accomplish their goal of helping this small village school.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you



All Year 9 students went on a recent visit to MOTAT to explore their upcoming topic of simple machines. They had to construct a simple machine on a peg board in their groups so a ball could run from side of the board to the other. A time limit was set, and once reached, the groups had to join all their boards together to see if the ball could stay rolling from one side of the room to the other using these simple machines that the students built. The students also got to roam around MOTAT, exploring exhibitions about past, present, and future technologies. The trip was a success and all students enjoyed their time, and gained new knowledge.







We had the privilege of hosting our SDA feeder schools; Balmoral, SASDA and Waitakere Primary during an open day in which us in the Science department could give these young students an opportunity to experience the fun way they can learn about Science here at ASDAH! They experienced pure joy and excitement!! The Y13 Biology students demonstrating how to extract DNA from a Banana!



The Y13 Biology students demonstrating how to extract DNA from a Banana!



More fun with extracting DNA from a banana!



This group learned what happens when different chemicals react together and produce what we call "Elephant Toothpaste" At least, that is what it looks like!

A Few reminders from us here at the Science department to help your children become successful. Remember: "It is our attitude and not our aptitude that determines our altitude" Zig Ziglar Please check with your children if they bought their workbooks for Science from the office. These books are available for Science Y9-11, Y12-13 Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

There are tutor classes available for Y9-11 Science, Y12-13 Biology and Y12-13 Chemistry. Make sure your children take advantage of these opportunities on Tuesday-Thursday from 3:30-4:30pm. Your children need to be working from Education Perfect an online tutor program.

Your children need to be doing 20 minutes of homework 5 days a week. This includes completing pages from their Science workbooks and writing their reports.

Our Fourth annual Science Fair will take place again this year. Encourage your children to participate as this fosters love for Science, discipline and independent and critical thinking skills.

Be aware that your children have a topic calendar with due dates for assignments and projects, Please keep checking on these so they can meet their deadlines.

Thanks for your unwavering support in assisting to build the best citizens for this world and the world to come! God bless!

It takes a village to raise a child! (African Proverb)



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### BIOLOGY

The Year 12 Biology class went to the zoo to experiencing Elephant "Poo" Yes she is touching it! Brave girl, but it is only grass and it smells nice!







At the Zoo, Giraffe's skull with teeth.



At the zoo experiencing how the Meerkats feel inside their tunnels.

### WASTEWISE



We are a waste wise school!

With God we dare to care for the environment!

PARENTS our PLANET is in trouble!

We need to do our small contributions and set the example to the younger generations and manage our waste and resources for a more sustainable future!

It is as simple as: REDUCE (choose items with less packaging so we don't even have the waste to start with), REUSE (as far as possible use only reusable containers and packaging) RECYCLE (use recycling as only a last resort).

2 Chronicles 7:14 - if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

What a wonderful promise let's do what we can so God can heal our land!

#### A FEW SIMPLE TIPS WE CAN USE TO REDUCE OUR WASTE!

- Stop buying plastic water bottles
- Use reusable containers
- Stop using disposable plates
- Cancel unnecessary mail and put a "no junk mail" sticker on your mailbox



- Learn to repair rather than to discard and buy recycled clothing. Save Mart is a fantastic boutique.
- Know the rules of recycling
- Ditch the plastic bags for reusable ones and stop using plastic bags for your produce
- Start composting and worm farming
- Learn to repair rather than discard

### SPORTS

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

For the first time in many years ASDAH has a first 13. It has been a tough competition, and we have suffered two away defeats to Whangaparoa and Hillary College. Our team is made up of last years under 15 players, some year 12's and a sprinkling of year 13's. They have grown in their knowledge of the game, and our first victory is getting closer and closer, with the teams new players quickly learning the game of Rugby League.

Our under 15 boys have also suffered a defeat, narrowly going down to Hillary College 28-34. Some stand out players thus far have been captain Jarrod Huni, and Kauvaha Tupou.



The boys have gelled well, but some students have been busy and unable to make it to the games, which resulted in the loss. This team has high hopes of making the Semi-finals, and with the right performances on the pitch this is a possibility.

#### BASKETBALL

Our basketball teams each started with a win, most impressive was our senior boys team who are in the A grade this year. They have a great team dynamic, which has seen points been distributed evenly, and most recently had a 30-30 draw with De LaSalle College which suggests this team will be very competitive in this competition.

The junior girls are 2 from 3 with two wins and one loss, which sees them middle of the table. Their defeat was narrow and the girls were really disappointed which suggests they are in for a season of triumph and narrow defeats as this competition has proven to be tight in previous years. All basketball games are played at Pullman Park, Takanini on Thursday nights from about 4pm to 8.30pm.

#### NETBALL

The junior Netball girls are 1-1 winning their first game comfortably and narrowly going down in their second. They have a new coach Mrs Rasmussen, who is doing an excellent job with the girls. Their team is mainly made up of year 9 girls, which is going to serve us well in future years regarding ASDAH Netball. Our senior girls suffered a heavy defeat, and narrowly lost their second game, which seems their near the bottom of the table. They have made huge gains this year however and the improvements have been evident in the amount of points they scored in their second game.



Students should have received these magazines in Home Room over the last two weeks.

They are valuable resources for researching career options.

More are available in the library if required.

#### **CAREERS EXPO - ASB STADIUM**

Year 10 – 13 students visited the annual Careers Expo last week. It was a good day out and students really enjoyed researching the options available. The Tourism Expo provided many exciting opportunities for students.





#### **PERMISSION SLIPS**

Just a reminder to parents that Permission Slips are handed to students as early as possible prior to events. This gives us time to organise buses etc. If students do not hand these in by the deadline they will be excluded from the trip. Many students were not able to attend the Careers Expo because they did not hand their forms in on time. Please ensure that Permission Slips/forms from the Careers Department are handed in as soon as possible.

#### ADRA DRIVER LICENCE SCHOLARSHIP



Stage 2 of the programme has begun. Students should now be out practising for their Restricted Licences.

AA memberships and app downoads should be allocated in the next week. Please remember that students are entitled to three free

driving lessons. There are also various other freebies and discounts available – eye and hearing tests, discounted cinema tickets etc. Please check this out at https://www.aa.co.nz/membership/benefits/.

These seven students will then have until the 17 November to sit the official Restricted licence test.

Students who pass their restricted driving license test will then be eligible to receive:

• Defensive Driving course paid. (This will cut down the time required to get a full licence) Students will have until the 20th December to complete it.

#### **GATEWAY PROGRAMMES**

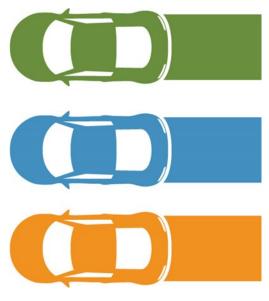
School holidays are fast approaching and I do have some Gateway places available at No 1 Shoes for the 2 weeks of the holidays. Various other placements/options are available as well.

#### FROM AUCKLAND TRANSPORT

Learner driver licence workshops - Attend a free 2-day workshop.

Want to get your learner licence? Are you between the ages of 16 and 24?

These FREE 2-day workshops for 16 to 24 year olds will provide you with a better understanding of the road code, and will help you to sit your learner licence with greater confidence. Please be aware that AT does not cover the learner licence testing fee.



These workshops include the fundamentals of the Road Code, key road safety elements and a Virtual Reality (VR) component. The VR modules allow the students to gain greater perspective into risk assessment and to develop strategies that align to their own behaviours and lifestyles. This is to encourage conversation and strategies around young driver behaviour and peer pressure.

"Most students need to learn in a workshop or classroom. The Virtual Reality component being introduced also helps students experience the consequences of bad decision making." Quote from Pearl Sidwell, Pakuranga College's Maori and Pasifika Academic Mentor.

#### WHY YOU SHOULD GET YOUR DRIVER'S LICENCE

- Many employers are now looking for young people with a driver's licence even if driving isn't part of the job!
- You will have the independence to travel to work, sport and social activities without having to rely on others to drive you there.
- The licence process is designed to make you a safe driver on our roads. The restrictions at each stage of the licence help you learn new skills without the extra pressure of things like driving at night or with passengers in the car.

#### **AVAILABLE WORKSHOPS FOR 2019**

#### MANUKAU

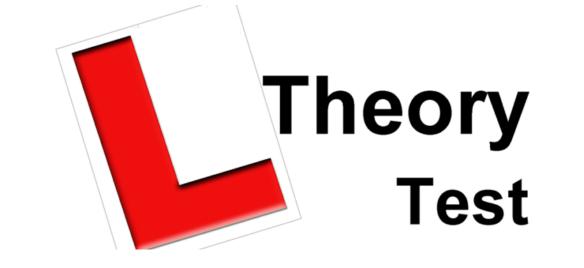
- 10 and 11 July, 9:30am to 2:30pm (both days).
- 21 and 22 August, 9:30am to 2:30pm (both days).
- 18 and 19 September, 9:30am to 2:30pm (both days).

#### ONEHUNGA

• 8 and 9 July, 9:30am to 2:30pm (both days).

To register for these please visit:

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



#### **RESTRICTED DRIVER LICENCE WORKSHOPS**

Attend a free 3 hour workshop plus receive a free practical driving assessment (valued at \$80) to see if you are ready to sit the test.

Have you held a learner licence for more than 6 months? Are you between the ages of 16 and 24? Auckland Transport is excited to present "Restricted Licence" workshops available to our Auckland communities. These workshops will provide you with the information you need to know before sitting your restricted licence test. We'll go over the do's and don'ts of the testing process to help give you confidence.

To apply for our restricted workshops you must have held your learner licence for at least 6 months.

#### **AVAILABLE WORKSHOPS FOR 2019**

#### MANUKAU

- 17 July, 10am to 1:30pm
- 13 August, 10am to 1:30pm
- 24 September, 10am to 1:30pm

#### KELSTON

• 12 July, 10am to 1:30pm

To register for these please visit:

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



#### **VISITS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS**

Thursday May 16th	Otago University	Lunchtime	Library	
Thursday May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Auckland University	Lunchtime	Library	
Thursday June 6	Auckland University – Department of <i>Education</i> <i>(Teaching) &amp; Social</i> <i>Work</i>	Lunchtime	Library	
Thursday June 13 <sup>th</sup>	MIT	Lunchtime	Library	
Thursday June 20 <sup>th</sup>	AUT	Lunchtime	Library	
Thursday June 27th	Waikato University	Lunchtime	Library	
Thursday July 25 <sup>th</sup> Week 1 Term 3	MIT Nursing	Lunchtime	Library	

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications for 2020 scholarships are beginning to open. Students are updated regularly by email as they become available. Be aware that most university specific scholarships close mid – late August.

SCHOLARSHIP		CLOSING DATE	
First Foundation	Merit/Excellence students/First in Family	8July	
Keystone Trust	Construction Industry	15 August	
PWC	Business	31 July	
Quota	For girls	15 August	

#### FROM THE LIBRARY

**DIGITAL BOOKS** 

### A REMINDER TO USE OUR EBOOK PLATFORM:

It can be accessed though:

 The school website - https://www.asdah.school.nz/ (at the top of the home page) https://asdah.wheelers.co/

or

- you can download the ap ePlatform by wheelers books on your personal devices.-
- find our school in the list of schools available.
- your user name is your school email (eg john\_bro@student.asdah.school.nz)
- the password is: library1

NOT ALL READERS	
ARE LEADERS,	
BUT ALL LEADERS	
ARE READERS.	
- Harry S Truman	
BilingualKidspot.com	

### **TERM TWO CALENDAR**

Week Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 3-7 Jun 4 days	Queens Birthday	PLG – Late start	Chapel Pastoral Care Mtng JF Feeder School Open Day.	STARS/Skills Homework Centre 6pm JF/FM/LH	ASTHMA CLINIC
7 10-14 Jun 5 days	Assembly Student Cncl Mtng Rm 18 JF	Y9/10 Assessment Wk	Y9/10 Assessment Wk Health & Safety Mtng	Y9/10 Assessment Wk Homework Centre 6pm	Y9/10 Assessment Wk
8 17-21 Jun 5 days	Green Week Split Assembly Junior/Senior Prefect Mtng@lunch BOT Meeting 6pm	Green Week PLG – Late start	Green Week Chapel	Green Week STARS/Skills Homework Centre 6pm JF/FM/LH	Green Week
9 24-28 Jun 5 days	Mighty Mouth Assembly-Matariki Student Cncl Mtng Rm 18 JF	Mighty Mouth PLG – Late start	Mighty Mouth Chapel Pastoral Care Mtng JF	Mighty Mouth STARS/Skills Homework Centre 6pm JF/FM/LH	Loves me Not Y12/13 Senior Boys Camp
10 1-5 July 5 days	Heritage Week Assembly 10 Options: Group 2 begins Prefect Mtng@lunch	Heritage Week PLG – Late start	Heritage Week Chapel	Heritage Week STARS/Skills Y9 -13 Parent/ Teacher interview	Heritage Week Service Mission Trip (TBC) Last Day of Term.

## TERM TWO HOLIDAYS 6 - 21 JULY

### **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 contact Julie Hardwick or just drop them into the front office.