

PHILLIPIANS 4:6-7

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

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

Hello Everyone. Welcome to the ASDAH newsletter for August. In the 4 short weeks of term 3, we have been very busy at ASDAH. In the pages of this newsletter you will see that school was almost back to normal programme. We had the Student Week of Prayer a school highlight in week 1, sports resumed, we had a school open day and also had started our Wellness Week. It was so good to see students positive, excited and involved.

We are back at alert level 3 and at ASDAH, that means we have switched to online learning for the duration of level 3. All our staff are well prepared and ready to deliver lessons to your students both online or via hard copies. We have done our best to distribute laptops to years 11 – 13. If your child is in any of these NCEA classes and has not received a device, please contact the school.

If your child does not have a laptop, they can still connect with their teacher via their phones. It is important that they connect with their teacher to keep their learning going. Parents we are also aware that despite having laptops, some of our senior students are not coming online. Could you please follow up with your child so that they are attending their online classes. Teachers are following the timetable that we run here at school so that they will be available for their students.

Under alert Level 3 you are also able to come to the school to pick up materials for your child. We encourage you to do so if you haven't yet done this. While onsite, you will need to observe social distancing and fill out information that is required for contact tracing. We will continue to communicate with you on any updates that come up.

Some other information around distance learning are:

There is the Talanoa Ako Pacific Parent programme - Talanoa Ako on Air radio programme and Talanoa Ako Digital App [Talanoa Ako app](#), that is also available for you. The Educational TV programmes have If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school. The school office is open and you can contact us from 9 to 3pm daily.

Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV will take over TVNZ DUKE's daytime schedule 9am to 1pm on week days. Programming for younger children includes the popular Karen's House at 9am. DUKE is available on Freeview channel 13, Sky and Vodafone TV channel 23. It can be live streamed on the TVNZ website, www.tvnz.co.nz. All earlier episodes of Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV remain available on TVNZ OnDemand.

In these uncertain times, we can be glad we serve a God that looks out for us and that we can have the hope and peace found in His word.

Finally, I would like to say a very big thank you to you our community. Your support has been great. As our whakatauki says, it is our working together that will bring success to all our students. Please stay safe.



Thanks be to God

Principal

Gloria Teulilo

PASTORAL - HEALTH CENTRE

It has been a very busy but productive few weeks.

The Health Centre along with some prefects have been operating a breakfast club that starts at 8am and runs until homeroom. This has been a huge success. We have our regular weet-bix and have added milo and toast to the menu with condiments (jam, marmite, and peanut butter). The nurse has commented that since the introduction of this program there has been a reduction of students visiting the Health center for headaches and sore tummies. Students who are hungry and leave home early are encouraged by our Nurse to come and enjoy breakfast with her every morning. This is not only healthy for our body but critical for student learning and brain function. Students cannot learn on an empty stomach so come along and enjoy eating a healthy breakfast. This has been a huge success.

WWL – stands for the **Wellness Weight Loss Club**. About 70 students and staff have joined this club. Some students have requested we do an **8 Week Challenge** and the weigh in was on Monday at recess. This is an initiative not only for weight loss but to encourage healthy eating. Sessions will be held at the health center each week during recess to help those interested students to be motivated, to eat healthy and support their lifelong goals.

Unfortunately, due to the current lockdown, we have had to adapt to new rules, however, I have emailed all students that the challenge is still on!!! There are 63 students enrolled in this challenge.

I am also enjoying getting to know the year 9 students through their HEEADSSS assessments.

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



STUDENT WEEK OF PRAYER

Student Week of Prayer (SWOP)

SWOP was held on July 20-24, on the first week of Term 3.

The guest speaker was Pr Tulaga Aiolutepa, a local church pastor from Invercargill. Tulaga is a Graffiti artist who applies his skills in Urban Ministry. Tulaga's creative artistry skills and personal story drew the students attention.

The theme of the week was, "Enemies of the Heart'. He focussed on the 'enemies' of guilt, anger, greed, and jealousy, and how we can break free from these enemies by having the heart of God.

On the final day of SWOP we had a free Sausage Sizzle during lunchtime and fun activities last period, led by the deans that was enjoyed by the students.



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BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

As a result of SWOP we are excited to have 27 students attend the weekly Bible studies run by the Chaplains on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.



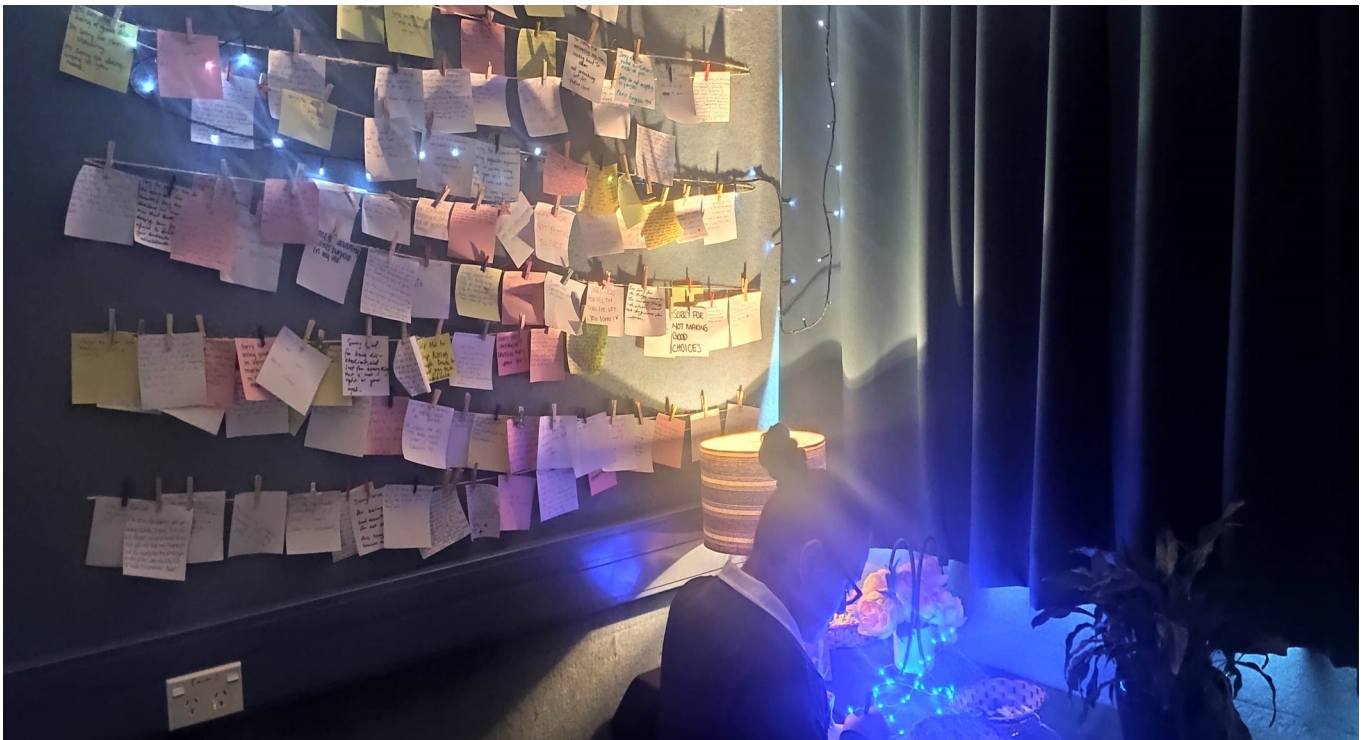
Thank you to our faithful chaplains, Pr. Keli Pepa, Esera Timu and Pr. Chris Sululoto for your guidance and care. We appreciate the time and effort you put into our ASDAH whanau.



ASDAH PRAYER ROOM



A warm, safe place for our staff and students to spend a few moments of reflection.



STUDENT LEADERS

On 3 August 2020, eight Year 12 students were chosen to attend the AIMHI Year 12 Student Leader Workshop with students from six other schools. The presenter Efeso Collins, Auckland Councilor focused on preparing young people for the changing needs and expectations of the work environment which has been impacted by COVID-19.



**Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi,
engari he toa takitini**

**My strength is not as an
individual, but as a collective**

MAHI TAHI 2020

STUDENT MENTORS

To ensure that our students who need more support to complete assessments, we have employed 5 mentors who are university students. Nelise, Grace and Cecile support students in Bible, English, History and Geography and Jaden and Piotr help students with Maths and Physics. They work with individual students and small groups during class time. They help motivate students to focus on completing their work. We have also engaged Esera Timu, our junior chaplain for 2 days a week, to support our Year 13 boys who are At Risk.

We also have employed Mrs Berry to support our ESOL students to develop their literacy, numeracy and communication skills.



MATHEX

During the final week of term 2 and in weeks 1-3 this term ASDAH students have competed with other South Auckland schools in preparation for the Auckland Mathex competition scheduled for Aug 19. Mathex is a team based mathematics completion for year 9 and 10 students.

At ASDAH we entered two year 10 teams and one year 9. Events were held at Mangere College, ASDAH and Otahuhu College. In year 10 the teams included Darius, Nielson, Ana, Micah, Joe, Keleni, Ebony, Daniela, Elouise and Drew and at year 9 Josh N, Ashley, Faavae, Tevita, Caleb, Josh H and Thomas.

Both teams were placed in the top 3 at three of the four events, most notable was the second placing of the year 9 team in a tie breaker in the 3rd round at ASDAH.



COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK

Kiaorana and Meitaki Maata

We had a wonderful Cook Island Language week celebrating the Cook Island Language in our School Assembly and Chapel. We had guests Jerome and Ben from our Cook Island Community presenting and explaining the drum beats of the Cook Islands. We appreciated the graceful performance of our Cook Island students as they told stories through their dances. A BIG Meitaki Maata to our Cook Island community and families who contributed Cook Island cuisine to our Friday shared lunch.



CAREERS EXPO

On Thursday the 6th of August, 150 Year 10-13 students visited the Auckland Careers Expo. This was an excellent opportunity for students to talk to tertiary institutions and employers about career opportunities.



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ASDAH OPEN DAY

On 11th August 120 students and 8 staff visited ASDAH from our three SDA Primary Schools Waitakere Primary, South Auckland (SASDA) and Balmoral Primary. We had a wonderful day together where students attended different sessions with our prefect leaders. Although we had wet weather the feedback was very positive from our visiting staff and students. Programs were designed to cater for the needs of our Visiting Year 7 and 8 students and experience High school programs. After lunch together we wished them well for 2021.



OPEN DAY



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.

ADRA Scholarship Programme:

We have secured a Restricted Licence and Learner Licence programme with ADRA and Mrs Marsters (in the office) has been working with 15 students in each section. Driving Lessons are underway and students will be taken to their Learner Licence test in the next few weeks.

ASDAH Learner Licence Programme:

If students have time over lockdown they can work their way through the Learner Licence Programme on www.drive.govt.nz. Once we return to school I will organise times for students to sit the actual test.

You will need to pay \$94 – there are no subsidies or scholarships. You will need your current New Zealand passport, or

TWO of the following kinds of identification (one of which must be photographic). These must be one primary document from Table 1 and one supporting document from Table 2.

All documents must be originals. Photocopied or scanned documents are not acceptable.

<i>Table 1: Primary documents</i>	<i>Table 2: Supporting documents</i>
New Zealand passport (<i>current or expired up to two years</i>)	Inland Revenue number (printed by IRD)
Overseas passport with New Zealand visa/permit (<i>current or expired up to two years</i>)	New Zealand-issued utility bill or bank statement issued in the last 6 months
New Zealand full birth certificate	
New Zealand citizenship certificate	

Go to:

<https://drive.govt.nz/get-your-learners>

Sign up for the Learner Licence programme. Work your way through this (there is at least 10 hours of work here).

You must sign up to get all the worksheets – as you work your way through more will be become available and you will unlock the free practice questions for the actual test.

YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS PROGRAMME

There are also practice tests at <https://www.drivingtests.co.nz/roadcode/car/all/35/>. You need to be scoring 35/35 to be ready to sit your Licence – the good thing about this site is that these are questions from the actual test – there are approx. 150 questions – you will be given 35 of them. Get to know the questions.

There will be 3 or 4 compulsory classes after school in Term 3 – dates to be confirmed.

Auckland Transport Learner and Restricted Driver Licence Workshops

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

These FREE workshops 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, and key road safety elements.

Why you should get a 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 Learner licence workshops for 2020

Online support sessions (2x one hour session- please attend both)

[Monday 7 and Wednesday 9 September, 4pm to 5pm](#)

[Monday 28 and 30 September, 10am to 11am.](#)

Online weekend support session (1x two hour session)

[Saturday 22 August, 10am to 12pm.](#)

In person course (for those who prefer a face to face course and a more in-depth course)

[Thursday 1 October, 10am to 3pm - Manukau Civic Council Building, Manukau Room](#)

[Monday 5 October, 10am to 3pm - Western Springs Garden Community Hall 1.](#)

To register go to:

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

Attend a free 2 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 Restricted licence workshops for 2020

Online workshops

[Thursday 20 August, 4pm to 6pm](#)

[Tuesday 1 September, 4pm to 6pm](#)

[Tuesday 15 September, 4pm to 6pm](#)

[Tuesday 29 September, 10am to 12pm.](#)

Online weekend support session (1x two hour session)

[Saturday 15 August, 10am to 12pm.](#)

In person workshops (if you prefer face to face and a bit of extra support)

[Friday 2 October, 10am to 12pm - Manukau Civic Council Building, Manukau Room](#)

[Wednesday 7 October, 10am to 12pm - Western Springs Garden Community Hall 1.](#)

To register:

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

PASTORAL—WELLNESS WEEK

Wellness Week

Early morning at 6am Week 4 our wellness week started with a bang as students flooded into the GYM ready to exercise with Miss Tayla Brown. We had enthusiastic staff and students keen to get moving to music in exercise and fitness training. Breakfast was served by Mrs Sululoto and Year 13 helpers who made sure our students got their healthy breakfast and an Up and Go donated by the Sanitarium Health Food Company.

We were joined by Mr Andrew Hoeflich and friends from the Solid Community on Tuesday morning. Again student attendance was at maximum as they participated with enthusiasm in the kickboxing session led by our Solid Team. Thankyou Solid and we hope to invite you again to our next Wellness week.





RUGBY LEAGUE

Our under 15 boys have started the season well winning 2 from 3. They beat both Papakura and Lynfield convincingly but went down to Manurewa in their most recent contest. They are sitting second on the table and will hopefully play a few more games this season to try to finish the season on top. Some of the stand out players have been Ilai, Townsend, Fia and Sione. Thank you to all the families who have been coming to support our boys. It has been good to see them enjoying their season.

Our first 13 boys had a win first up against Lynfield. They then played the team that beat them 64 – 0 last year at their away game. This year we had a home game against Sir Edmund Hillary and the scores were much closer. Unfortunately ASDAH lost 26–24 but this is a huge improvement on last years performance. Since then they won by default against Pakuranga and beat Southern Cross at home. They also suffered a heavy loss to Westlake boys which was disappointing. They sit 4th equal with 3 wins from 5 games and the end of the season could be very tight if the season continues. Thank you to our ASDAH family that comes to support our boys, they really appreciate it. God bless.



ASDAH BASKETBALL TEAMS

The Senior Boys Basketball Team and Senior Girls Basketball teams have been outstanding in their efforts each week to perform well at the Bruce Pullman Centre in Papakura. Although our teams are small in number with only a few subs to rely on they have really triumphed in losing on only one game each out of 6 games played this Term. Thank you to Mr Aruwa and Mrs Marsters who drive the boys and girls teams each week to their games. Thankyou to the coaches Samson Ofanoa and Jordina Katu for their support in coaching these teams for their games. A special thanks to Samson and the Senior Boys Team for fundraising for their uniforms. Thank you for using your initiative in raising funds. We would also like to thank Mr Adam Weal one of our committed parents in coaching and driving our Junior Basketball team to their games. I am sure parents are also very grateful for your dedication and support of our students.



BASKETBALL TEAMS



ENGLISH



"In English class, we are learning about the different shots and angles that are featured in movies. To get a better understanding, we went around the school and shot six different angles. This is a full shot, showing the tree from top to bottom."

TERM ONE CALENDAR

Week Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 24-28 Aug 5 days	Split Assembly Student Cncl Mtng Rm 18 JF Y9 Options Group 3 begins	PLG – Late start Dept Meeting:3.30pm Bible 3.30pm	Pastoral Hui/ Team Meeting JF	STARS/Skills STARS Community Challenge MC	Daffodil Day Jan Hill Pd for Mid- dle Leaders
7 31 Aug-4 Sept 5 days	Green Week Tongan Lang Week Prefect Mtng@lunch Student Cncl Mtng JF Y12 C0- construction Group Mtg 3.30pm	Green Week PLG – Late Start Dept Meeting English/Maths	Green Week Pastoral Care Mtng JF Avondale Visit Dept Meeting Science	Green Week	Green Week Budgets Due ASTHMA CLINIC Term 3 awards sub- mitted
8 7-11 Sept 5 days	Assembly Student Council Mtng Staff Mtg 3:30pm	PLG – Late Start Dept Meeting SocStudies 3.30pm	Kotahi Committee Meeting.Checkpoint	STARS/Skills	
9 14-18 Sept 5 days	Assembly Maori Language week (TBC) Prefect Mtng@lunch Finance/Property 5:30pm BOT Meeting 6pm MLG Presenta- tions	PLG – Late start Dept Mtng 3.30pm Art/Tech/Comp	Chapel	STARS/Skills MCAT External Maths Exam. P2 (TBC)	
10 21-25 Sept 5 days	Assembly Student Cncl Mtng JF Y11 Co- construction Group Mtg 3.30 NCEA update Y11-13 Parent/Teacher interviews	PLG – Late start Dept Mtg 3.30pm PE/Learning Support	Chapel Pastoral Care Mtng JF ASDAH Parent Consul- tation	STARS/Skills STARS Graduation MC Newsletter School Banquet	Last Day Term 3

TERM FOUR CALENDAR

Week Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 21-25 Sept 5 days	Assembly Student Cncl Mtng JF Y11 Co-construction Group Mtg 3.30 NCEA update Y11-13 Parent/Teacher interviews	PLG – Late start Dept Mtg 3.30pm PE/Learning Support	Chapel Pastoral Care Mtng JF ASDAH Parent Consultation	STARS/Skills STARS Graduation MC Newsletter School Banquet	Last Day Term 3
Holiday 28 Sept -2 Oct					
Holiday 5-9 Oct					

TERM FOUR HOLIDAYS

September 28 to October 11

Term Four will commence on Monday, the 12th 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.



Whakatauki

E tu kahikatea, hei wakapae uroroa
Awhi mai, awhi atu, tatou, tatou e.

Kahikatea stand together; their roots intertwine,
strengthening each other.
We all help one another and together we will be
strong.



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