



# ASDAH NEWSLETTER

CONNECTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Term I Issue I

27 February 2020

## JEREMIAH 29:11

*FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD. "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU. PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.*

## 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*

Warm Pacific greetings to all of our school community. It has been a good start to the 2020 school year and we praise God for the way he has blessed our school. This year we have welcomed more than 70 students into the school taking our school roll to 290 students – the largest we've had in a long time. It has been really great to see our school fill up with vibrant young people.

### **Special Character**

Our Special Character focus this year is Ownership of Learning. This will be unpacked during the year in worships and in classes and it is our hope that our students will have the opportunity to learn to be responsible for their learning and all aspects of their lives. They will have the opportunity to discover this within the context of a loving God who really cares for them.

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**New Staff**

This year the school is very happy to welcome Mrs Valdine Visagie. Mrs Visagie is teaching Mathematics and is also running the chess club at school. If your child is interested in learning how to play chess, please send them to see her in room 1.

We will also be welcoming Mr Xavier Braganza who will join our staff in late March. Mr Braganza will be teaching Science and Physics and he joins us from One Tree Hill College where he has been teaching. We look forward to having him on staff.

**Passing of Dr Fisihoi Mone**

Many of you will by now know that we lost Dr Mone in January. It is a great loss to our school as Dr Mone was an exemplary teacher who had great vision for ASDAH.

In the short time that he was here, he started the brass band and evening homework group. He was also a godly man who lived his beliefs. He will be sadly missed by all staff and students.

**2019 NCEA Results**

Below are the participation results\* for NCEA in 2019:

Year 11 – 77.7%  
Year 12 – 82%  
Year 13 – 57.1%  
Literacy – 95.7%  
Numeracy – 83%

\*Statistics based on the cumulative overall results, however our participation (students who started and finished the school year with us) statistics are higher and showed that at all levels our students were achieving higher than the national averages.

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 Mervin Smith, Head Girl Fiona Lavaka and Deputies Ugatea Vea and Jaden Eager ably lead them. Our young leaders will take an active role in leading in the school and we know that they will do a wonderful job as leaders.

## 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





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

In honour of Dr. Fisihoi Mone the school hosted a special memorial service to express our gratitude for his years of service here at ASDAH. The staff and students have held Dr Mone in high regard. He was very popular as a teacher. Winning the Appreciation Award twice while he was here. De Mone was a valued staff member and was always willing to give his time to support students in their learning. He started up the Brass Band in his time at ASDAH and this legacy has been carried on by Samuel Tony Lea.

He will be sincerely missed by the students and staff at ASDAH.





## CHAPLAIN

### CHAPELS

We began this year with a special chapel program with the purpose to set a strong spiritual tone for the year. We organised a 'Prayer Walk', where students were divided into their homerooms, and assigned areas around the school to pray.

Pr Chris also shared that morning on the importance of not worrying about the challenges that lay ahead this year – but instead seek God first and allow Him to be faithful in his promise – Matthew 6:33-34.

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

Term 1: Taking ownership of physical wellbeing

Term 2: Taking ownership of spiritual wellbeing

Term 3: Taking ownership of mental wellbeing

Term 4: Taking ownership of social wellbeing

### CHAPLAINS

Meet your friendly chaplains...



Pr Keli Pepa



Esera Esera



Pr Chris Sululoto

## NCEA ACHIEVERS 2019

On Monday 24 February 2020, we had our NCEA celebration assembly to acknowledge our high achievers from 2019. Our guest speaker, Mrs Mone, emphasised the importance of hard work and the value of education.

LEVEL	GRADE	NAME
NCEA Level 1	Merit	Lupe Hala Hanevah Lole Stephen Paea Vaopunimatagi Rasmussen Falasaina Vaili
NCEA Level 1	Excellence	Jedidiah Vinzon
NCEA Level 2	Merit	Amelia Esau Melelupe Finau Fiona Lavaka Alvina Lua Mervyn Smith Kolini Manu Anna Mikaele
NCEA Level 2	Excellence	Jessica Ryan







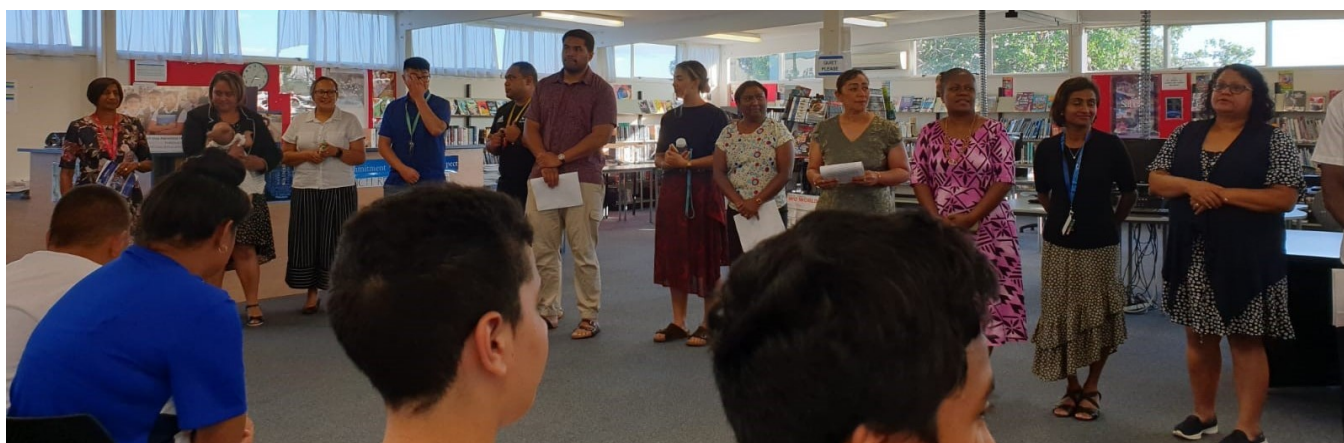
## WELCOME TO OUR FRESH YEAR NINES TO ASDAH.

On the 28th of January, ASDAH welcomed the year nine students of 2020. A powhiri was held in the gym.

It was exciting and warm for our new students who have arrived from our contributing Primary schools around Auckland. We invited around 70 new students which formed three cohorts for 2020.

On the 4th of February, the year nine parents attended a special information evening. This was held to inform the parents of the expectations and opportunities for our students.

Thank you to all the parents who attended this evening.



## **Taonga @ ASDAH**

Kia ora ASDAH Whanau,



Taonga meaning a treasured gift, you cant measure its value, or put a price on it, this is THEE Prized present/gift...something that holds significant value to you ....

Please to all our ASDAH Whanau if you choose to wear such an item then please ensure that it is tucked away safely under your school uniform, under the collar, inside your top...All you need is for someone to run pass you and get hooked onto your chain, or thread (what ever is holding your necklace together), and then a number of things could happen...

Your neck gets cut by the thread

Your taonga falls and smashes on the ground

You cause damage to yourself or others

So please keep all Taonga (bone, greenstone necklaces) under your collar out of sight and safe from others.

Should this be an issue please feel free to contact myself during school hours or email me: [titia@asdah.school.nz](mailto:titia@asdah.school.nz)

Arohanui Always

Miss Tuoro – Maori Adviser/Teacher

## STUDENT COUNSEL

### Student Council Badging:

This year our student council have been elected by their peers. Each Homeroom has two representatives to present ideas and concerns in the student meeting. They will meet twice a month to represent their classes and to support our school with feedback. These students in their role as leaders will have opportunities to lead out in school events. They will support and uphold our school values and goals.

9 FD	Tevita Manu	Grace Teao
9 MC	Gabriel Teariki Kaiti	Jiana Vinzon
9 TB	Lesiele Faualo	Malu Maka
10 AP	Neilson Manu	Jorja Payne
10 GP	Joseph Nasmith	Elouise Reid
10 TT	Joe Posala	Vika Vea
11 CB	Paki Fifita	Laureen Kumar
11 VV	Sandy Panama	Cohan Nasmith
12 AM	Rayvin Ah Him	Lupe Hala
12 SA	Sioeli Faanunu	Ane Nimo
13 NC	Anna Mikaele	Alan Lategan
13 LH	Branwen Peckham	Srayanne Bidmead
Senior Leaders	Belatina Vea	Giovanni Manoa

We would like to congratulate these students on being elected by their peers. Congratulations on your new role as you carry out your Leadership duties at ASDAH and in your Homerooms.





## Guidance and Health

As a School Counsellor here at ASDAH, we provide a range of highly professional support services and programmes that are implemented individually, in small groups. Also with therapy sessions with some of the students during skills period.

We also explore any difficulties and concerns students are facing, as they are fronting many issues, which affect them and their families. We work alongside families to support our students. Home visits is going well and to see the break through and the reconnect between parents and their teenagers is a blessing. We also work closely with external agencies, to ensure families and students are able to access the resources available within our community.

As professionals, we work out from a client centred practice, using a variety of counselling methods in order to best support each client's needs and preferences. However, sometimes, we worked with any model they bring as it has an emotional element behind their own issues.

We also adhere to professional standards of The New Zealand Association of Counsellors and their Code of Ethics. This means that counselling sessions are confidential unless there is an imminent risk to safety.

We work collaboratively within our strong pastoral team to support students and our goal is to improve a student's emotional wellbeing, which in turn reduces barriers to their academic progress, and other life goals. We share a commitment to work towards a spiritually, socially, physically, healthy and emotionally safe school.

Finally yet importantly, working with our students and to witness the small change within themselves is a great blessing.

YES GOD IS GOOD.

### Health Centre

A big welcome to all the new students and families to ASDAH from the Health Centre.

My name is Joanne Longstaff and as a registered nurse I run the Health Centre.

The Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm during term. I am available by phone 2759640 ext 703 or by email [nurse@asdah.school.nz](mailto:nurse@asdah.school.nz). Please feel free to contact me during these hours.

It has been a very busy start to the year with 93 students seen to date.

We have a doctors' clinic that runs every Friday morning and is attended by Dr Lavemai.

The Asthma Mobile clinic visited the school this week and was attended.

The Breakfast Club has seen a huge increase of students enjoying weetbix after assembly and chapel this year and continues to be run well by the students.

## SCIENCE

We here at ASDAH are concerned about our green earth that God, so lovingly, created for us.

We have an environmental society in which we educate the students, staff and faculty on the importance of practicing ecological sustainable habits so we can protect our earth in which many generations to come can enjoy.

**“With God We Dare To Care For The Environment”**

**REUSE, REDUCE and RECYCLE!**

**A few tips:**

**REUSE:** what you buy as much as possible even buy recycled clothing

**REDUCE:** buying products in packaging that cannot be recycled

**RECYCLE:** as many products as you can and do it right

**Use this link to learn how to recycle:**

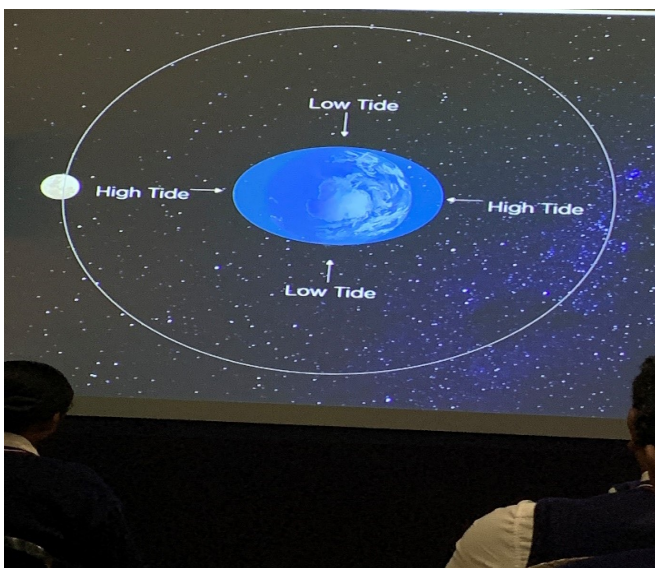
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ICwlcG-ZkA>



## SCIENCE

### L1 Science:

On Thursday 20 February, our Y11 Science students went to the STARDOME in One Tree Hill to study Astronomical Cycles and their effects on the earth. They also went into the ASTRODOME to hear our local Maori stories in the sky.





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**Y13 Biology:** Soon our Y13 Biology students will visit the Ambury Farm in Mangere Bridge to study Selective breeding which is a process in which farmers use specific desirable characteristics from one organism and implant them into another organism to create a more desirable new creature which will benefit humans and the individual. Be sure to sign the permission slips which will come home during week 6 so no one will miss out on their Education outside of class.



**L2 BIOLOGY:** Soon our Y12 Biology class will go out to the Rocky Shore beach in IHUMATO in the ONEHUNGA HARBOUR to collect data for their study based on a community of organisms living on a Rocky Shore. Be sure to sign the permission slips that will come home during week 6, so no one will miss out on their learning outside the classroom



**A Few Science Reminders:** We have after school homework sessions for all students finding their learning challenging on Tuesday-Thursday from 3:15-4:30pm. This is also for students who do not have wi-fi or a device at home.

Check if our children are doing their Science homework 3 times a week. Homework includes completing pages from the SciPad workbooks and

working from Education Perfect.

Our Spiritual Focus is “Ownership for Learning” Make sure our children check their timetables for the next day so they can come prepared with all their equipment needed for their learning in class.

Our children should also make sure that they bring their Learning Journals to school, please make sure that you check these from time to time. This is one of the best ways for our students to stay on task and be organised

## STARS

Another amazing STARS Camp with some amazing students. Lost voice, sprained foot, bruised knees, and lots of scratches did not stop us from having an incredible time.

The sun shone on us as we paddled across the pond, climbed walls, swung across mud pools, played ball, got muddy at the mudslide, and cooled off at the pool. The crate climb challenged our fear of heights and we clung to the climbing wall as we manoeuvred our way to the top.

Worships were inspiring and thought-provoking and what better way to begin the year by forming meaningful friendships. Thank you all those who made it a success.

‘...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.’ 1 Cor 10:31





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## THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT

### **First Aid Certificate and Health & Safety Course:**

The first week of February saw 51 Year 12 students complete their First Aid Certificate and a Health & Safety Certificate. The course was run by Actions for Survival and at the end of three days students had earned eight credits towards NCEA (Level 1, 2 & 3).

### **Learner Driver Licence:**

Chamber Drive has offered 15 ASDAH students the opportunity to sit their Learner Licence free of Charge. Students have already applied to be part of this programme and will be notified soon as to whether or not they were successful

From Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March students will be at the Auckland Chamber premises in Manukau attending class and sitting the Learner Test.

### **Gateway and Star Courses:**

A number of Gateway programmes and a variety of Star course are available for our students. To access these students need to speak to Ms Duckett in the library.

### **The Student Volunteer Army:**

ASDAH is now taking part in the SVA Service Award, a free nationwide framework that recognises volunteering efforts of Year 9-13 students. This will be presented to students in assembly in the next few weeks.





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.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

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

"The more you read  
the more things you know.  
The more that you learn  
the more places you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss

### FROM THE LIBRARY

Student Librarians for 2020 are:

Jade Togiatsu	13	Laureen Kumar	11
Seini Teaupa	13	Jessi Biddle	10
Susan Vai	13	William Marsters	10
Belatina Vea	13	Joshua Herringer Tomil	10
Malia Maka	13	Algre Dinauto	9
Jedidiah Vinzon	12		
Falasaina Vaili	12		

## PROMOTIONS

A vertical poster with a purple-to-blue gradient background featuring abstract, flowing lines. The text is centered and reads: ASDAH, LEGACY, REUNION 2020, CELEBRATING 50 YEARS, Auckland Seventh Day Adventist High School, APRIL 3 - 5, Contact Jessie Fuamatu: legacy@asdah.school.nz, 119 Mountain Road, Mangere Bridge, Auckland New Zealand . www.asdah.school.nz . Phone: +64 9 275 9640.

# ASDAH LEGACY REUNION 2020

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Auckland Seventh Day Adventist High School

## APRIL 3 - 5

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## TERM ONE CALENDAR

Week Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>5</b> 24 -28 Feb 5 days	<b>WELL BEING-WEEK</b>  <b>11 GEO TRIP</b>  <b>NCEA Celebration</b>  Prefect Mtng@lunch	<b>WELL BEING WEEK</b>  <b>PLG – Late start</b>	<b>WELL BEING WEEK</b>  <b>Chapel –</b>	<b>WELL BEING WEEK</b>  <b>STARS/Academic Counselling</b>  Y13 GEO Excursion CB	<b>WELL BEING WEEK</b>  <b>Mega Chapel</b>
<b>6</b> 2-6 Mar 4 days	<b>Split Assembly Senior Assembly LN/GT Gym</b>  <b>Junior Assembly JF/ ZT Rm 14 &amp; 15</b>  Stud Coun Mtng  <b>Coconstruction Year 12 3,30pm</b>	<b>PLG – Late start</b>  School /ID Photos	<b>Chapel</b>  Kotahi Meeting	<b>STARS/Academic Skills</b>  <b>SDA Visit - DC</b>	<b>SPORTS DAY</b>  Polyfest day – TOD with SDA Schools – TBC
<b>7</b> 9-13 Mar 5 days	<b>Smilecare</b>  <b>Assembly</b>  Prefect Principals SDA	<b>Smile Care</b>  Brain awareness Week	<b>Smile Care</b>  <b>Chapel</b>	Smile Care  Y9-13 Academic Counselling 3.30-7.00pm  <b>L2 Bio Rocky shore</b>	Smilecare  <b>Y13 Biology Ambury Farm</b>
<b>8</b> 16-20 Mar 5 days	<b>Assembly</b>  Stud Coun Mtng  <b>Y11 Co-construction Grp 3.30</b>	<b>PLG – Late start</b>  Feeder School Promo	<b>Chapel</b>  Feeder School Promo  <b>Learners License Chamber Drive</b>	<b>STARS/Academic Skills</b>      Feeder School Promo <b>Learners License Chamber Drive</b>	<b>TOD-in conjunction with other SDA schools</b>      <b>Learners License Chamber Drive</b>

## TERM FOUR CALENDAR

Week Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9</b> <b>23-27</b> <b>Mar</b>  <b>5 days</b>	<b>Assembly</b> <b>Split assembly</b>  Prefect Mtng@lunch  World Vision - Prefects	<b>PLG</b>  <b>Travellers Programme</b> <b>TBC</b>	<b>Chapel</b>  <b>Travellers Programme</b> <b>TBC</b>	<b>STARS/Academic</b> <b>Counselling</b>	
<b>10</b> <b>30 Mar-</b> <b>3.Apr</b> <b>5 days</b>			<b>Chapel</b> Pastoral Care Mtng JF	<b>STARS/Academic</b> <b>Counselling.</b>	<b>REUNION</b>
<b>11</b> <b>6-10</b> <b>Apr</b> <b>4 days</b>	Prefect Mtng@lunch  MLG 3.30	<b>Well being meeting</b> <b>DP Pastoral</b> Papakura		<b>Last Day</b> <b>Term 1</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>

## TERM FOUR HOLIDAYS

**April 13 to April 26**

**April 27th is ANZAC Day and Term Two will commence on**

**Tuesday, the 28th of April.**

### 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.