



ASDAH NEWSLETTER

CONNECTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Term I Issue I

21 February 2019

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Dear Friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." **1 John 4 : 11**

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 2019 school year and we praise God for the way he has blessed our school. This year we have welcomed more than 70 new students into ASDAH, 69 of them in Year 9. We are excited to welcome all the new students who have come to us from 20 contributing schools.

We are also excited about the 2018 NCEA results. All our year levels have done extremely well and we are proud of their achievement.

We have also welcomed some new teachers to ASDAH. They are part of a growing staff that is dedicated to working with all our young people. Joining us this year are:

Mr Gonald Present – Technology
Mr Kevin Xu – English
Mr Christian Malaitai – Technology – Computing
Miss Miriam Luteru – Teacher Aid

We are very glad that these teachers are a part of our school and know that they will make a fantastic contribution to our school.

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Mr Gonald Present



Mr Christian Malaitai



Mr Kevin Xu



Mr Samuela Lea



Miss Miriam Luteru

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Our Special Character focus this year is Rich Relationships. This will be unpacked during the year in workshops in classes. Our hope that our students will have the opportunity to learn to have a rich relationship with a God that loves and cares for them unconditionally to also grow rich relationships with their peers, teachers and others around them.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

This year we have a lot to be thankful for and celebrate, as our NCEA results are positive. We are very proud of the students that have worked hard in 2018 to gain these results. Below are the 2018 NCEA results:

Students achieving NCEA Level 1 – 84.6%*

Students achieving NCEA Level 2 – 71.8%*

Students achieving NCEA Level 3 – 71.7%*

Level 1 Literacy – 96.2%

Level 1 Numeracy – 92.3%

*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

On Monday, 25th of February, we will celebrate the success of our high achievers in Level 1, 2 and 3. These students attained NCEA Merit and Excellence endorsements for their work last year. Our special guest will be Dr Paul Siope from the North New Zealand Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Invitations have been sent out to the parents of the students who will be receiving their endorsement awards and we encourage you to please join us as we celebrate the success of your child.

PREFECT TEAM

This year we have a fine group of young people who are our student leaders. Head Boy Fabian Kimi, Head Girl Meleane Maka and Deputies Saraphina Teariki and Faatafa Vaafusuaga 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.



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

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

Please do not park in the neighbours driveways. Please keep clear especially the houses opposite the school.

THIS IS A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE NEIGHBOURS.

Thank you

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

STUDENT COUNCIL BADGING:

This year we appointed the students who will represent the students of the school on the Student Council. The Chaplains and Staff dedicated them today in assembly to their role as leaders of the school. This group of students will meet twice a month to support ASDAH in meeting our school values and goals. These students were elected by their peers from their various Homerooms.

HOMEROOM	L E A D E R S	
9 AP	Micah Peehikuru	Taufaleo Taufu
9 GP	James Niua	Drew Hoeflich
9 MC	Hannah Finau	Joseph Nasmith
10 LM	Kauvaha Tupou	Lei Taufolo
10 FD	Emi Posala	Jared Huni
11 FM	Stephen Paea	Lupe Hala
11 SA	Siu Fifita	Phillip Scott
12 FS	Mana Karikari	Sarah Anguna
12 LH	Roki Pulini	Etita Ribabaiti Marina Donovan
13 AB	Annie Katoa	Emmanuel
13 TT	Saraphina Teariki	Uanita Afa

We would like to congratulate these students on being elected by their peers. A BIG Congratulations as they carry out their Leadership duties at ASDAH and in their Homerooms.



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CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN NCEA:

The following students have received Merit and Excellent Endorsements in the following subjects for 2018. We are very pleased with their efforts and achievements last year. A special assembly will be held on Monday 25th February for the Parents and students to celebrate their achievements.

LEVEL 1 SUBJECT ENDORSEMENTS:

Mervyn Smith – Accounting, Economics, English
Amelia Esau – Bible, English,
Srayanne Bidmead – Bible (Excellence), PE,
Malia Maka - Bible (Excellence), English, History
Kolini Manu - Bible (Excellence)
Jessica Ryan - Bible (Excellence), English, Maths, Visual Art (Excellence)
Melelupe Finau – English, PE (Excellence)
Alvina Lua –English, Visual Art
Anna Mikaele – English
Belatina Veā – English, History
Ungatea Veā – History
Roki Pulini –Maths
Braxton Sampson – Maths
Jaden Eager – PE,
Saipani Paulo – PE
Talilotu Telefoni – Visual Art
Susan Vai - Visual Art

LEVEL 2 SUBJECT ENDORSEMENTS:

Lavinia Mafi – Home Economics, Bible, English (Excellence)
Leilani Ram – Home Economics, Biology, Chemistry, English (Excellence)
Cheylla Taione – Bible, English, History
Meleane Maka – Bible, Biology, English,
Tevita Tuipulotu - Bible
Saraphina Teariki – Bible (Excellence), Maths, English (Excellence)
Rose Tetika – Bible (Excellence), Biology, PE, Chemistry, English (Excellence)
Paula Finau – Bible, Chemistry, English, Maths, PE
Rachel Muliaumasealii – Biology, English
Tensia Vai - English
Maulote Piutau – Bible (Excellence)
Uinita Afa - History

LEVEL 3 SUBJECT ENDORSEMENTS:

Siosifa Lua – Bible, Geography, History, Maths
Leonie Tusani – Bible, PE
Brooke Tupounia – Geography, History
Arthur Wolfgramm - Geography

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEAR 9 PARENT AND TEACHERS EVENING

Thank you to all our parents who participated in the Meet the Teacher Evening. We had a wonderful evening with many of our parents attending. We would like to continue to build a strong partnership with you in Building a Nation of young people who are successful and have the values of Commitment Excellence and Respect towards God. The students from Year 9 have settled in well and one of the areas we can work together on is that we communicate regularly about the progress of our students.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting the Year 10- 13 Parents for our NCEA evening on the 21 February at 7pm. This will contribute to building a strong partnership connection with our families and the community.



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ASDAH'S WELL BEING WEEK

Date: Week 5 – Feb 25- Mar 1st

Venue: GYM

Time: 6 am **Breakfast:** 7am



Basketball, Zumba, Walking, Running, Climbing Mangere Mountain.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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ASDAH SPORTS DAY

Friday 22 March

Come along enjoy the fun & laughter



SUPPORT OUR SPORTS TEAMS

Byington - **Haskell** - Loughborough - **Daniels**

CHAPLAIN

RICH RELATIONSHIPS

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:11

As a Special Character School, the importance of showing a Christ like character through care, service and love for one another is hugely important.

This year ASDAH'S Spiritual Emphasis is on "RICH RELATIONSHIPS."

It is one of our major goals as a Chaplaincy team to really connect with our awesome students and staff members. We have called this focus "Intentional Connections".

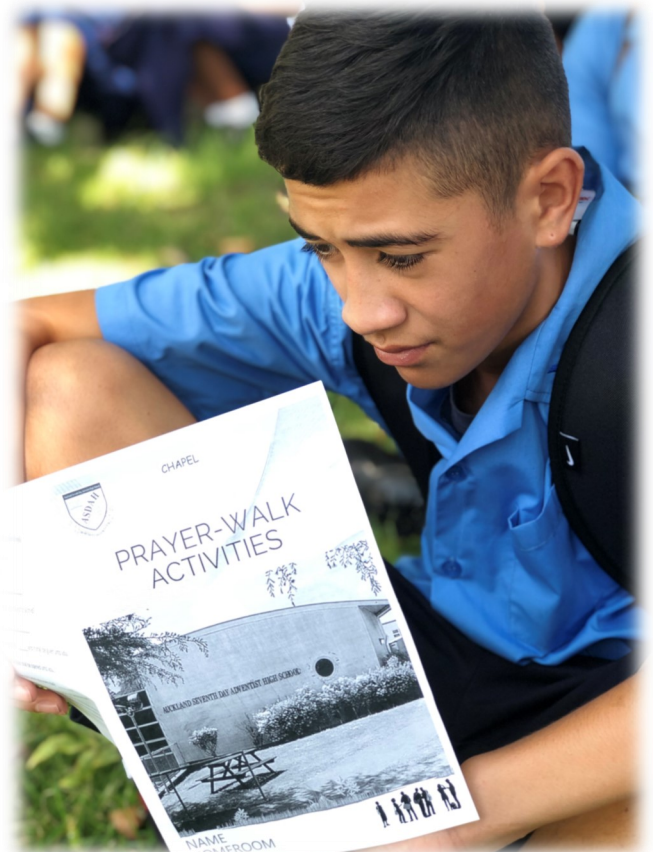
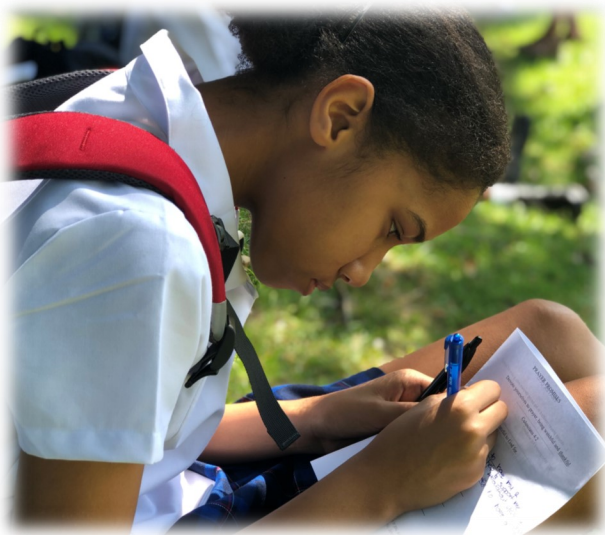
It is one of the privileges we have as Chaplains of this school, to be able to pray with our students and staff at any time. This term, we have decided to book a time to specifically pray with one of our teachers in their home room each day. It is something that we know that will not only help us connect with our teachers more, but we believe will help them in their spiritual journey as they go into their day. We believe that by doing this it will help motivate and inspire them as we go through a busy term.

PRAYER WALK

This year we started off our first Chapel with our traditional Prayer Walk.

The Blessing of this Prayer Walk is seeing students and their teachers bind together in circles and pray over certain areas of the school.

The amazing thing to see is the students actually praying together with their classmates and devoting these spaces in the school to God. We are so thankful that we can start the year on such a strong Spiritual tone.



CHAPLAIN

CHAPEL

We were honored and blessed to have a special guest come in and take our Chapel last week. Roger Ryan an American Gospel producer who has worked with the likes of international Artist such as Take 6 and Cece Winans, came to grace us with his incredible testimony and gift of music.

It was great to see the staff and students engage so well with his inspiring talent and have such a blessed time at Chapel.

Roger Ryan was asked by PAPSDA Church to come and run a few Music/ Choir workshops, and also be involved in a Gospel Concert they were organizing. What a privilege indeed to have someone with a such a profile as Roger come and bless us all at ASDAH.



CHAPLAIN RETREAT

Pr Chris and I (Pr Keli) took part in an amazing Chaplains retreat last week held in Rotorua. This retreat organized by the Pr Matt Moore from the NNZ Conference, is an Annual event where all the Chaplains from around the country come and meet to share resource ideas, share testimonials, and just have a great time of fellowship.

The theme of the retreat was “UPLIFT” and it was a valuable time of encouragement, and affirmation. At times Pastoral Ministry, with its high stresses and busy schedules can take a huge toll on things, and it was really awesome just to get away and be refreshed by prayer and words of upliftment. The work of Chaplaincy in the schools is a ministry that has its challenges and attending this retreat was such an awesome experience, and a great way to just get away and reset, reignite and refuel.

PROJECT STARS

The three-day STARS camp is a highlight for many students. In 2019, the focus is on building *'rich relationships'* and camp provided a great forum to do this. Last week, spirits were high, confidence grew, leadership was developed, fears were faced, trust was established, friendships were forged, and team work achieved! The mentors were supportive and led positively in their groups. This helped the Year 9's feel comfortable with each other and very much a part of the ASDAH community. Thank you to mentors, staff, and parents for your support, which made this camp a success.



"A friend loves at all times..." Proverbs 17:17



PROJECT STARS



MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The ASDAH Mathematics Department would like to welcome all students, families and caregivers into Maths learning 2019. Throughout the year there will be various activities and initiatives both in and out of the classroom that will improve student motivation and learning in Mathematics. This will include participation in Mathex and the Australian Maths Competition.

Results from last year include an increase in Numeracy at Level 1 as well as outstanding achievement from Braxton Sampson, Jessica Ryan and Roki Pulini, Merit endorsement at Level 1, Saraphina Teariki and Paula Finau, Merit endorsement at L2 and Siosifa Lua, merit endorsement at Level 3.

This year in the junior school students at year 10 will again sit two Level 1 NCEA achievement standards.

In the senior school all classes are well into their learning with several courses doing assessments over the next 2-3 weeks. Year 10 will complete their first Achievement Standard by week 6. All students have course outlines detailing Topics and the dates of respective assessments.

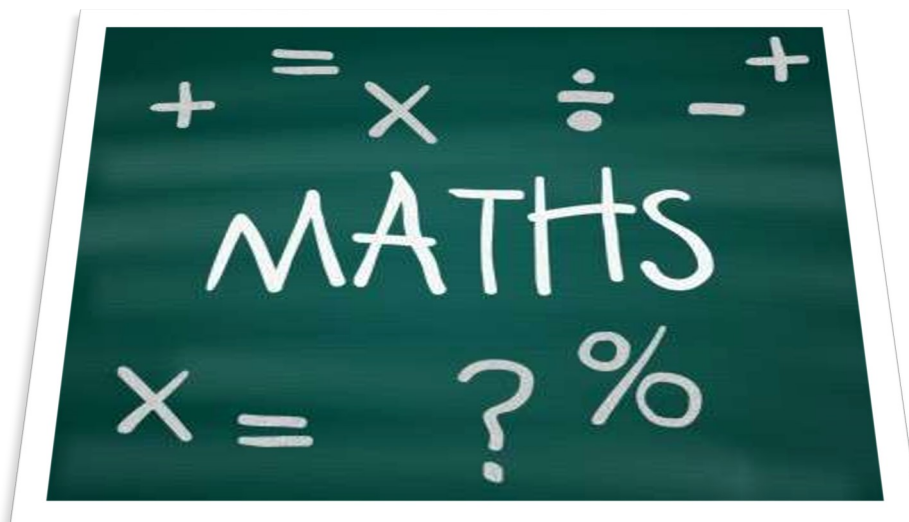
All students are set homework in Maths, the amount of which depends on at what level they are studying. In the senior school it is particularly important that homework is completed. Families, caregivers must allocate time and resources at home for students to achieve this.

PLEASE NOTE:

At both years 9 and 10 all students should have a workbook, these cost \$25. In the senior school students will be issued with several workbooks through the year at a total cost of \$30 for the year. If you have not already done so, please pay at the school office.

In the 2mat1 and 3mat1 courses graphics calculators are essential. These are available from the school for \$80, significantly less than the retail price.

Albert Poleki
HOD Mathematics



MISSION TRIP

ASDAH

FIJI MISSION TRIP

2019



DATES: 5 JULY—15 JULY 2019

COST: \$2500

YEAR LEVEL: 12 & 13

PURPOSE:

- Understand the importance of service in the global community
- Help a small rural community through sustainable projects
- Provide opportunities to develop student leadership

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

2019 has started slow due to polyfest commitments around Auckland however we have our Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams playing at (boys) Bruce Pulman Park Takanini, and (girls) St Kentigern College Pakuranga. Training days for the boys team are Monday nights, and the girls training days are Tuesday nights, with games both being held on Thursday nights. Both teams have got off to great starts coming away with the points in round one winning both of their games. This is going to be an exciting season for both teams who are competing well at a high standard, and we have identified some young talented juniors who have made the senior teams. Watch this space for a possible finals birth in 2019.



GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Late last year (November 7, 2018), Monte Fleming, a geology student of the Department of Earth and Biological Sciences of the SDA Loma Linda University in Los Angeles, USA, presented some of his research data at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America. The annual meeting of the Geological Society took place in Indianapolis, Indiana. The student was co-supervised by Dr Cornelis Bootsman, the geography teacher at ASDAH. The poster presentation was entitled 'Possible Fluvial Origin of Potholes on Rock Window Mesa in Chinle Valley, Arizona. The contributing authors were Monte Fleming, Leonard Brand, Norman Moll, and Cornelis Bootsman. Dr Bootsman assisted the student with the geomorphological fieldwork for his thesis research project.



A helicopter was used for some of the fieldwork in Arizona, USA during Dr. Bootsman's visits.

CAREERS

FIRST AID 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).

DRIVER LICENCE SCHOLARSHIP



ADRA and Let's Get Legal have been working on a project to assist more secondary students licensed and legal on our roads and to help them improve their opportunities in education, employment and to gain their independence.

10 ASDAH students will have their Learner Licence test fees paid by ADRA but only the first 7 students to pass their Learners **by 14 April 2019** will be eligible to progress to stage 2 to receive:

- ◆ Free download of the Practical Restricted Licence APP.
- ◆ Free AA Membership - includes 3 professional driving lessons (under ignition youth program).
- ◆ Restricted Licence test fee paid.



CAREERS

These 7 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. This date can be extended if needed and pending the students circumstances.

To qualify students must:

- ◆ Turn 16 by 1st March
- ◆ Attend a lunchtime meeting Monday 25 February in the library
- ◆ Return the required forms signed by parents with the correct ID to Ms Duckett Tuesday morning. Only the first 10 students will be eligible.

This is an excellent opportunity for students but they will need to take the responsibility of finding time to study (3-4 hours online) and to sit the test at VTNZ or the AA. Ms Duckett will be available only at certain times to take a limited number of students to VTNZ.

LEARNER LICENCE CLASSES

There will be other Learner Licence classes this year (dates to be confirmed).

Classes run after school in the library from 3.30 – 4.30.

Ms Duckett will be teaching the class. The cost is \$94 (the cost of the test).

We are lucky enough to have sponsorship for 15 students

(leftover from 2018) who will receive a \$50 refund paid into a bank account when they present their Learner Licence to Ms Duckett.

Students need to see Ms Duckett to enrol for these classes.

70% jobs require an applicant to have a Drivers License

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board
Auckland Council



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. Make sure you mention ASDAH when you contact them.



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.

CAREERS

RESTRICTED DRIVER LICENCE

At this stage ASDAH does not offer a Restricted Licence programme.

AUCKLAND 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 will 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.

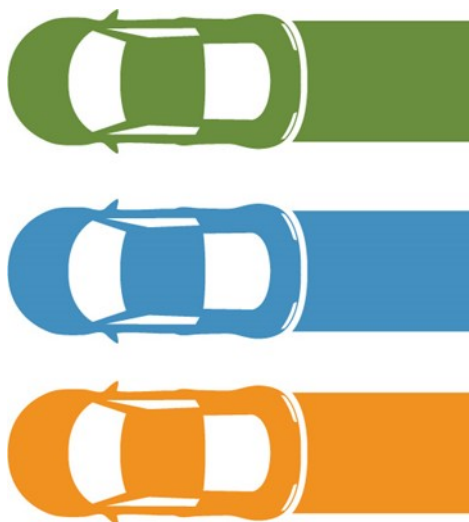
Available workshops for 2019

Manukau

- 19 March, 10:00am to 1:30pm
- 9 April, 10:00am to 1:30pm
- 29 May, 10:00am to 1:30pm
- 6 June, 10:00am to 1:30pm

Visit to register:

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



CAREERS

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.

FROM THE LIBRARY

The library has continued to grow. I added the 2,000th book since my arrival in October 2013 and am proud of our current collection of great teenage reads and nonfiction books.

DIGITAL BOOKS

Last year we began using Wheeler's eplatform for digital books. They have a fabulous range of ibooks and audiobooks. All students have access to this.

It can be accessed through:

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

or

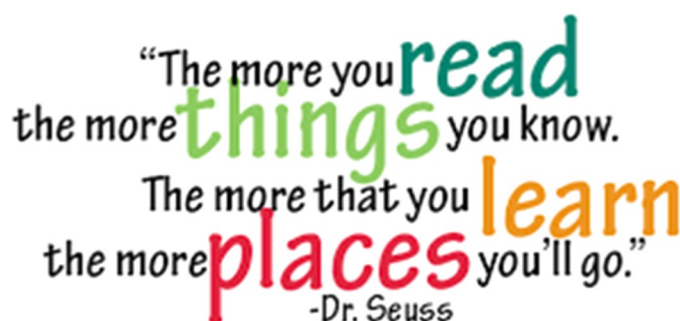
- ◆ they can download the ap ePlatform by wheelers books on their personal devices.-

They will find our school in the list of schools available.

The user name is their school email (eg john_bro@student.asdah.school.nz) and the password is:
library1

LIBRARIANS

At this stage I am requiring me students to help as librarians and will publish a list of students in the next newsletter.



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

SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP HUNT...

Scholarships, grants and awards for Māori students - Careers NZ

<https://www.careers.govt.nz/.../scholarships-grants.../scholarships-grants-and-awards-f...>

Secondary Māori Scholarships – Maori Education Trust

<https://maorieducation.org.nz/secondary-school-maori-scholarships/>

Undergraduate Maori Scholarships – Maori Education Trust

<https://maorieducation.org.nz/undergraduate-scholarships-for-maori/>

Hauora Māori Scholarships 2019 | Ministry of Health NZ

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/.../maori-health/hauora-maori-scholarships-2019>

Scholarships | Kia Ora Hauora

<https://www.kiaorahauora.co.nz/scholarships/search>

Nga mihi ASDAH Whanau,

I have been searching for scholarship sites that maybe of interest to our NZ Maori Whanau out there...these sights are for any and all NZ Maori so if you have whanau overseas who may be returning and wanting to study or students around NZ that are looking or considering Scholarships for the future...above are some sites to consider.

Yes and our Pasifika whanau scholarships and grants are available to you as well....

Scholarships, grants and awards for Pasifika students - Careers NZ

<https://www.careers.govt.nz/.../scholarships-grants.../scholarships-grants-and-awards-f...>

There are many **scholarships, grants** and awards available to Pasifika ... Ministry of Education

I have also sighted Asian- pasifika scholarshipsso my point is – what ever ethnicity you are use this as a key word for google search and see what happens...

Scholarships, grants and awards...it means free education if you are a successful applicant...you just need to apply and try...

Kia ora, Kia manuia, Kia manawanui
Miss T Tuoro



There is a scholarship out there somewhere for you!



TERM ONE CALENDAR

Week Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 18-22 Feb 5 days	Assembly – BOT Meeting 6pm	PLG – Late start Y12 GEO Excursion CB Y9 Diagnostic Testing	Chapel – Prefect Commissioning Y9 Diagnostic Testing	STARS/ Newsletter Y9 Diagnostic Testing Community Event Evening Year 10-13 NCEA/PB4L Information Evening/Cultural Connections	Y 11Geo, Research data collection in Auckland Y9 Diagnostic Testing
5 25 Feb-1 Mar 5 days	WELL BEING-WEEK Y12 Biology- Rocky Shore trip NCEA Celebration Prefects Prefect Mtng@lunch	WELL BEING WEEK PLG – Late start Y10 Excursion Soc studies TT	WELL BEING WEEK Chapel – SDA School Visit - RM	WELL BEING WEEK STARS/ Academic Counselling Y13 GEO Excursion CB	WELL BEING WEEK
6 4-8 Mar 4 days	Split Assembly Senior Assembly LN/GT Gym Junior Assembly JF/ FM Rm 14 & 15 Stud Coun Mtng	PLG – Late start School /ID Photos Y13 Biology Ambury Farm	Chapel	STARS/Academic Skills Y9-13 Academic Counselling 3.30-7.00pm	TOD-in conjunction with other SDA schools
7 11-15 Mar 5 days	Mighty Mouth Assembly Prefect Mtng@lunch Learner Licence 3:15 – 4:15pm	Mighty Mouth PLG Brain awareness Week Feeder School Promo Learner Licence 3:15 – 4:15pm	Mighty Mouth Chapel Feeder School Promo Learner Licence 3:15 – 4:15pm	Mighty Mouth Feeder School Promo Learner Licence 3:15 – 4:15pm	Mighty Mouth Y13 Biology Ambury Farm
8 18-22 Mar 5 days	Assembly Stud Coun Mtng Y11 Co-construction Grp 3.30 BOT Meeting 6pm. Learner License 3:15 – 4:15pm	PLG – Late start Restorative Practise World Vision Youth Conference – Logan Campbell Centre Learner Licence 3:15 – 4:15pm	Chapel Learner Licence 3:15 – 4:15pm	STARS/Academic Skills Learner Licence 3:15 – 4:15pm	SPORTS DAY

TERM ONE CALENDAR

Week Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 25-29 Mar 5 days	Assembly Split assembly Prefect Mtng@lunch	PLG Travellers Programme TBC	Chapel Travellers Programme TBC	STARS/Academic Counselling Newsletter Term 1 Awards Due FIRST AID Training TBC	ASTHMA CLINIC
10 1-5 Apr 5 days		Auckland ART Gallery L3 (GA)	Chapel	STARS/Academic Counselling.	
11 8-12 Apr 5 days	Auditors in school Prefect Mtng@lunch	Auditors in school	Health & Safety		Last Day Term 1 Cross Country CoL Teacher Only Day pm Mangere College

TERM ONE HOLIDAYS

13 - 28 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 contact Julie Hardwick or just drop them into the front office.