

Calendar Term 3 2017

BOT Meeting Sep 11
School Production Sep 26
Term End Sep 29

**“COURAGE DOESN'T
ALWAYS ROAR.
SOMETIMES
COURAGE
IS THE QUIET
VOICE AT THE
END OF THE
DAY SAYING,
'I WILL TRY AGAIN
TOMORROW.'”**

- Mary Anne Radmacher

Kia Kaha Kia Toa

be **STRONG &
Courageous**
do not be afraid DO NOT BE
DISCOURAGED
FOR THE LORD YOUR
GOD will be
with YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO
Joshua 1:9



Courageous Esther saves her people



Message from our Board Chair

To Tauranga Adventist School parents, students and friends of the School

I wish to inform you that our Principal, Mr Ross Bishop will be retiring from his role as school Principal at the end of this school year. Mr Bishop has served as principal of this school since 1990 and has seen the transition from the old school site to our current location. Our school community has been honoured to have such a strong committed school leader who serves our school with so much of 'heart and soul'. Mr Bishop's is to be commended for such tremendous diligence and passion to the ministry of Christian Adventist education here in Tauranga.

Mr Bishop has shared with me that he has thoroughly enjoyed the 27 years at TAS and feels very humbled by the way God has led. "This school and the community will always be very dear to me. God has richly blessed TAS in the past, and I know that this school will continue to move forward to new and greater heights with God's leading!"

I know, no doubt like me you will be sad to see Mr Ross Bishop leave, but we can reflect on the fact that we have been blessed by having Mr Bishop leading TAS and wish him all the best as he enters a new phase of his life.

Our School Board will begin advertising the Principal's position shortly. I know that God will bless us with a God-centred, visionary leader to take our school to the next level. TAS is now in a season of change and we look forward to God's leading in the appointment of the next principal who will lead the school.

Kind regards

Murray Jennings, TAS Board Chair

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Yes it is with mixed feelings that this announcement is made by our Board Chair but and as I have said to our Board, I believe there is a season for everything and I believe the season is right to step down and give someone else the opportunity to take the School forward. I believe the School is in good shape and I believe the School's core mission and vision will not change with a change of leadership. I am confident that the Board will ensure the School will go from strength to strength with God who is really at the helm regardless of who the principal is. I strongly believe God always puts the right person in the right place at the right time. It has really been a privilege to have had the opportunity to lead the school as principal over the years and the

decision to retire was not an easy one to make.

In the meantime, it is "business as usual" and we can all look forward to the remaining part of the School year.

We are now past the mid-term point of Term Three and hopefully Spring will soon arrive. (We all eagerly wait in anticipation!) With the country's attention currently focussed on the forth-coming election, we are bombarded with a plethora of election promises and "campaign spiel" so as to catch our attention and hopefully our vote. Without getting political, this situation serves to remind us that though people (political parties and others) make plenty of promises, it is only God's promises that are guaranteed 100%! The promise in our term theme is one that is relevant: "Be strong and Courageous, do not be afraid, be not

discouraged the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 This is a guarantee God will be by our side 24/7!!

TUFF GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

A great day was had a week ago when a number of our students participated in the Tuff Guy and Gal Challenge in Rotorua. If the amount of mud that was encountered by the competitors is anything to go by, the students had a lot of fun! If you have not checked our school website for a pictorial coverage of this event, I suggest you check it out. Thanks to a number of our parents who accompanied our students on the trip and those who contributed photos for our on-line album.

SCHOOL WEB SITE

I would encourage you to make a regular habit of checking our

web site for news updates. As there is a mobile-friendly version of the website, viewing is made easy of your personal device. I have also updated a link to our 2017 school handbook that displays as a flip book. If you have not yet added your name to receive our newsletters and other important announcements direct to your email address, I would recommend you do so. Remember also you can submit student absences via a link on the homepage as well.

SICK LEAVE

Currently Mrs Mel Dacker is away on sick leave and not expected back for another couple of weeks. In the interim, Miss Kate Goldstone is very ably leading this class. Mrs Dacker may be back in the interim to lead our dance group for our school production.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our School production planning and rehearsing is in full swing and we are gearing up for a great production. Tickets will be on sale shortly (possibly online) and you will be advised further details in due course.

NEW STUDENT WELCOME

We welcome Mikko Po to our school from the Philippines. Mikko is in Year 7 and has started with us this week.

VISITORS AND PARENTS TO THE SCHOOL

Thank you to those who are remembering to sign in at the Office if you are staying on after the commencement of the school day and also remembering to enter the building via Reception rather than through the side gates. Also please remember to advise Reception of your child's late arrival at School.

CAMP FUNDRAISING

Congratulations to those students who have already raised all their money for their class camps through the recent Spellathon. (Rooms 4 and 5 students) Well done! This year we are providing students the opportunity to sell "Bliss Balls" which is a healthy food snack. This will replace our traditional chocolate fundraiser as a healthier option. A separate letter will be going home shortly to parents of students who wish to be involved in this personal fundraiser.

TEACHER AIDE

This week have relieving teacher aides working in our school as one of our valued regular teacher aides, Mrs Ivy Prentice, is currently "cruising the Seven Seas" with her husband. (Well she is on a week's cruise anyway!) Mrs Debbie Handforth is our school cleaner and she has stepped into this role for the week as a reliever along with Carina Hereford. (Wife of Pastor Jesse)

APPOINTMENT OF A SCHOOL KAUMATUA

I am happy to report that at the recommendation of the Whanau group, the Board has appointed Mr Harry Tawa as our school's Kaumatua who the School can now consult regarding Maori perspectives. Harry, who is a member of the local Seventh-day Adventist Church and has already been assisting with our kapahaka group by teaching the haka to our boys.

BILINGUAL SIGNAGE

The Board has approved the upgrade of some of our internal signage to include Te Reo and English. This forms part of the Board's initiative to strengthen the Maori dimension of our

school.

2018 ENROLMENTS in YEAR 7 & 8

To assist us in our planning for 2018, we are requiring that all our parents of YEAR 6 students complete the registration form for indicating their enrolment choices for next year. (These will be sent to all parents of Year.) Please ensure your form is returned within the next week.

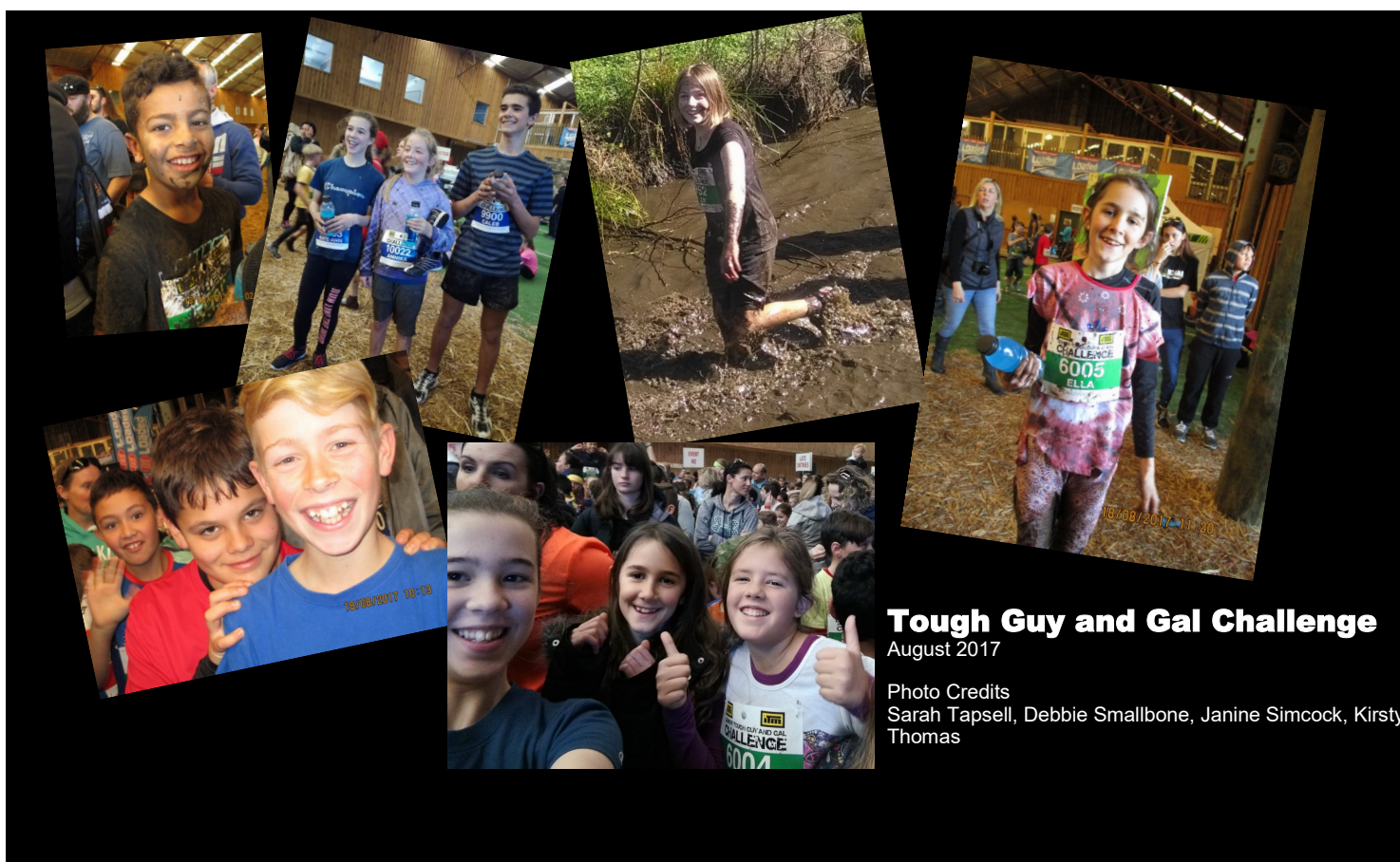
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Parents have been asking about when school photos (codes) will be available. We have just been informed these will be available in about a week's time so they are not too far away.

Blessings to all

R.Bishop

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Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

August 2017

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