

Calendar Term 4 2017

Life Education..... Oct 16-18
Foodbank Appeal ... Oct 30-Nov 3
Swimming..... Oct 30-Nov 3
R5 Camp Nov 7-10
BOT Meeting Nov 13
Cool Bananas..... Nov 21
Kaphaka Festival Nov 24
R4 Camp Dec 5-7
Awards Evening Dec 13
School Finish (noon)..... Dec 14
Road to Bethlehem..... Dec 17-20

"True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."

EG White



NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT (Statement from Board Chairman)



The school board takes great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr Ryan Baronian as the new principal to succeed Mr Ross Bishop who is retiring at the end of the year. Ryan was the principal of Southland Adventist Christian School from 2011 to 2016. Ryan is a forward thinking leader with proven strengths in communication, e-learning and co-curricular areas that will add value and enrichment to the school. As he is himself a former student of Tauranga Adventist School, he is excited about returning "home" in a different capacity. When asked why he is passionate about Adventist Education, he said "Education is an ever-changing landscape, and in the 21st century, it is more important than ever to have a strong Christian role model for our students to look up to. I believe I am a Christian role model who is willing to lead, manage and make a difference in the lives of the students at Tauranga Adventist School." Ryan has a keen love of nature, and is very active outdoors. His interests include hiking NZ's National Parks, mountain biking, and fishing. He is also a keen photographer, enjoys playing the guitar and travelling all around NZ and the world. Ryan is married to Hannah Campbell, who is also a trained Primary school teacher, originally from Tasmania.

The School Board wishes to acknowledge the wonderful commitment Mr Ross Bishop has shown in his dedication to Tauranga Adventist School. He has served as principal for 27 years, during which he has led the school in its relocation to its current site. Ross is retiring from education after 43 years of service to Adventist Education in New Zealand. His first appointment as a teacher was to Kaitia in 1975! We praise God for Ross' faithful dedication to the Church through the ministry of teaching.

Dear Parents WELCOME

I would like to welcome you all back to our final term for 2017 and trust that you have all had an enjoyable break, despite the questionable weather over the break! This term will fly by very quickly as we only have less than nine weeks of school and we have a very full term of events and happenings planned. I would like to congratulate the Board of Trustees for making the appointment of Mr Ryan Baronian to the position of Principal of our school commencing 2018 and thank the Board for their kind comments concerning my personal service to the School. I believe Ryan will bring the necessary set of skills, dedication and vision that the School requires moving forward. Ryan is no stranger to our school as he is a former student of the School himself, and his father was a former teacher and Deputy Principal of the School as well. (At least our appointment process has taken less time than appointing a new government!!) I wish to also clarify that my

wife Lynley will continue on in her current role as the School's Office Administrator next year.

NEW STUDENT

I would like to welcome one new student to our school who has commenced this term in our school: Samuel Boeh, Year 0. (That brings the Boeh count on our roll to FOUR!)

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our production is now but a memory but a very good one at that. Again I would like to thank you all for your support and for the many positive comments that you shared with us. Just remember that photos from the production can be viewed on the school web site. Full resolution photos can also be downloaded but are now password-protected. (Just email the Office for the password) A video can also be purchased for \$20. Please check the School web site for details. (The video can be viewed on the Reception TV)

LIFE EDUCATION

This week all students have been visiting the Life Education

mobile classroom as part of our school's Health Curriculum. Harold the giraffe is alive and well and as the mascot for the programme, is always a favourite of our junior students. Rooms One to Four students have been learning about various body systems and the upper school have been looking at harmful substances to the body. Any parent wishing to know more detail is welcome to meet with the Life Education facilitator, Mr Michael Chemis. This can be arranged through the school Office. Michael is very aware of, and is sensitive to our School's special character values, as he has been associated with our school over a number of years. For those unfamiliar with the Life Education programme, the general programme has the following general goals for students:

- develop life skills relating to their health and wellbeing
- understand how to make healthy choices
- gain knowledge about health and their bodies

- develop self-esteem and a positive understanding of themselves
- develop strategies for relating to others

The programme is largely sponsored by a number of community groups and national organisations with a minimal charge being made to schools. Further information can be obtained from the Life Education website: www.lifeeducation.org.nz

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

I'd like to thank Mrs Rachel van der Gugten for originally setting up a parent Facebook page some time ago to help link parents of our School community together over matters relating to our school. I know many of you are members of this social network community and have found the page very helpful. Rachel has now handed the administration of this Facebook page over to the School so it can become an "Official" school Facebook page. This now enables us to promote the page to all parents through our web site and newsletters. Eg. We have now made a link to the page on our school web site and all parents are invited to sign up and become members. As the page is set up as a "Closed" group, you are asked to request membership that we will happily grant to any parent of our school community. Lynley Bishop and Sarina Foote are the new administrators so feel free to contact them should you have any questions about getting your membership set up. The School Facebook page is named "Adventist School, Tauranga". Once again, many thanks to Rachel for her insight and initiative in getting this set up in the first place. (You are a treasure!)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The Board is currently developing a long term master plan for enhancing the School's Information Technology

capabilities including strengthening e-learning as part of student learning. Miss Foote has been tasked with leading the e-learning aspect of our school's programme and e-learning will be an on-going focus for our school over the coming years. The Ministry of Education is in the process of releasing a new e-learning curriculum for schools and we believe that we will be well-positioned to deliver this to our students in the near future. Over the holidays, a new server was installed on the School network that formed part of Board's strategic plan for Information Technology which will provide the foundation for future development in delivery.

SCHOOL MURAL

As previously advised, the Board has commissioned Rotorua artist Mr Tony Pope, to work with our students to create an outdoor mural for our school based on the Biblical Creation Week. (Tony was a guest artist to our School last year when he assisted with our Art Week.) Tony is working with a handful of our students across various classes to bring this vision to a reality. The mural will be painted on the back of the Room 2 classroom. (facing the carpark)

ROOM 4 & 5 CAMPS

Class Teachers will be communicating more details to parents concerning our Term 4 camps. Both camps will be held at Ohope Christian Camp with dates being: R5, November 7 to 10 and Room 4 December 6 to 8. Some excellent experiences are being prepared for both classes and these camps I am sure will be one of the key highlights of the school year for the students in these classes.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students are expected to be wearing their summer uniforms including sun hats.

SCHOOL UNIFORM CHANGES

As many of you will be aware, the Board of Trustees has been in the process of reviewing and updating the school uniform. In most cases, there will be no major change overall but there will be some changes that will begin to be implemented in the coming year. Any change will have a 3 year phase in period so all parents will be given time to make the changes eg, as children grow out of existing uniform items they would be expected to upgrade to the new uniform code. As part of the updated uniform code, there will be stocks of certain items carried by some local retailers whilst the School will carry some items.

Some of the key changes include having a year-round uniform (with minor variations between Winter and Summer) and introducing a skorts option for girls and a change from the current sweatshirt to a full zip jersey. The details of the new uniform code will be released before the end of the school year. The Office is currently selling off at discounted prices some existing stock of certain uniform items. (Remember current items can be worn for the next three years so here is an opportunity to grab a bargain!)

HOT CHIPS: FUNDRAISING FOR R4 CAMP

Mrs Mel Watts is organising a R4 fundraiser to assist with camp fees. Commencing Thursday this week, students may pre-order a punnet of hot chips (commercially prepared) and / or a Juicy (Iceblock) (No doubt the Juicy is to help students cool down after the chips!) Gluten-free chips can also be ordered for \$3 a punnet. Orders and money need to be in at the Office by 9:00 Thursday morning. (Order forms and envelopes can be collected at the Office). Payment may also be made by EFTPOS. Mel Watts would appreciate the help from any other R4 parent to administer this so if you could

spare an hour on any Thursday, give her a call as I am sure she would appreciate it.

KAPAHAKA FESTIVAL

Our Kapahaka group is now preparing for the major Kapahaka festival to be held on November 24. This will give our school the opportunity to showcase the skills of our students and our school's special character. Last year our students were a real witness and they were received very well indeed.

FOODBANK APPEAL

Our School's Foodbank appeal is coming up at the end of the month (Commencing October 30th) Start putting aside suitable items for this worthy cause. Food bank has identified the following items that they are running low on and always needed: Suitable items include tinned soup, packets of soup, cocoa, baking powder, icing sugar, pasta sauce, pre-cooked servings of rice/pasta, toothpaste, laundry powder, tinned tomatoes, creamed corn. Items should be deposited in the school foyer any time from next week.

SWIMMING

Our Room 1 to 4 students will be having a week of swimming lessons at the Greerton Pools commencing Monday October 30. We will transport students to the pool by bus. This year we have reduced the number of days for swimming to 5 but have lengthened the session times for logistical reasons (transport and cost). The cost is covered in the School Contribution donation that you pay during the year so there will be no extra cost to parents. A separate notice will go home next week with further details concerning our swimming programme.

God Bless you all as we enter the final term of the school Year

Blessings

R.Bishop
PRINCIPAL



Thank you
students for an
awesome
performance!