

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Guardians,

Term 1 is now well under way and I trust that it has been an excellent start to the new school year.

I am thoroughly enjoying learning the ropes and figuring things out here at Tauranga Adventist School! I am beginning to get my head around a few things in the administration area, learn the students names, and am starting to feel a sense of relief to know that God has led me hear for a reason.

This week we are hearing a lot about Cyclone Gita. Its arrival is looking to hit the Northwest of the South Island tonight (maybe it has already hit with that rain coming down)! Forecasters are urging the public to prepare for this storm, to get out of certain areas before the storm hits, to ensure they have an emergency plan with their families, and to make sure they have enough food for a few days... people are being told to be ready, take action!

This got me reflecting, we have a bigger storm coming! Jesus! His return is not too far away. However, this won't effect just a small part of the world - Fiji, Samoa or New Zealand, but the entire world. Every eye will see. Every ear will hear. Jesus is asking us to be prepared now, take action! We do not know the day nor the hour, but we know it will happen. We have the hope of Christ's return.

What are you doing with your family today to ensure you are ready for the storm of Jesus? What food (spiritual) are you eating or sharing today to help in that preparation?

When a storm hits, people generally want to help others, especially if they see their neighbour in trouble. Our natural instinct is to help, to serve. How are we helping others today with the storm of Jesus?

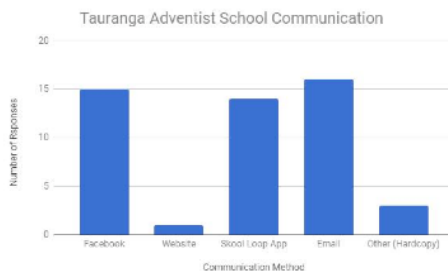
"Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen. Revelation 1:7

Finally, as a result of the communication survey we did in the last newsletter, this newsletter will no longer be printed and given to each family in hard copy form. There will be a small number printed and available in the admin office. Otherwise, it will be uploaded to our website, posted in our Facebook Group, and pushed out via our school app (see details for app on the last page), every three weeks.

Blessings,



Ryan Baronian
Principal



Newsletter

Term 1, Number 2

Term 1 Value

**God is dependable
... and He wants me to be
dependable too!**



Term 1 2018 Dates

Yr 7 & 8 Tech	22nd Feb
School BoT Meeting	26th Feb
Yr 7 & 8 Tech	1st Mar
Athletics Day (TBC)	20th Mar
Good Friday (Closed)	30th Mar
Easter Monday (Closed)	2nd Apr
Easter Tuesday (Closed)	3rd Apr
Term 1 Ends	13th Apr

2018 Term Dates

Term 1	30th Jan – 13th Apr
Term 2	30th Apr – 6th July
Term 3	23rd July – 28th Sept
Term 4	15th Oct – 13th Dec



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School Pick Up & Drop Off

A reminder that these are very busy times for everyone involved. If you are stopping and coming into the school, please do not park your car in the drop off area – park in the car park or on the grass. Please also ensure that your travel speed up and down the driveway is appropriate. We are looking to get speed signs installed in the near future.

Easter Break

School will be closed on Good Friday 30th March, Easter Monday 2nd April and Tuesday 3rd April. School will reopen for the last two weeks of school on Wednesday 4th April.

Swimming

This term our Year 1-6 students will be doing swimming during the last two weeks of Term 2. Further information will be sent out closer to that time.

Uniform

Our uniform is currently in a change process. If you are unsure about the school uniform, please contact Mrs Bishop in the office. Please ensure that your child has a hat each day as they are required to wear it when playing.

School Accounts

You should have received a Term 1 account. We appreciate your timely manner in paying this. If you have not yet received one, please contact Carol Dunlop by emailing accounts@taurangasda.school.nz and she will arrange one. Feel free to set up weekly or fortnightly payments to cover the fees.

Facebook & Communication

Over the past few weeks we have posted a bit more in our school Facebook private group and kept you up-to-date with a bit more about what your child/ren have been up to. We hope you appreciate it!

A reminder that our Facebook Group is not the appropriate place to contact your child's teacher. It would be appreciated if from here on you communicate with your child's teacher via school email, school phone or in person. Our teacher's emails are:

Miss Sarina Foote

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Mrs Adrienne Abbott

adrienneabbott@taurangasda.school.nz

Mrs Di Rappell

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Ms Mel Dacker

meldacker@taurangasda.school.nz

Mrs Marie Hastings

mariehastings@taurangasda.school.nz

Student Information Update

The start of the year is a great time to ensure that the school has the necessary updated contact and medical information about your child/ren. Please contact the office if you would like to check what details we have on record or if you think anything has changed.

Permission for Use of Photos

Please complete the attached permission slip and return it to school by Friday 23rd February.

Senior Syndicate Field Trip

On Wednesday 4th April, Rooms 4 and 5 will be finishing off our study of Living Things with a field trip to the Mount Rock Pools. This will involve some exploring in the rock pools and then a picnic lunch and swim at the hot pools. A notice giving further details will be given nearer the time. Parents are more than welcome to join us!

Room 5 Field Trip to Hamilton Museum

As a part of our Math and Science learning we will be heading off to the Hamilton Museum on Thursday 8th March to check out their Archimedes exhibition. We will be taking the bus, leaving at 8:15am and returning around 3:30pm. A separate permission form giving further details and requesting Parent help forms will be sent home next week. It should be a great exhibition and day out, so feel free to join us!

Students Leaving School Early

If your child must attend music, dance, sport or anything before the official school day ends at 2:45pm, then please request Mrs Bishop to collect your child from the classroom. This will help minimise distraction around the school and other student's learning.

Athletics Day 2018

This year we have scheduled Athletics Day for Tuesday 20th March and a postponement of Thursday 22nd March. More details will be provided in the next school newsletter. Whakatane SDA and Rotorua SDA schools have been invited to attend.

ITM Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge - Rotorua

Wednesday August 15th is the date for the ITM Challenge this year! Parents are required to go online to <https://eventpromotions.co.nz/> and register their children directly. There is a question which asks if the parent or teacher will collect the race bag, please select 'teacher'. Mrs Hastings will be going over with students from the school. This year we are only opening it up for Year 5-8 students. The cost is \$25 per students which must be covered by the parent. Once you have signed up for the event online, please print off your confirmation and bring it to school to secure your child's booking. We can then arrange appropriate transport to Rotorua and back.





Permission for Use of Photos

I/We understand that photos of my child/ren may be used by the school for the following purposes:

- School Newsletters
- School Website
- School Facebook site (note: this is a closed, private group)
- School events such as the end of year school breakup and church programmes
- Local Newspapers as part of a report on school related activities or events
- School, proprietors, church web sites specifically designed for the school system
- Other publications that are relevant to our school community
- University and Polytechnic students work as part of their degrees, diplomas etc

I /We understand that students will not be identified by name to respect their personal and family privacy. I/We give permission to the Tauranga Adventist School for this material to be used for the above purpose. I/We understand that this permission is to be valid for the time my child/ren is enrolled at the Tauranga Adventist School unless indicated otherwise.

Child/ren Names: _____

Signed: Parent/Caregiver/Guardian _____ Date: _____

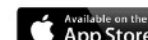
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