Dear families of SASA

I do hope you all enjoyed your Easter long weekend break. The Lord God loves us so much that He would send his son to die for us. Now we have the hope of eternal life. What a wonderful thing. God is good.

The last two weeks we have been focusing on learning about two more ideals of the SASA way. They are:

**WE HELP, SUPPORT AND INCLUDE EACH OTHER**

We always look for ways to build and lift others up. We treat others the way we want to be treated.

**WE VALUE SAFETY**

We act safely and do not risk our health and well-being, or the welfare of others.

Next week we will introduce the last 10th ideal of the SASA Way to students and conclude the story of Sam and Sally and their adventures.

The last ideal is:

**WE ARE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY**

We have many cultures but stand together as one community. We are willing to help those in need.

Next term we plan to introduce our SASA Way Pledge to the students. They will learn this and recite it every Monday morning during assembly. The Pledge will be published in the first newsletter of next term.

What a delightful time we had last week at the Easter show. It was wonderful for students to get up close to the beautiful animals that God created. To see where our wool comes from, where eggs come from and to also see and sample some local produce.

Next week is the last week of the term. We look forward to meeting parents for interviews and to give profiles and interim reports on students. Also next Wednesday is our school swimming carnival. I do wish all our families a happy and safe school holiday break and see you all next term. Thank you for your care, support and belief in our school.

Mrs Efstratiou
Principal

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### Upcoming Events

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A Word from our Chaplain

I’m really enjoying my days at SASA. The staff are great to work with and students are so accepting. I must admit this year has been a journey with the new students, new teachers and extra class in Kindergarten. When the term started all the students were moving into new classes or a new teacher and I found some struggling with being able to concentrate while I was telling of the story.

I continued each week and I’m happy to report, that we have a great group of teachers that just love the children here at SASA. The kids have responded and already there is an improvement and a growing response to learning. We are lucky to have a great team of teachers who regularly communicate together professionally and are prepared to put in place strategies to make learning better for students. They want every student to have every opportunity to learn and be confident in life.

I was in a class the other day, and I noted the students had begun to respond to my questions during the story. Most of them stayed still and as we applied the story to life they burst out into song about how Jesus loves each of them. I joined them, praised them and then blessed them in prayer. I went away praising God for the students of SASA and their teachers and staff.

I’d like to lead out in a big hand of applause for the teachers and staff, and another set of applause for each of the students. They all need a great hug when they come home. P.S. take the time to thank a teacher or staff member, they are really doing great jobs.

God bless
Pr John Wells

Principal Awards

Principal awards are given to students who have shown exemplary behaviour during the week and have tried their best in class.

The Principal awards go to the following students. They will receive their certificate at assembly next Monday.

Prep – Lucas D, Nami, Shalom, Jayden, Yiyang, Sarah, Kailey, Esther, Ryan, Kingsley, Neville
Kindergarten KW – Kimi, Janice, Christy W, Gilbert
Kindergarten KS – Dilaavat, Wilson, Kevin, Asvin, Meyra, Zachary
Grade 1 – Jackson, Kobi, Matthew, Keyaan, Phillip, Daniel, Justin Z
Grade 2/3 – Rutuj, Alina, Meryem, Jasmine, Jonathan
Grade 4/5/6 – Isaac, Arda, Navdeep, Efe

Class Highlight - YEAR 2/3 CLASS OF 2016

I am very privileged to be the teacher of a wonderful class this year. We have a good balance of boys (12) and girls (11) as well as grades. The students have settled in well and I am very happy with the way they are following our class routines. Most students are very well motivated and they are working hard in class. The percentage of students who complete their homework is in the high nineties. I must thank and congratulate the parents for their cooperation and making sure students are doing their work at home. On Thursdays all the Year 3 students are staying after school from 3 to 4 pm where they do some extra work to prepare for the upcoming Naplan tests.

I must say that the students in our class are very caring and they are always ready to help and support each other. I am impressed with their spiritual growth and our Friday prayer partner sessions are just a real blessing.

They have taken the SASA Way on board and I am very pleased with their progress. Well done Year2/3 class. I am proud of all my fantastic students and my sincere prayer is that our Heavenly Father will always guide and bless their ways.

Mr Adonis
In the past week the 4/5/6 class have been enjoying testing the school’s new class set of iPads! They have been enjoying trialling the new apps and websites and integrating this new technology into their learning! The new iPads will now be scheduled for each class to use to help engage the students in their learning.

**No Hat No Play Policy**

Our school follows the ‘No Hat No Play’ policy where if a student does not have a hat then they are not to play outside in the sun. All students need to be wearing a school hat. They cannot bring a replacement cap from home. The Prep hats are kept at school.

**Playgroup**

If you have a child under the age of 5 then come to our playgroup. Held in the school hall. Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am
All parents and bubs welcome
$3 entry fee each week.

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be open on Monday and Friday morning from 8.30-9.30am. You can email uniform enquiries to: sasa.uniforms@auburn.adventist.edu.au

The winter months are fast approaching so it may be time to start stocking up on your child’s winter uniform. We will change over to the winter uniform in week 3 of Term 2.

**Nut Free School**

Please remember we are a nut free school so do not send your child to school with food that has traces of nuts.

**Child Focused**

Child Focused provides an After School Care service for students and the community. They are situated in the middle classroom. Please contact Louise on 0411 550 668 or by email at louise.yaacoubian@childfocused.com.au if you are requiring this service.
Child Focused is an independently run business. Please contact them with all enquiries. If you contact the school then we will refer you to them. Visit their website www.childfocused.com.au for more information.

**Healthy Lunches**

We encourage parents to pack healthy lunches for their child. Please don’t send your child to school with lollies, fizzy drink, chocolates etc. All students need some fruit and a water bottle.

**Prep Enrolments 2017**

We are now taking enrolments for Prep class for next year. We encourage people to enroll as soon as possible because places fill very quickly. If you or your friends are planning to enroll a child in Prep then obtain an enrolment form from the office and fill it out and hand it in to the office. Interviews for Prep 2017 will be held later in the year.
Swimming Carnival Wednesday 6 April

This year due to the change of venue, we will be having our swimming carnival at Birrong Leisure centre. It is on Wellington Road at Birrong.

Students will go over to the pool from school. They are to wear their swimmers under their uniform. This year we will have Year 2-6 students participating in races.

It will start at 10am and finish by 2pm. Students in Prep to Year 1 will go to the pool and play outside in the water park area from 10-12pm. They will then have lunch and return to school via school bus.

All parents are welcome to attend the day. Parent helpers please announce yourself on entry to the pool that you are with our school. The school can pay for your entry. This is for parent helpers only.

Office Hours

The office is open from 8:30am-4:00pm. In the morning the staff have worship and the office is unattended. Please respect this time by not calling or ringing the doorbell. The phone will not be answered before 8:30am.

School Canteen Closed Wednesday 6 April

Due to having the school swimming carnival on 6 April, the school canteen will be closed and students will not be able to order lunch. Please make sure you send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch that day.

Stock in the canteen will not be replenished until after the school holidays, please check the list outside the canteen when ordering to see if still available.

Music Lessons

If you are interested in your child taking private music lessons, then please contact the music teachers below.

Guitar - Tom Erceg on 0424 659 921
Classical guitar – Mark Kara on 0402 431 071 / email mr_makara@hotmail.com
Piano – April Mills on 0423 746 794
Piano – Rosabel Elijah on 0418 748 558 / email rosieangel23@gmail.com
Violin – Tatyana Lukich on 0450 255 313 / email tatyana.lukich@nme.com
Flute – Jane Hart on 9899 2429 or 0414 903 498 / email jane@sydnyweddingmusic.com.au

NOTE: All lessons must be booked directly through the music teacher. All finances are solely between the parents and music teacher, not the school.
**Latest News**

**Chess class**
The chess class at Sydney Adventist School runs on Friday lunch from 11:30 am – 12:10 pm. If you are interested in joining the chess class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or via enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

**Upcoming chess event**
3rd April: Inner West Sunday Fun Tournament

**Chess puzzle**

- **Solution puzzle #1**
  1. Qxg8+, Kxg8 2. Rf8#

- **Chess puzzle**

- **Puzzle #2**: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves.

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**From Our Bursar**

We are now in the last week of Term 1. All fees for the term need to be paid in full by 8 April 2016, which is our last day of this term. Those families with balances still owing for the term will receive a letter this week.

If you do still have fees owing please come to the office and make a payment. However, if you are having financial difficulties at this time please contact Mrs Efstratiou or myself, and we will organise a payment plan for you.

Thank you to everyone who has paid fees on time. Have a lovely holiday.

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**SASA Fun Day 20 March**

Thank you to all the families who attended the SASA Fun Day. We had so much fun!