A message from our Principal

Dear Families of SASA

Welcome to the new school year. I am so excited at how our school is growing as now we have 6 full time teachers. This year we have Mrs Samuels teaching the Prep class again along with Mrs Rosa as her teacher aid. We have taken a high amount of Kindergarten students this year who have been divided in to two classes. This year we are so pleased to have Miss Ward join us and she will be teaching the Kindergarten class. We are also excited to have Miss Stewart who will be teaching in the old playgroup classroom and she will have a split Kindergarten/Year class. If you get a chance have a look at the classroom as it has been renovated and looks amazing.

We are pleased that Mrs Marsden has returned to teacher the Year 1 class. Mrs Marsden is also expecting her first baby and we are so excited for her. She will finish up teaching at the end of term 2. We will be looking for a replacement teacher for her while she is on maternity leave. Mr Adonis is back to teach the Year 2/3 class and we have a new teacher Mrs Medbury who is teaching the Year 4/5/6 class and who is also taking on the deputy role this year. We also have a new relief teacher Miss Bogacs who is going to be teaching the students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday while teachers take their two hour relief time.

This year Mrs Serafim will be running the playgroup and helping in the library. Mrs Tuaoi and I will be assisting teachers, students and parents with learning support.

It would be good to see parents at Meet the Teacher night next Wednesday 10th February at 6.30pm. We will first meet in the hall and then parents can go to their child’s classroom to meet the teacher. We will also have translating services for Chinese families.

Have a great week and God Bless,

Mrs Efstratiou
Principal

★ This week the staff prayed for teachers.

Upcoming Events

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A Word from our Chaplain

Every year the first week of school is a new beginning. It does not matter whether you are returning with stories to tell about the holidays or you are really uncertain because this is all new. Beginnings can be stressful as it is for many of our very new little students who are no longer at home for a day but at school where everything is new, different and scary.

Whatever your 2016 is looking like I want to challenge you to consider inviting God into your year. The God of the Bible is a personal, interested God. He desires to be a part of your day to day decisions, He desires to have a relationship with you, to hear your concerns and to comfort your pain. The God of the Bible is interested in your life! Sometimes our picture of God holds us back, we ask ourselves, ‘does He really care?’ or ‘why would He be interested in my petty problems?’ The Bible says in 1 Peter 5:7, “Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you!” Invite God into your worries, let Him hear your cares and put your burdens on His shoulders. I challenge you to try this year with God, invite Him to be a part of your decisions and your life, I personally wouldn’t do life any other way!

God bless
Pastor John

Principal Awards

Prep: Adrian, David, Sophia and Sienna.
Kindergarten: Debrah and Joanne.
Year K/1: Rowad and Leonardo.
Year 1: Sandra, Sahaj, Grace, Justin H and Nevan.
Year 2/3: Christian, Chloe, Benjamin and Jennifer.
Year 4/5/6: Rozannah and William.
2015 Speech Night Results

Well done to the students listed below and we look forward to seeing who receives these awards again at the end of this year. We encourage all students to try their best and work hard especially if they would like to be an award winner.

Speech night 2014 was a successful evening celebrating the successful year that the students had. Congratulations to all students for completing the year. We had time to say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers and wished them well.

Academic Trophy
Prep – Yihan
Kindergarten – Sandra
Year 1 – Jaeda
Year 2 – Benjamin
Year 3 – Dedrick & Matthew
Year 4 – Amelia
Year 5 – Hayley
Year 6 – Sumithiran

Most Improved Trophy
Prep – Louis
Kindergarten – Zaynab
Year 1 – Wayne
Year 2 – Jad
Year 3 – Jonathan Z
Year 4 – William
Year 5 – Joshua C
Year 6 – Amrinder

Citizenship Trophy
Prep – Kaiwen
Kindergarten – Justin Z
Year 1 – Chloe
Year 2 – Ashley & Auyshi
Year 3 – Sabine
Year 4 – Alice
Year 5 – Isabelle
Year 6 – Eva

Sportsmanship
Prep - Kevin
Kindergarten - Mariaelle
Year 1 - Alina
Year 2 – Jonathan S
Year 3 - Sabine
Year 4 - Jacob
Year 5 - Jimmy
Year 6 - Jack

DUX – Joshua S
Penny Obrien Award – Audrey
Arts Award – Enoch

We also said farewell to some of our teachers who have moved on to others schools or retired,
Class Highlight – Prep

We hope you are settling in comfortably and are starting to feel part of the SASA family.

For those of you who may be concerned that your child is crying when you leave please remember that even as adults we may feel uneasy about starting a new job, moving to a new house or starting a new course. Your child will also feel some of these emotions when first starting at a new preschool. If your child appears to be upset when you leave please be assured that some separation anxiety is quite normal typically decreasing throughout early childhood and as they become familiar with the children and staff in their rooms. More often than not children are most upset at your departure rather than being at preschool and usually settle into an activity fairly quickly after you have gone.

We can already see the different personalities coming out. The quiet personality, the strong personality and who loves to clean up or help the teacher. Always good to have little helpers in class ☺. We are looking forward to a good year growing and learning together.

Mrs Samuels

Parents Attending School Excursions – Working With Children Check (WWCC)

Parents or carers wanting to attend school excursions MUST have a Working with Children number. This is free to volunteers. Go to http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check to apply online or call 02 9286 7219. The details must then be given to your class teacher or the office.
Change to Calendar Date!

Please make the following date change to your SASA calendar.

- Thursday March 24th is now a pupil free day, no students at school, only staff.
- Term 3 now begins on Friday July 22nd NOT July 25th as previously advertised.

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

Times have changed this year to **Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am**. All parents and bubs are welcome. Entry fee is **$3 each week**.

Bad Language

At Sydney Adventist School Auburn, we promote positive speech and language. We do not allow for bad language in and outside of the classroom. Students caught using bad language will receive a reflective slip to take home. If the language is quite offensive, then the student may serve an in school suspension for a day.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is run by Mrs Barreto this year. It 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

All students need to be in full Summer uniform. Boys are to wear navy blue socks with their black shoes and when wearing sport uniform all students need to wear white socks.

**Prep students must not** wear jeans, or other clothing that is not school uniform.

School uniforms purchased can only be returned or exchanged within a 2-week period from date of purchase. These items must still be in brand new condition with labels attached. Any condition other than this will not be refunded or exchanged. Please ensure you clearly write your child’s name on every item of their uniform. Please ensure all long hair is tied up.
The SASA Way

This year we are introducing a school creed that underlines our values and the way that we all want to act. This is called the SASA way. It is the way that we do things around the school. The students, staff and parents are all a part of a wonderful school community. We want to act in a particular way that we can be proud of. This include being kind, caring, considerate and respectful to God and others. We believe the SASA way will create a benchmark for how we want our students to act and behave.

Sam and Sally are the two characters who will be in the stories told and will connect with students about each ideal of the SASA way. There have been many people involved in creating the SASA way whom we are thankful to. This is a really exciting time for our school and we know the students will benefit from this.

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**THE SASA WAY**

**WE LOVE AND RESPECT GOD**
We will be involved in worship and share our love for Him with others.

1 Peter 2:17

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**WE LOVE LEARNING AND STRIVE TO ACHIEVE OUR BEST**
We are purposeful, engaged and enthusiastic learners, always striving to develop our skills and talents. We do our best in class and we do not interfere with the learning of others.

We will be curious about the world God created.

Hebrews 11:6

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**WE ALWAYS ‘HAVE A GO’**
We make good choices and are confident to try new things. We show perseverance when things get tough.

Colossians 3:23

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**WE HAVE A JOYFUL AND POSITIVE MINDSET**
We are humble in victory, graceful in defeat, and always thankful for the abilities and opportunities we have. We are happy and enjoy ourselves at school.

Philippians 4:4

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**WE RESPECT EACH OTHER AND OUR SCHOOL**
We accept and value diversity. We are trustworthy, show tolerance and are understanding towards others. We greet each other, and all visitors to our school.

We are proud to wear our uniform, and always look neat and tidy.

1 Peter 2:17

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**WE RESPECT OUR TEACHERS**
We speak nicely to our teachers and follow their instructions.

1 Peter 2:17

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**WE ARE RESPONSIBLE**
We keep our school tidy; we do not walk past rubbish. We arrive at school and to class on time.

We take care of our property and respect things that belong to others.

Galatians 6:4-5

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**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.

Luke 6:31

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

Psalms 121:7

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**WE ARE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY**
We have many cultures but stand together as one community. We are willing to help those in need.

Philippians 2:1-3
Arriving at School in the Morning & School Class Times

Children can be at school between 8:25am and 8:53am. They cannot be at school before that as there is no teacher on duty, so there is no one to supervise them. Please have your child to school on time. The gates will be closed 10 minutes after the bell goes. After that time you will need to go through the office wear a late attendance will be recorded.

The school bell rings at 8:53am for all students to be at class by 8:55am.

School finishes Monday – Thursday at 3:00pm but on Friday school finishes at 2:35pm. We allow parents about 30 minutes to come and collect their child or children. Please phone the office if you are going to be late. After 30 minutes wait the students will be taken to after school care.

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 independantly 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.

Parent Pickup & Gates Opening in the Afternoons

Parents are welcome to pick their child up by car but in order to make the school grounds safe for the students, we do not open the school gates for cars to drive in until the buses have left. Once children are safely where they should be we will open the gates to let the cars in. It is usually around 3:15pm when the gates open.

Parents walking into to school may collect their child when the blue gate is open and wait for the duty teacher to be at the gate so that the child’s name can be marked off.

It is important to notify the school of any changes to the pick up of your child. This includes other family members. If we have not been informed, then we will query the person collecting your child other than yourself. We make sure every child is safely taken home.

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.
Lost Property
Our lost property box is located outside the canteen. The box is full at the moment so please check it to see if anything belongs to your child/ren. The lost property box will be emptied on Friday 12 February.

Please check your student’s uniform at home. We understand uniforms can go home accidentally and would appreciate these being returned to school ASAP.

School Canteen
Canteen has reopened with a few new items. Our 2015 SRC requested more gluten free items which we have included. Please send your order in a paper lunch bag with student name, class and what you would like to order. Every item requires a separate lunch bag. We ask that you encourage your child to place their order before school starts.

Thank you to Mrs Kandlikar for volunteering in our canteen again this year on Monday and Friday mornings. If you would also like to volunteer in our canteen, please contact Mrs Tuaoi. Our canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday for orders each morning, then again at lunch for a limited time. Our canteen does not open during recess or on Tuesday or Thursday.

Toast Club has started again. We hope you enjoy our free toast each Thursday morning from 8:30-8:45am unless we run out.

Library Books
Borrowing from our library has started again. Please ensure all library books are looked after and returned at your child’s next class library time. Damaged or lost books incur a replacement fee which you will be notified.

Library bags are required for borrowing for students K-6. Prep students have library time only. All new students (K-6) receive a library from the school. If your library bag is lost or damaged, new bags can be purchased from our office for only $6.

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 – Aidan Rosa on 0422 924 422 / email aidanrosa@hotmail.com
Piano – Rosabel Elijah on 0418 748 558 / email rosieangel23@gmail.com
Violin – Tatyana Lukichon on 0450 255 313 / email tatyana.lukich@me.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.
Church Connections

Indonesian Group (BISA)
3 Macquarie Rd
Auburn NSW 2144
Pr James Fletcher
0407 368 385

Auburn SDA Church
13 Macquarie Rd
AUBURN NSW 2144
Pr Usaia Baravilala
0428 075 077

Concord SDA Church
Cnr Patterson & Flavelle Sts
Concord NSW 2137
www.concord.adventist.org.au
Pr Roger Vince
0405 141 329

Parramatta SDA Church
77-81 Hammers Rd
Parramatta NSW 2152
www.parramattasda.org.au
Pr Garth Bainbridge
0404 083 267

Stopping bullying starts with you
If someone tries to bully you
• ignore them, turn and leave
• if you can, look them in the eye, tell them to ‘stop’ and then walk away
• pretend you don’t care
• go to places where you feel safe.

If you have been bullied
• talk to an adult (parent, teacher) you trust who can help stop the bullying
• seek support from your friends
• keep on asking for support until the bullying stops.

If you see someone being bullied
• if safe, do something to stop it
• report it to a teacher
• support the person being bullied.

For more information or support
Kids Help Line www.kidshelp.com.au
1800 55 1800
Cyber bullying www.cybersmart.gov.au
1800 880 176

Children are a gift FROM THE
Lord.

Psalm 127:3

Wests Junior Rugby Union

We Want YOU in 2016

Under 6 to Under 18.
U6 - U9s (minis) Play locally at St Lukes Concord.
Try Rugby for 4-7 year olds. A fun Non-tackle Friday afternoon Program.
Starting Friday 4th March 5 - 6:30 pm at St Lukes Park Concord.
Registration: Sat 13th & 20th February from 1-4pm.
Where: Concord Oval, Loftus Street Concord.

www.wjruf.com.au 1300WESTS1
**Wednesday**

**3 Choices & Emotion Coaching**

**Auburn**

This six-week program for parents is about managing difficult behaviour in children from 2 to 12 years old

Come along and hear about how:

- To engage your children to cooperate by positively noticing and encouraging them
- To set clear expectations and help them develop frustration tolerance
- To help children's brains to develop filters for behaving well
- To resolve family conflict quietly
- To gain some simple strategies to practice being a calm parent

**When:**

10th, 17th, 24th February

9th, 16th March

**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Where:** Auburn Diversity Services

17 Macquarie Rd, Auburn (Close to Centrelink)

**Facilitator:**

Neelima

This group will be facilitated both in Arabic & English

**Referral via carelink:** BF 123 Magic & Emotion coaching

For more information or registration, please contact Joanna on 9649 6955.

Term 4, 2015
**Canteen Menu**

Orders **MUST** be placed before school starts. Send correct money in a lunch bag with student name, class and order. A separate bag is needed for each item. All stock available unless sold out.

### Hot Favourites

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(orange / orange&mango / apple / apple&blackcurrant / paradise punch)

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(mango / apple / blackcurrant / tropical / orange)

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(chocolate / strawberry)

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