Dear Families of SASA

I am so pleased to see the SASA way in action and coming to life. Over the last few weeks the teachers have been implementing the first few ideals of the SASA way. The second week of term we started with the ideal – WE LOVE AND RESPECT GOD. This is so important to use at SASA. Being a Christian Seventh-day Adventist school, we focus on the way God loves us, how He is the creator of all things and how we need to show respect for Him. Students practice this in worship times and all throughout the day because God is everywhere and in everything.

In week 3 we introduced the second ideal – WE LOVE LEARNING AND STRIVE TO ACHIEVE OUR BEST. With this ideal we focus on how students learn by providing lots of different opportunities to explore and question what they are learning about. The teachers are creating wonderful programs that will engage students in their work. This ideal is also about looking at the talents and skills that we all have and developing them so that we can do our best. It is also about letting others have the right to learn but not distracting them. God has created a wonderful world for us to live in, so we want our students at SASA to be curious about this world.

This last week the teachers and students have been focusing on the third ideal – WE ALWAYS ‘HAVE A GO’. This ideal is about being confident in what you are doing and ‘having a go’ and trying your best. We are not always good at everything but we need to have the mindset to just give it the best we can and try. That is all we ask. Because you never know, you may be surprised. And when things don’t always go our way, we should not give up, we should persevere and keep going.

Along with the ideals we are looking at the story of the SASA way mascots Sally and Sam. The students are loving the stories of Sally and Sam and how they are dealing with life.

The SASA way will be in ever edition of the school newsletter so please take the time to become familiar with it. These are the ideals that we expect every child, staff member and parent of our school to respect and acknowledge that this is how we do things at Sydney Adventist School Auburn (SASA).

May you have a blessed weekend and God bless.

Have a great week and God Bless,

Mrs Efstratiou
Principal
A Word from our Chaplain

I had just finished helping a person load up the canoes he wanted for a weekend camp. The life jackets were collected, the paddles were in place and everything was tied down. We said our good byes and I wished him a safe and happy week end. He drove out of the drive way and he turned on the lights.

What a difference that made in the gathering gloom. The road ahead was clearly seen. Everyone else could see where the car and trailer were. A sense of safety was present for both the people in the car as well as the community around on the roads.

As individuals, our actions speak louder than our words. When we show a good moral framework in our attitude to life and others we send a positive signal that gains the attention of others. When individuals are kind, caring, patient, respecting others and having a sense of joy, it makes a big difference in a community where there may be suspicion, hatred and selfishness.

I am really excited about the stand that the school has taken in promoting this type of lifestyle for every student to follow. It is known as the ‘SASA Way’. This type of lifestyle is needed in today’s world whether a student or a parent. The way we look at life and community can be like a light in a dark place. It can make a difference for eternally.

Jesus said, “Let your light so shine that others see the good things and have reason to glorify God.

God bless
Pastor John
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 – Angelique, Vibhas, Rayhan John, Jesse, Olivia
Kindergarten KW – Anna, Queenie, Bonnie, Wallace
Kindergarten KS – Prince-Henele, Noorhan, Cristian, Keiko
Grade 1 – Aaryan, Chelsea, Phoebe, Arabella, Flora, Felix
Grade 2/3 – Lemeki, Ivan, Rainne, Nathanael, Jad, Hadi
Grade 4/5/6 – Matthew H, Dedrick, Amelia, Isabelle, Enoch, Jimmy

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.

Paygroup:

Times have changed this year. 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

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.

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.
Arriving at School in the Morning & School 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 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 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.

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 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.

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.

Class Notes:

Class notes go out every Monday so please check your child’s bag for the note. The Year 4/5/6 teachers emails her notes so please make sure she has the correct emails. This notes also give important information for parents to know what is happening in their child’s class that week.
**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.

**Healthy School Lunch Idea:**

![Healthy School Lunch Idea](image1.jpg)

**Fire Drill:**

This week we had a fire drill and the students did very well. Our procedure for evacuation is to walk up the road to our Adventist church where we all assembly at the back of it. The students are walked out of school in an orderly manner and once they are all at the assembly point the roll is marked. The Principal stays to check everyone has gone and then joins the school to check all is well. Just letting you know that we do this throughout the year as part of our policy and procedures.

**SASA Fun Day 20 March:**

The school is holding their annual family fun day earlier this year. It will run on Sunday 20 March from 10am to 1pm. We encourage all of our school families to attend the day. It is FREE! It is a day for us to come together to hang out for a little while, enjoy some vegetarian food, the kids can go on jumping castles, we have a photo booth, a little petting zoo, books for sale and also health checks. This year we are so pleased that we will have guest speakers to speak about parenting and also what it is to be an Adventist. So please come along and enjoy the fun. See the attached flyer for more details.
Swimming Lessons:

The students are loving swimming lessons at the new location this year. It is the first year we are attending the Birrong Leisure Centre and we are really impressed by their professionalism and the students love the instructors.

At the end of the term we will have a swimming carnival but we are yet to confirm the date. The pool area is smaller then the one we used to go to so we are just working on the logistics of how it will work. But we would still love parents to join us. We should be able to let you know the date soon.

Class Structures:

We have had to do some restructuring of the two Kindergarten classes. We have moved all of the Grade one students in to the one class with Mrs Marsden. This means we now have two Kindergarten classes. We will refer to Miss Stewart’s Kindergarten class as KS. We will refer to Miss Ward’s Kindergarten class as KW.

This will be the only year that we will have two Kindergarten classes. We will not be able to maintain those numbers each year so please note that next year we will have one Kindergarten class of 25 students only.

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.

School Canteen

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.

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
Class Highlight – KW

Kindergarten has really enjoyed their first four weeks of school. We have loved getting to know each other. We enjoy starting our day with worship and praising God. This week we have been learning about the SASA way and focusing on ‘Always Having A Go’. We are learning new sounds and camera words, which have allowed us to blend words and begin to read sentences. We have been learning our numbers and adding numbers up to 10. We always have a positive attitude and give all our work a go! We are eating lots of fresh fruit which helps our mind and body grow. We have been enjoying our shared reading lessons and appreciating each others individual talents like in the story of ‘Elmer the Elephant.’ We are loving our swimming lessons and becoming more confident in the pool. We learnt how to safely walk to the church in our practice Fire Drill. Kindy W can’t wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us. ‘I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!’
Philippians 4:13

Mrs Ward
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 via Aiden 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
Family Fun Day

Sunday March 20, 10-1pm

A **FREE** day of food and activities for your family

Come for our free health check

Please remember this is not a school day. All students are the responsibility of their families.

Purchase books and novelties from our Christian book store stall

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Bouncing Castles
Activities for Children
Photo Booth
Face Painting
Veg Sausage Sizzle
Candy Floss & Popcorn
Veg Curry & Rice
Workshops

KOINDIFARM
MOBILE ANIMAL FARM
Healthy Harold's
First Family Fun Day

Sunday
21st February
10am-3pm
10 Hewitt St Colyton
[Life Education NSW]

Special guests!!!
Interactive sessions in
our Vans and classrooms
Prizes
Face Painting
Activities
Food stalls
Entertainment

Come and say “Hi” to
Healthy Harold

To find out more, get involved or support by sponsoring or volunteering please call Lillian 02 9673 3222
www.lifedducation.org.au
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- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

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- Enhances memory
- Encourages creativity and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualization and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

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**Sydney Adventist College, Auburn Chess Classes, 2016**

[Fridays 11:30AM - 12:10PM in the Hall]

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*No chess on 25th Mar (Public Holiday)*

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**TO ENROL:**
Please collect a form from the school office.

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