



# ASDAH NEWSLETTER

CONNECTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Term 1 Issue 1

23 February 2017

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." **Philippians 4 : 13**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### *Commitment and Excellence*

*Dear Parents and Caregivers*

**He waka eke noa**

*A canoe which we are all in with no exception*

Welcome to the new school year. Welcome to our school and our community. We give all new staff and students, especially the year 9 students a warm welcome to our school. We are glad that you have chosen to join our school community. We believe in partnership and together we know that we can make 2017 a year to experience growth spiritually, academically, physically and socially. We continue to strive to be the best school and for this to happen, our continued partnership is vital.

### **Special Character**

This year as a school our Special Character focus is GROWTH. Growth encompasses all aspects of our lives. At ASDAH we work together to grow in our knowledge of God and have a relationship with Him. We also grow in our academic work – we set goals and work towards reaching them. We believe that making healthy choices also helps us grow and all of this is bound together by having healthy relationships with each other. Our NZ curriculum and SDA education philosophy expects us to grow students who are confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners. We believe we can achieve this by all working together.

Across our school, teachers and students are developing Growth areas in their classrooms so that they have a physical reminder of our special character focus for this year.

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**POWHIRI**

We had a powhiri on the first day of the term to formally welcome all the new families – students and staff into the school. It was good to see many parents being able to join us for this special ceremony.

**NEW STAFF MEMBER**

It is with great pleasure that I introduce our school chaplain to you. This year we have Pr Keli Pepa joining us. Pr Pepa comes with chaplaincy experience from South Auckland SDA Primary school and is well known to some of our students. He joins Pr William Ilererua and Pr Chris Sululoto as chaplains of the school. We are very blessed that the North New Zealand Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has given us 3 chaplains to work with our school community this year.

**CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT:**

This year we have a lot to be thankful for and celebrate as our NCEA results are quite positive. We are very proud of the students that have worked hard in 2016 to gain these results. Below are the 2016 NCEA results:

Students achieving NCEA Level 1 – 82.6%  
Students achieving NCEA Level 2 – 86.8%  
Students achieving NCEA Level 3 – 60%  
Level 1 Literacy – 94%  
Level 1 Numeracy – 74%

We would like to congratulate all the students who have achieved and encourage them to continue to set high achievement targets for this year. We will be having a special high achiever's assembly on Monday March 6 to acknowledge the hard work of students who achieved with Merit and Excellence.

We have had a busy start to the term with a good turn out to the Year 9 Parent Information Evening. It was great to meet the families that came that evening.

The year 9's returned from their STARS camp which was held at the Christian Youth Camp at Ngaruwahia. Mrs Fuamatu and Mrs Covenden visited the group while they were on camp and updated us on how all students were engaged and enjoying themselves. Our thanks go to Miss Tuoro and her STARS team for a successful camp.

The summer sports season has begun and the school sports day is coming up on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. We encourage all students to support their houses by wearing their house colours and participating on the day.

**PREFECT TEAM**

This year we have a fine group of young people who are our student leaders. They are ably led by Head Boy Micah Tupai, Head Girl Mele Maka and Deputies Feao Takitaki and Sinamoni Molou. Our young leaders will take an active role in leading in the school and we know that they will do a wonderful job as leaders.

**SCHOOL BRASS BAND/CHOIR**

This year the school is starting a brass band. Interested students have signed up and the first meetings have taken place. We would like to thank Dr Fisihoi Mone for initiating this and with the help of band master Tony Fua, we look forward to the performances of the band.

We will also be starting a school choir. If you have talented singers or musicians, please encourage them to sign up for choir.

**A COUPLE OF IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS****BEING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL**

Parents we would like to encourage your child to be at school on time. We have noticed that there is a growing number of students coming late to school. We want to work with you to encourage every child to grow good habits and being on time for the start of school is one of the areas that we can improve in. Please come in and talk to us if you are having difficulty getting your child here on time. We want to work with you so that every child is able to get to school by 8:30am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9:30am on Tuesdays.

**PAYMENT OF ATTENDANCE DUES**

I would like to remind you that it is important that we keep up with the payment of our attendance dues. A very big thank you to the parents who have come in to make arrangements to pay their attendance dues for this year. We would like to encourage you to come in and see us if you haven't already done so. Our office staff are ready to help set up automatic payment options. If there is a genuine hardship that your family is facing, please come in and talk to us. We are here to work with you.

Once again, thank you for choosing ASDAH as the place to educate your child.

Thanks be to God



Gloria Teulilo - Principal

## CHAPLAIN

The Lord  
works in us  
to grow us  
into what  
He wants  
us to be.



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**CHAPLAIN**

"God gives  
the growth."

1 Corínthians 3:7



## PROJECT STARS

Kia ora, Talofa, Bula, Malolelei, Hallo, Blessings to all

Ngaruawahia Christian YOUTH Camp is 1 hr and a bit away. 2 Lakes, a pool, gym, outdoor pursuits activities, indoor abseiling wall, kayaking ....What else?

Adventure, fun, challenge after challenge and loads of laughter was to be had by all....

Our year 9's loaded buses and vans with a lot of excitement, nervousness, for some a first time away from home alone, a lot of firsts to be had...God is awesome.

The staff and chaplains really enjoyed the week getting to know our Year 9's, the schools they came from and just learning about each other from all around Auckland. Teachers supervised and participated and encouraged students to try everything regardless of the weather..... and yes Orienteering with Mr Arnold, the Kayaking with Mr Bingham, Badminton with Dr Bootsman, Golf with Mrs Corcoran and Paint ball targets with Mrs Maka all crazy fun, fun, fun...let us not forget swimming with Mrs Fuamatu...then high five Mrs Covenden comes in...

A few firsts for our camp this year....all the school Chaplain's came down to hang with us... some slept over...some went home... either way anytime was a good time had by all...Praise God for travelling mercies.

Our last day of activities was full of Hydro sliding OR flying foxing over the lake OR splashing in the pool OR Basketball in the gym OR hanging in the dining area finishing up our banners...

IN the meantime the remainder of our staff are at ASDAH holding down the fort looking after the remainder of our students.

BUT we cannot end this camp without saying thank you to a few people.....SANITARIUM for picking up the bill...thank you again thank you...

Graeme Dingle Youth Development Team for the awesome programme and ongoing support....

ASDAH for allowing the camp to take place ... this is truly a privilege and fantastic opportunity to grow and build relationships outside the classroom.....

Parents for allowing your children to participate and attend this camp... it was AWESOME..

We have been back at school for a solid week now and although settling down back into school routine has been a bit hard we are all thankful for the camp and the opportunities that were given to us.....

Our next excursion could be term 2 Community Challenge...keep an eye on this space and thank you everyone... Kia manuia and God bless you mightily.... Project STARS TEAM and ASDAH

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## MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The ASDAH Mathematics Department would like to welcome all students, families and caregivers into math's learning 2017. Throughout the year there will be various activities and initiatives both in and out of the classroom that will improve student motivation and learning in Mathematics. This will include participation in Maths and the Australian Maths Competition.

Results from last year include an increase in Numeracy at Level 1 as well as outstanding achievement from two students Siosifa Lua, Merit endorsement at Level 1 and Feao Takitaki Merit endorsement at Level 2.

This year in the junior school students at year 10 will be sitting two Level 1 NCEA achievement standards. You should have received a notice with the dates for these assessments. At both years 9 and 10 all students should have a workbook, these cost \$25 and payment can be made at the school office.

In the senior school all classes are well into their learning with several courses doing assessments over the next 2-3 weeks. All senior students have course outlines detailing the dates of respective assessments. In the senior school students will be issued with several workbooks at a cost of \$30 for the year.

In the Level 1 Mat1, Level 2 Mat1 and Level 3 Mat1 courses graphics calculators are required. These are available from the school for \$80, significantly less than the retail price.

Finally, homework. All students have set homework in maths, the amount of which depends on at what level they are studying. In the senior school it is particularly important that homework is completed. Families, caregivers must allocate time and resources at home for students to achieve this.

Albert Poleki  
HOD Mathematics



## ART DEPARTMENT

The Art Department is down to business and the first works for the Level 1 folios are nearing completion.

Year 9 are producing works based around the theme of growth and the Level 2/3 senior students are looking at the works of various artists as sources of inspiration and direction.

Mr. Arnold

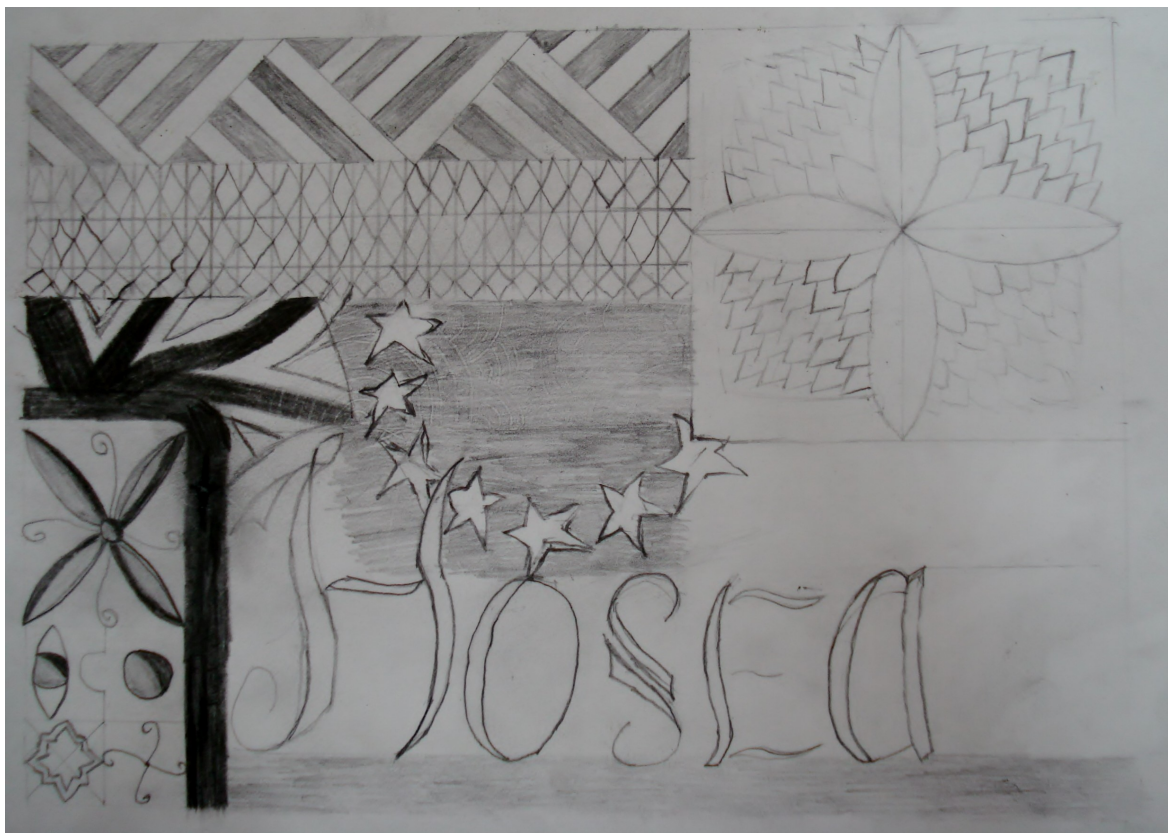
**Antonio**



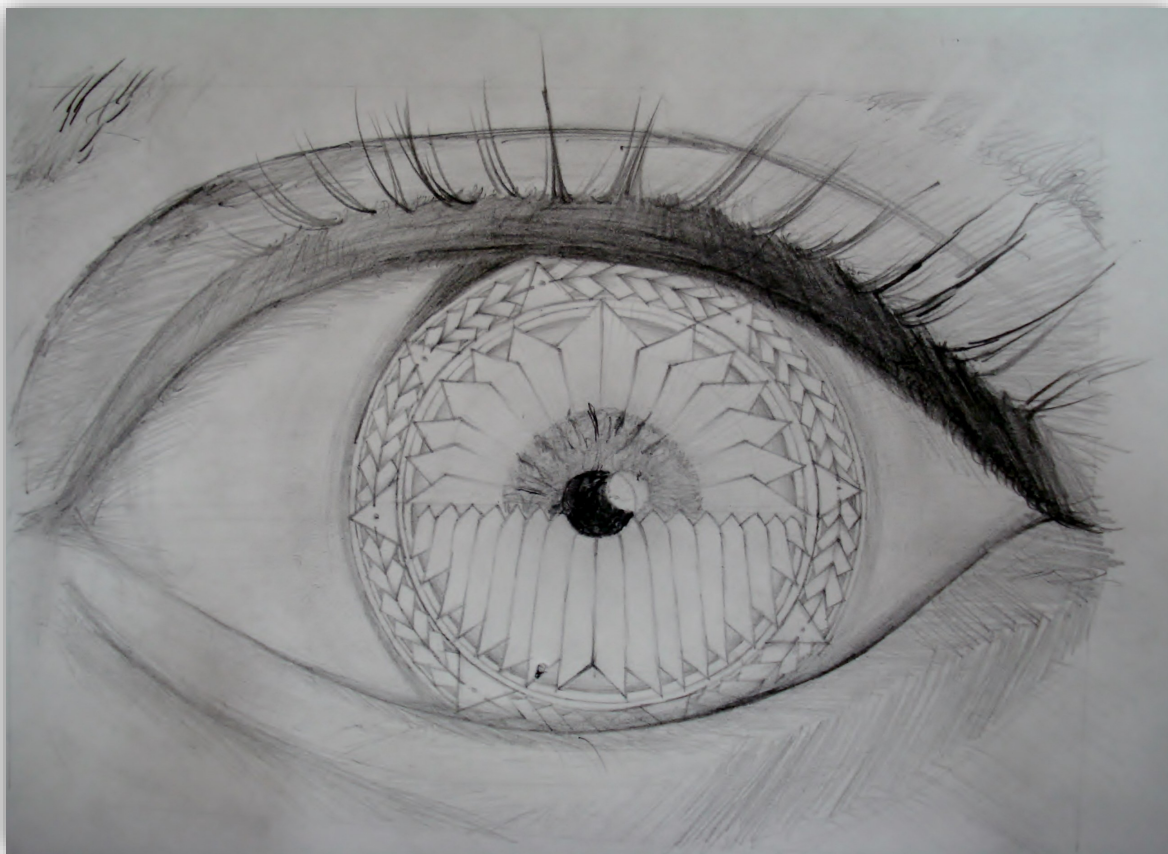


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**Fabian**

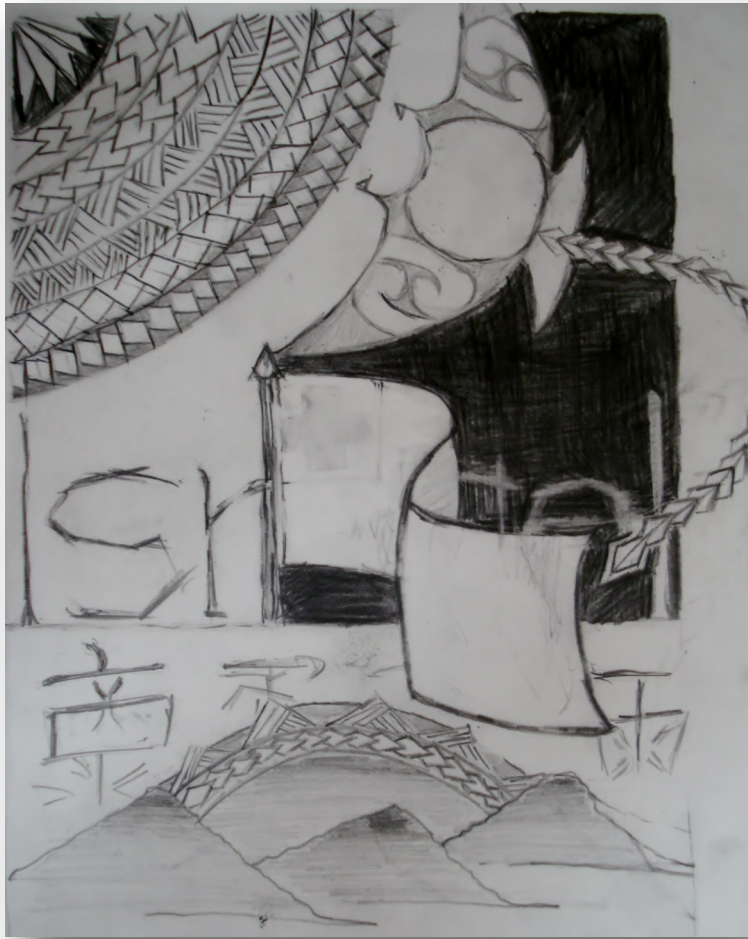


**Paul**

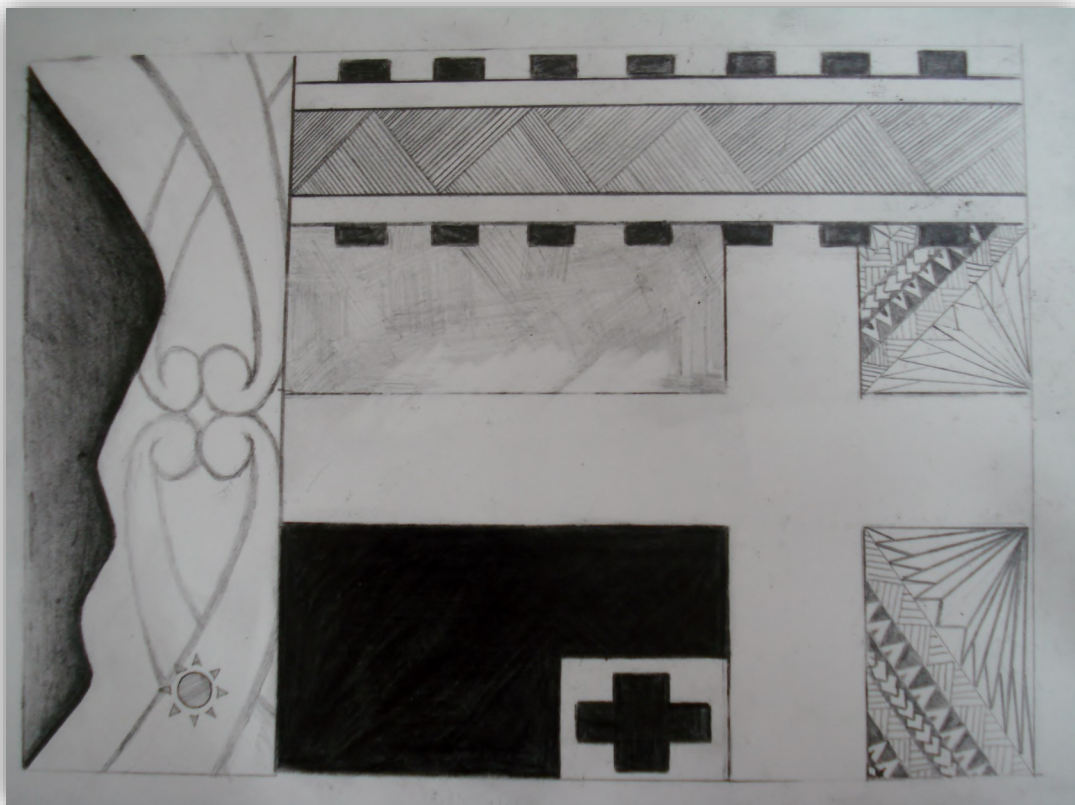


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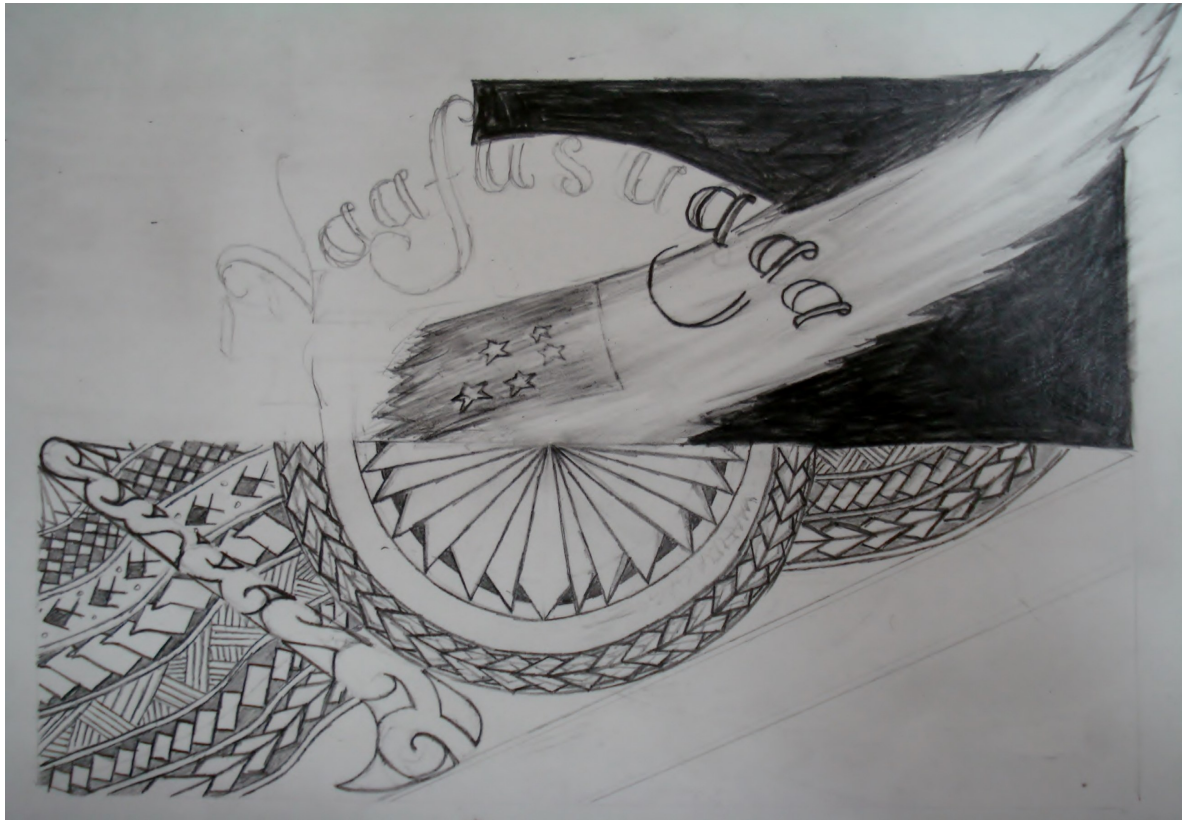
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## ART DEPARTMENT

Tafa



Leon, Siosfia and Brian



## GENERAL INFORMATION

# LEARNER LICENSE CLASSES FOR 2017

- Classes Monday to Thursday, 3.15 – 4.30 in the school library with David Tuson, Auckland Transport
- 10 students per class. First 10 students to pay
- You will sit your test on the following Friday of the last class, first thing in the morning
- *You must be 16 years old*



## TERM 1

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

## TERM 2

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

## TERMS 3 & 4

Dates to be announced

*See Ms Duckett in the library  
if you're interested.*





## GENERAL INFORMATION

### THE WAREHOUSE - REBATE

If you're planning to buy any part of the school uniform from **The Warehouse**, ensure you mention the school name when you go through the check-out. so the They will send us a special rebate. This is like a bonus on how much is sold for our school.

### STATIONERY WAREHOUSE

Should you happen to be shopping at Stationery Warehouse for any of your back to school stationery, please mention the school name and they will send the school 5% of all sales made.



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## TERM ONE CALENDAR

Week Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>5</b> <b>27 Feb-3 Mar</b> <b>5 days</b>	Senior Assembly LN/LC Gym  Junior Assembly JF/ FM Rm 14 & 15 Prefects  Prefect Meeting @ lunch	Late start  Year 11-13 Academic Counselling	Chapel – Waste Wise - AB  Y12 Geog CBD Research Data (CB)  Year 11-13 Academic Counselling	STARS/Academic Counselling  Y 13 Geog Research Data (CB)  Year 11-13 Academic Counselling  Celebration of Achievement. 6:30pm	Y12 Biology trip (tides to be considered)
<b>6</b> <b>6-10 Mar</b> <b>5 days</b>	Assembly – NCEA Celebration  Stud Coun Mtng	Late start  School /ID Photos  L2 History Excursion (FD).  Y9&10 Academic Counselling 3:30 – 5:30pm	Chapel  Y13 Biology Stream Life  YES Excur CEO Bus Conference Y12 &13 (SU)  Y9&10 Academic Counselling 3:30 – 5:30pm	STARS/Academic Counselling  Y 12&13 Bus Studies Business Data collection (SU)  Y9&10 Academic Counselling 3:30 – 5:30pm	Sports Day
<b>7</b> <b>13-17 Mar</b> <b>4 days</b>	Green Week  Assembly  Prefect Mtng @ lunch	Green Week  Late start	Green Week  Chapel	Green Week  STARS/Academic Counselling	Green Week  <b>Teacher Only Day</b>
<b>8</b> <b>20-24 Mar</b> <b>5 days</b>	Assembly  Stud Coun Mtng  BOT Meeting 6pm.	PLG – Late start Restorative Practise  Y12 Biology Stream Life	Chapel  L3 History Excur.	STARS/Skills	
<b>9</b> <b>27-31 Mar</b> <b>5 days</b>	Combine Assembly Waste Wise  Prefect Mtng @ lunch	Late start  Y10 Science genetics Ambury Farm  Y 12 & 13 Ports of Auck Business Studies (SU)	Chapel	STARS/Academic Counselling  Newsletter	
<b>10</b> <b>3-7 Apr</b> <b>5 days</b>	Assembly Mighty Mouth  Stud Coun Mtng	Late start	Chapel Mighty Mouth  Y10 SOS Excursion (FD)	Mighty Mouth  STARS/Academic Counselling.  Y11 Business studies data collection (SU)	Mighty Mouth  Y13 Biology Ambury Farm
<b>11</b> <b>10-13 Apr</b> <b>4 days</b>	SWOP  Prefect Mtng @ lunch	SWOP—Late Start	SWOP	SWOP	Good Friday