

Term 4, Week 9, Wednesday 13 December 2017

Kia ora koutou

This is it! The last newsletter for 2017. It's been an awesome year. I can't believe my first year as Principal is done. Thank you to all the staff and students for their hard work this year. Thank you to all our families who have supported in so many ways. We look forward to final catch ups at Praise-giving tomorrow night and the pools on Friday.

Just a bit of housekeeping—if you have any school books or resources at home, can you please get them back to school by Friday morning. Also, attendance dues need to be cleared by the end of the year to ensure enrolment for 2018. If you are unsure of what you owe or will need to carry over into next year, please contact the office.

Commitment to Pay forms must be returned. Thank you for your faithfulness.

We will be back at school from January 23rd and school starts on Wednesday, January 31st.

Have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Ngā mihi nui

Karla Mitchell—Principal

TUCK-SHOP on FRIDAY

There is no tuck-shop this week. Students should bring a packed lunch to eat at the pool and water.

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

Last Day of School

Pool Day—Te Rauparaha Arena

Students will be paid for by the school.

Families are welcome. Please pay for yourselves.

11:00 am—2:00 pm

Please note—

pick up is at 2:00 from the pool

Dates to Note

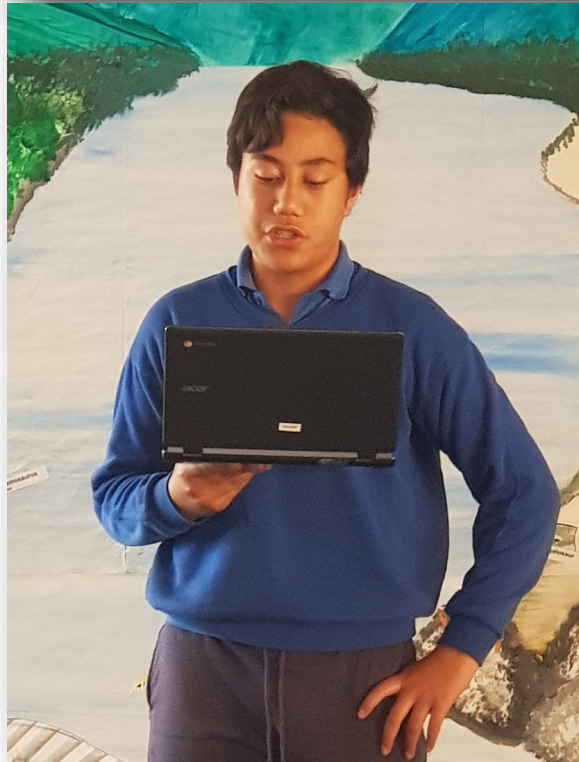
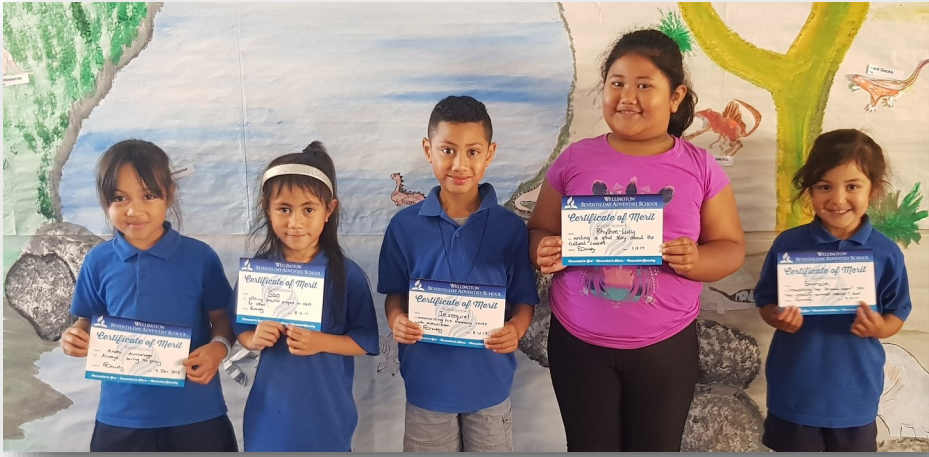
14 December	Reports due out
14 December	Praise-giving—6pm @ Samoan Church, Apple Terrace, Porirua
15 December	Last Day of School—Arena Pools— 2pm finish—pick up from pools
31 January 2018	First Day of School
5 February	Teacher Only Day
6 February	Waitangi Day holiday
March 5-8, 12-15	Swimming @ Cannons Creek (\$16)

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Snapshots



Certificates for Week 8 & Rhythm-Lucy getting her Principal's Award.

The Wellington SDA Saints with their trophy—well done team!

Jariah giving his Leaver's Speech at assembly.

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Matiu Somes Island Trip

Thank you Pastor Jake for organising the senior trip to Matiu Somes Island. We were blessed with beautiful weather. What a lovely way to celebrate creation and the end of an era for our Year Eight students.



Hot enough for a swim!



Architect Visit

Paul and Sekona expressed an interest in art and architecture, so Mrs Ashdown organised to take them to visit Fa'asalele Malo, a local architect. He took the boys (and Mrs Ashdown) for a tour to see some of his work and has volunteered to mentor them. This is a great example of Connected Learning. Thank you Mrs Ashdown.

Board of Trustees

A big thank you to the Board of Trustees (pictured here after their end-of-year dinner last week). They have done a great job. May God continue to bless them with wisdom as we go forward into a new year.



Mufti tomorrow, then school uniforms to be worn for Praise-giving.

Mufti on Friday. We will walk to the pools at about 10:15.

Zoo Trip



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By: Wendy Vaafusuaga

Yesterday, our Wellington Seventh-day Adventist School went to the Wellington Zoo.

At the zoo, there are many different animals. Some animals are called endangered species. These are kiwis,

One of my favourite animals is a gibbon. At the zoo, there are only two gibbons. One is male and the other is a female. The female gibbon has gold coloured skin and the male gibbon has black coloured skin. The female gibbon is 30 years old and the male gibbon is 28 years old. The zoo keepers call them boyfriend and girlfriend because they are the ones who live there. They also have long arms to help with swinging on ropes and stop them from falling off.

Every animal at the zoo was God's creation. Thank you God for the gibbons.
Amen.



The Gibbons

God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:25 (NIV)