Here we are at the end of another week and upon reflection of the term thus far one word really stands out. Blessed. Here’s just one example of how God is taking care of us. Our laminator broke down a while ago and some of the members of Toronto Adventist Church somehow heard about what had happened. This week we received some very generous donations to pay for a new laminator. What a huge blessing and we are incredibly grateful!! Thank you ever so much, Toronto members!!

Have you seen the new addition to our garden yet? Tiani Page and her dad kindly gave up some of their precious time to come and add a new feature to the outdoor learning area. We now have a blackboard in our outdoor classroom. It even has a roof over it! Thank you so much Tiani and Mr Christian! We really appreciate this contribution to our school. We are sure that there will be many wonderful learning experiences outdoors as a result of your efforts.

Our swimming program is going well and the students are enjoying their lessons. It is great to see just how much progress the students are making with developing their skills in this area. Thank you, mums and dads, for your efforts with ensuring that the students come prepared for our trips to the pool.

It was such a joy earlier this week to watch the Years 3-6 and Pre-Kindy students participating in buddy time. The older children read to the younger children and they had a wonderful time together. The older children are now hoping that they will have more of these opportunities. It was just great to see the students interacting so well together despite the age difference!

This year is an accreditation year for our school and this means that we will be audited early next term. This is a normal part of what happens in schools and it is something that usually takes place every five years. I’d like to acknowledge the efforts of our staff with ensuring that requirements are met. Thank you team!!

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank all those who were able to make it to our vision casting meeting earlier in the term. Remember those little people and star templates you wrote on? They are going to be displayed for our school community to see. You will recall that they represent two very important things - what we want our children to be by the time they leave our school and what we want people to say about our school. All of the ideas you contributed are just outstanding! We are now in the process of creating a narrative of the ideal Toronto Adventist Primary School student and school by using the information you have given us. Once this is done we will share the draft document with you and again invite you to give your feedback. Next term we then plan to look at how we achieve the things that matter to us. If you were not able to make it to our first meeting then please feel free to contribute your ideas via email and we will be very happy to include these in the document outlining the things that matter to us.

Did you know that it will be Harmony Day next week on Thursday, 21 March? We have a special event happening on that day and we invite parents and grandparents to come along and join in all the fun. Various activities will be taking place including a special time of worship, a cultural dress parade and more. The students are learning a special song that they can’t wait to share with you.

As you know, parent/teacher interviews are being held on Thursday, 21 March beginning at 4 pm. If you haven’t yet made an appointment to see the teachers then you can certainly still do so by calling Mrs Allan in the Office. We look forward to seeing you at this time.

Our value this week has been ‘responsibility’ and I have certainly seen examples of students taking their responsibilities very seriously. Our School Captains are working hard to fulfil all that comes with their role and we appreciate all that they are contributing to our school. When you next see Stephen and Amayah please affirm them for the great work they are doing as School Captains. It is just so wonderful to see students stepping up into leadership and fulfilling their duties so conscientiously. Each one of us has the responsibility to fulfil our duties ‘heartily, as for the Lord’ (Colossians 3:33) and to glorify Him in all that we do. It is an honour and a privilege to serve Him.

Blessings,

Miss Charmony Dias
Principal