

Term 1  
Week 1



Hamilton  
Seventh-day Adventist School  
*Educating For Eternity*

Friday, 9th February  
*Rāmere, 9 Kohitātea*

## The Journey



### **Karakia**

*Over the next two weeks we will be praying for the following families*

Term 1	Week 2	Week 3
Rāhina	Abraham	Barton
Rātū	Andrews	Barton Pihama
Rāapa	Anzweni	Beauchamp
Rāpare	Baker	Binu
Rāmere	Barrios Sanchez	Boggiano

Kia ora whānau,

It's been a fantastic start to the new school year, and we've enjoyed reconnecting with students and meeting new students and their families.

Our theme for the school year is 'The Journey.' As we navigate the changes happening in education with the new government, continue to navigate the Curriculum Refresh, take the next steps in implementing our school's 'discipleship pathways' initiative, and work with students to support their learning and faith journey, 'The Journey' theme seemed very appropriate.

This term, our focus is on preparing for our journey. Before embarking on a journey, you have to plan and prepare, anticipate the challenges you may encounter, and ensure that you have everything you need in your kete (bag).

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).*

As we continue to walk along life's journey, our deep hope is that our students, our staff team, our school, and church communities will walk in the "light of life" that will guide them along life's path so that they will never walk in darkness.

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Our Mission

*Educating for*

*Eternity*

Māturanga Akē



## Staying Safe in the School Car Park

The school car park is a Health & Safety 'hot spot' and we all need to work together to ensure that our children are safe when arriving at and leaving school. A couple of year ago, a group of students put together a safety video to support us in educating students about staying safe in and around the school car park.

Please click [here](#) to watch this video with your children. Ask them what they learned and what ideas they have to ensure their safety in and around the school car park.

There may be times when you will need to park along the road to pick up your children. Please do not walk through the carpark, rather walk along the footpath that leads to the gate (footpath along the hedge).

Thank you for do your part to ensure that our kids stay safe in the school car park!

## HAYSTACKS Scholarship Trust

*A gift from our community to enable FULL participation in Church and School Life*

Haystacks is a charitable trust set up to raise funds within the Church and School communities to offer scholarships to young people whose households are experiencing hardship, to enable that student to participate fully in Church and School activities.

The Scholarships cover the costs of full participation in School and Church life, such as:

- **School and/or Bus fees**
- **Uniform**
- **Participating in activities**
- **Attendance at camps**

This Trust is funded by donations from the Church and School community, and has its own bank account with **ANZ: 01-0815-0151440-00**

In order to meet the growing need, we are looking for more contributors to the Trust this year. If you are in a position where you are able to contribute to the Trust, your gift would be greatly appreciated.

**All donations are eligible for a 1/3 tax credit.**

Thank you!



## Severe Nut Allergy Alert

Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts and tree nuts) to school in your child/ren's school lunches. We have a handful of students who are anaphylactic to nuts, and even the smallest contamination can be deadly. Thank you for doing your bit to keep our tamariki safe.

(NOTE: Products that say "May contain nuts" are okay)

*"Beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news" - Romans 10:15*

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Upcoming Events and Important Info

## Praying 4 Families

Every morning, our staff team pray for a family in our school community. We would like to invite you to **join us in praying for families** listed on the front of the newsletter.

If it is your turn and you have a **specific prayer request**, please email your request to the school office and we will pray specifically for it.



## Friday Tuck Shop

Every Friday, the PTA runs a small tuck shop to raise money for a number of initiatives that support the school.

This term we will be selling ice-blocks at \$2 each.



## Please Return Forms

At the start of the school year, forms were sent out to families to be completed and returned to school.

These forms include:

- Attendance Dues Forms
- Updated Medical Forms
- Updated Contact details

If you have'n't already, please complete the forms and return them to the school office next week.



## Year 7 and 8 Immunisations

The Year 7 immunisation for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough and Year 8 Immunisation for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) will be undertaken during 2024

- Consent forms will be sent home with all Year 7 and 8 Students
- Please complete and return to school
- There is provision within the form for consent and non-consent

As part of the programme, information will be given to each Year 7 and Year 8 Student. If you do not want your child to receive this education and/or to view the presentation the Public Health Nurse uses, then please contact the school office to arrange this.



## School Picnic - This Thursday

**When:** Thursday, 15th February

**Where:** Hamilton SDA School Fields

**Bring:** Picnic Dinner and something to sit on

**Time:** 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Come along celebrate the start of a new school year as we all picnic together and reconnect as a school family. This a great opportunity to connect with new families and catch up with existing families.

*“Poipoiā te kakano Kia puawai”*



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Te Kupu o te Wiki

*Whakarongo mai*

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## Important Dates

Week 2 & 3

**Wed, 14th Feb** | PTA Meeting, Room 2 @ 3.15pm

**Thurs, 15th Feb** | School Picnic - 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Coming up in Term 1

**Mon, 26th Feb** | School Board Meeting @ 7pm, Room 1

**Thurs, 5th Mar** | Country Cluster Swimming Competition - Tamahere

**Wed, 20th Mar** | PTA Meeting, Room 2 @ 3.15pm

**Mon, 25th Mar** | School Board Meeting @ 7pm, Room 1

**Wed, 27th Mar** | Athletics Day - Porritt Stadium (Year 3-8)

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