

Term 4 Week 1



Hamilton
Seventh-day Adventist School
Educating For Eternity

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Friday, 10th October
Rāmere, 10 Oketopa

Who Sinned?



Karakia

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

Prayer	Term 4	
	Week 2	Week 3
Rāhina	Ta'Afi	Torres
Rātū	Tambawoga	Tudreu
Rāapa	Teatao	Valencia
Rāpare	Tofa	Van Tol
Rāmere	Tofilau	Vercoe

Our Deep Hope

Our students will encounter the heart of God, as they walk in a growing relationship with Him and with others, that inspires them to make a positive impact for His Kingdom

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In our school worship program this morning, Ps Jordan shared the story of the blind man whom Jesus and his disciples encountered as they entered the gates of Jerusalem, found in John 9.

The question that his disciples asked him revealed a lot about their picture of God and His character. "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" v2

They assume the man's suffering is a direct punishment for sin, either his own or his parents' (a belief rooted in passages like Exodus 20:5).

Jesus rejects the premise of their question, offering a radical shift in perspective: "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," but his condition exists "that the works of God might be displayed in him."

Jesus dismisses the direct cause-and-effect relationship between specific sin and this particular suffering, refocusing the disciples on God's purpose—to demonstrate His power and glory.

God's desire for our broken world is transformation, not condemnation. "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." - John 3:17

Through Jesus and through His Spirit, God wants to continue the work of transformation in our lives, not for our glory, but rather to demonstrate His power and glory.

Ps. Jordan shared the story of [Nick Vujicic](#) (click on his name to see a short video about his life), who as a child, wrestled with the very questions that the disciples were when they encountered the blind man. You see, Nick was born without arms or legs, and through his early teenage years, he wrestled with questions like, "Why did this happen to me? How could God allow it?"

When he stumbled across John 9 and the encounter with the blind man, he received answers to these questions that had been plaguing him for so long.

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him." - John 9:3

Those words transformed him and gave him a sense of purpose, to allow the power of God to be demonstrated in his life.

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Introducing our new Board Team

Over the next few Newsletters, I will continue to introduce our newly elected School Board members and ask them a series of questions. This week, I would like to introduce you to **Mrs. Ellie Oliveti**, our newly appointed Staff Rep.



1. What inspired you to run for a position on the school board?

I felt moved to take on this position after much thought and time spent in prayer about whether I could contribute in any new ways to the further flourishing of our school community. I hope that, by His grace, I can use my experience, gifts, and perspective as a classroom teacher to be a blessing to both staff and families in this role.

2. What is something you love about our school community?

I love the diversity of our school community! One of my favourite events during the school year is the Cultural Evening in which we all share the different traditions we cherish, unique foods that we love, and where we can listen to singing in a huge variety of languages. Yet we are all united in our worship of the Lord Jesus Christ and in our gratitude for His coming into this world to save us and give us eternal life. For me, it is like a little foretaste of heaven.

3. What is a book you enjoyed reading in Primary school that you think every child should read?

I loved *The Sheep-Pig* by Dick King-Smith - later made into the film 'Babe' - because I grew up on a farm and dreamed of winning a sheepdog trial when I was older (despite my dad only having cattle). When I turned 10, I got my own border collie puppy that I named 'Fly' like the dog in the book. I also mastered the art of using one of those cool tongue whistles and had a little 'flock' of two orphan lambs that I raised until they were full-grown sheep, but sadly my dog training skills weren't good enough to get us as far as any sheep herding competitions!

Speech Competition Winners

Last term, our Room 2 - 4 students participated in our school speech competition to earn a spot on our Kahui Ako Speech competition team.

Congratulations to our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place getters who spoke with great clarity, confidence, and enthusiasm!

Only our 1st and 2nd placings in Room 3 and Room 4 earned a place in the Kahui Ako Speech competition.

Lexi, Shaeana, Indigo, and Tiara will be presenting their speeches at Bethlehem Chapman College in Rotorua, on Friday, 31st October. Good luck team!



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Upcoming events and important info...



Praying for Families

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

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

Cost: \$2 each.



Choir Performance - SDA Regional

When: Saturday, 18th October

Where: Hamilton Central Baptist Church, 33 Charlemont Street

Time: 11 am (Be there by 10.30 am for a quick run through)

Dress: Formal School Uniform

We look forward to seeing you there.



SDA Basketball Tournament

When: Wednesday, 22nd October

Where: Bruce Pulman Park

Time: 9.00 am Start (Leave School by 7.45 am)

Dress: School Sports Uniform

Bring a hearty lunch and a large drink bottle to keep well hydrated!
All the best, team!

THU 23 OCT
Planned Strike Day
Includes all NZEI
members (teachers and
support staff)

Teachers on Strike Day

When: Thursday, 23rd October

Thank you for the many slips that have been returned. We have a few students who will need to be at school, so thank you for your consideration and for accommodating the disruption to our staffing on that day.

“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”

Nurture the seed and it will blossom



Displaying Our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates

Coming up in Term 4

Wed, 15th Oct	Nortland Trip (Rm 4) Parent Information Meeting - 3.15pm in Room 4
Sat, 18 th Oct	School Choir singing @ Adventist Regional Hamilton Central Baptist Church - 33 Charlemont Street, Whitiara
Mon, 20 th Oct	School Board Meeting
Wed, 22 nd Oct	SDA Basketball Tournament in Auckland
Thurs, 23 rd Oct	TEACHERS ON STRIKE DAY - School only open for those unable to find alternative care
Mon, 27 th Oct	Labour Day - No School
Fri, 31 st Oct	Chess & Speech Competition - BC Chapmen, Rotorua
Tues - Fri, 18 th - 21 st Nov	Northland Trip - Room 4 students
Wed, 10 th Dec	School Production (9 th & 10 th Dec - Rehearsals at Clarence Street Theatre)

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