

Term 1

Week 9



Hamilton

Seventh-day Adventist School

*Educating For Eternity*

Friday, 3rd April  
Rāmere, 3 Āperira

## Even if...



### Karakia

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

Prayer	Term 2	
	Week 1	Week 2
Rāhina	Mushaniga	Ockleston
Rātū	Nabansau	Odgers
Rāapa	Nordau Viana	Olivetī
Rāpare	O'Dea	Onedin
Rāmere	O'Halloran	Ordonez

Life has a way of keeping us on our toes. Whether it's the tension of a close athletics finish, the challenge of learning a new skill in the pool, or the unpredictability of a sports season, our minds naturally drift toward the unknown. Often, we find ourselves trapped in a cycle of "What if?"

What if things don't go as planned? What if I fail the test? What if the outcome isn't what I hoped for?

The "What if" mindset is rooted in anxiety and the need for control. It looks at the future with a spirit of fear, imagining hurdles that haven't even appeared yet.

But as we reflect on this term, we are encouraged to shift our perspective toward a more powerful, grounded faith: the "Even if."

The "Even if" mindset doesn't ignore the possibility of struggle; it simply acknowledges that God is bigger than the struggle. It is the kind of faith found in Daniel 3, where Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood before the fire and declared: "Our God is able to deliver us... but even if He does not, we will not serve your gods."

Moving to "Even if" means: Even if we lose the championship by two points, we can still celebrate our growth. Even if the water feels deep and intimidating, we have the tools to stay afloat. Even if life takes an unexpected turn, we know we are held by a steady hand.

Trusting God doesn't mean life will always be easy or that every season will be "undefeated" like our SDA Blaze Futsal team. True resilience is knowing that we can still grow and thrive regardless of the scoreboard.

When we stop worrying about the "What ifs," we free up space to experience joy, learn from our setbacks, and support one another.

As we head into the Easter break, let's challenge ourselves to trade our anxieties for an "Even if" kind of trust. No matter what happens, we are planted in good soil, and with faith, we will continue to flourish.

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## Our Deep Hope

*We will encounter the heart of God, as we walk in a growing relationship with Him and with others, that inspires us to make a positive impact for His Kingdom*

# Christian Schools Athletics Day - A Photo Finish!

Our Year 3-8 students displayed incredible heart and sportsmanship at this year's Christian Schools Athletics Day, held on Wednesday, 25th March. It was a nail-biter of a competition, with our school putting on a stellar performance across the board.

**The Results:** We are proud to announce that our school placed second overall in both the Championship and non-Championship divisions! Congratulations to Matamata Christian School for taking the top spot in both categories. It was an incredibly close race - they edged us out in the Championship division by a mere 2 points.

A massive thank you to our PTA for their tireless work behind the scenes. The provision of food and snacks kept our athletes fuelled and our spectators happy throughout the day. We couldn't do it without you!



400/800m		LONG JUMP		HIGH JUMP		RELAY TEAM	
Jaydon Binu	8 Years	Emmanuel Goodare	9 Years	Emmanuel	9 Years	Emmanuel Goodare	9 Years
Emmanuel Goodare	9 Years	Colomba Galdames	9 Years	Aizen Pihama	10 Years	Ezra Goodare	9 Years
Liv Shaw	11 Years	Indigo Hodgson	10 Years	Spencer Dunstone	11 Years	Noemi Torres	9 Years
Ezra Goodare	9 Years	Rebekah Mills	11 Years	Noemi Torres	9 Years	Lola-Natalie Akeripa	9 Years
Micah Goodare	8 Years	Micah Hurlow	9 Years	Liv Shaw	11 Years	Carl Baker	8 Years
Lola-Natalie Akeripa	9 Years	SHOT PUT		Avigail Goodare	12 Years	Micah Goodare	8 Years
BALL THROW		Elnez Tofa	10 Years	Indigo Hodgson	10 Years	Phoebe McConchie	8 Years
Sarah Boggiano	8 Years	Indigo Hodgson	10 Years	SPRINT		Mere Kondrote	8 Years
Emmanuel Goodare	9 Years	Liv Shaw	11 Years	Emmanuel	9 Years	Aizen Pihama	10 Years
Carl Baker	8 Years	Darryl Paul	10 Years	Lola-Natalie Akeripa	9 Years	Darryl Paul	10 Years
		Avigail Goodare	12 Years	Ezra Goodare	9 Years	Katila Peter	10 Years
						Isabelle Roche	10 Years
Color Key							
1st Place		2nd Place		3rd Place			



*"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, through the Spirit.  
2 Corinthians 3:18"*

## Making Waves at Swimming

Our students recently traded their sneakers for goggles as they headed to Waterworld for the SwimSafe program. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to dive into water safety and skill-building.

Throughout the program, students focused on:

- **Survival Strokes:** Learning essential techniques to stay safe in various water conditions.
- **Building Confidence:** Overcoming fears and becoming comfortable in the deep end.
- **Skill Activities:** Participating in a wide range of swimming drills and fun aquatic games.

It's wonderful to see our students gaining the skills and confidence necessary to enjoy the water safely. Well done to everyone for jumping in!



## Futsal Season - A Blazing Success!

As the indoor whistles blow for the final time this term, we want to congratulate all our futsal players on a fantastic season. It's been a joy to watch our teams develop their footwork, speed, and teamwork on the court each week.

While every team showed immense growth, we have to give a special shout-out to the SDA Blaze. They capped off an incredible run by finishing the season undefeated! Their dedication to defence and clinical finishing made them a force to be reckoned with, but more importantly, their sportsmanship throughout the winning streak was a credit to our school.

We look forward to the Futsal Season resuming in Term 4. A Big Thank you as well to the parents and staff that supported and managed our teams throughs the competition.



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## Praying for Our School

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 will pray specifically for it.



## EPro8 Inter-School Competition

**When:** Y7-8 | Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April @ 4pm - 7pm  
Y5-6 | Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April @ 9.30am - 12.30pm

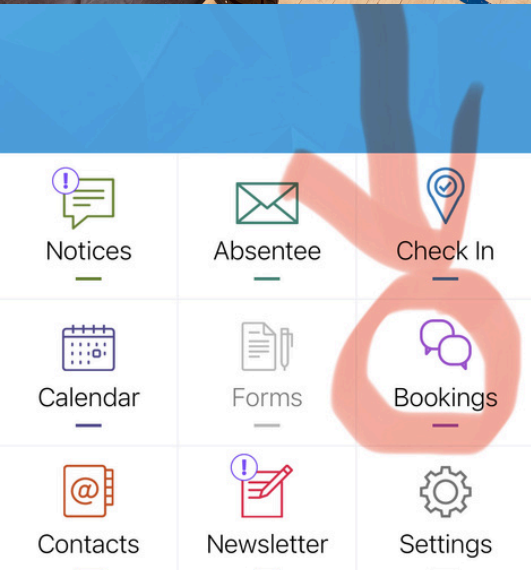
**Where:** Berkley Intermediate School - Hillcrest

**Who:** The two EPro8 Teams that qualified in each class group

**Dress:** Sports Uniform

**Bring:** Large drink bottle, and some snacks

For those students who are on the teams that qualified, I will send out a permission slip during the break to be filled out.



## Parent/Teacher Interviews

**When:** Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**Where:** Child's Classroom

**Time:** 3:15 pm - 6:05 pm

**Bring:** Child's school report and any clarifying questions you have

To book an interview time, please click the Bookings icon on the Skool Loop App and choose an available time with your child's classroom teacher.



## Teacher ONLY Day coming up

**When:** Friday - 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Purpose:** Math PLD - Refreshed Curriculum

*"Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai"*

*Nurture the seed and it will blossom*



# Displaying our Values



**RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.**

## Important Dates

### Week 1-2 of Term 2

Mon, 20th April	Term 2 Begins - Students are to dress in their formal uniform each day (except for Fridays)
Tues, 21st April	EPro8 Y7/8 Event - Berkley Intermediate - 4pm - 7pm
Wed, 22nd April	Y5/6 EPro8 Event - Berkley Intermediate - 9.30am - 12.30am
Thurs, 23rd April	Parent/Teacher Interviews - You can book an Interview time via the Skool Loop App
Mon, 27th April	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
Fri, 1st May	Teacher Only Day - Final Math PLD on Curriculum Refresh - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

### Coming Up in Term 2

Mon, 25th May	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm
Tues, 16th June	Tough Guy and Girl Challenge - Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp

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