

# Term 1

## Week 1



Hamilton  
Seventh-day Adventist School  
*Educating For Eternity*

Thursday, 5th February  
*Rāpare, 5 Pēpuere*

## Shovels and Signposts

Over the holiday period, our classroom teachers spent three days in Auckland and Wellington, participating in Professional Development of the Teaching for Transformation (TfT) Framework that we are building into our school curriculum this year. This builds on the learning we did last year, as our focus shifts from learning about the TfT framework to begin exploring how to build a unit of learning around the framework.

It was great to sit down with other teachers in our Adventist Schooling system in NZ who are also on the TfT journey. We explored how to help our students grow - both as capable learners and as faithful followers of Christ. This framework puts Christ at the centre of the learning and equips students with the tools they need to play their part in God's big story.

There was a thought shared, written by Nathan Hamm that really resonated, called 'Shovels & Signposts':

*Change is uncomfortable, but it need not be your undoing.  
Your life isn't unraveling. Your story is simply unfolding.  
Change is a shovel that unearths past problems. Change is a signpost that unveils present possibilities.  
Your soul feels unsettled but your spirit is being unleashed.  
The heart of learning is unlearning. The heart of knowing is unknowing.*

For many of us, this year has brought change. Change is often hard. It challenges us to step into the unknown. Yet, it also allows each of our stories to unfold.

While the world around us shifts, Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that Jesus is a "constant" that is the same yesterday, today and forever.



**Shaun Hurlow**  
principal@hamsda.school.nz



### Karakia

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

Prayer	Term 1	
	Week 2	Week 3
Rāhina	Abraham	Barrios Sanchez
Rātū	Akeripa	Barton
Rāapa	Andrews	Barton Pihama
Rāpare	Anzweni	Beck
Rāmere	Baker	Binu

## 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*

# Road Closes on 16th February

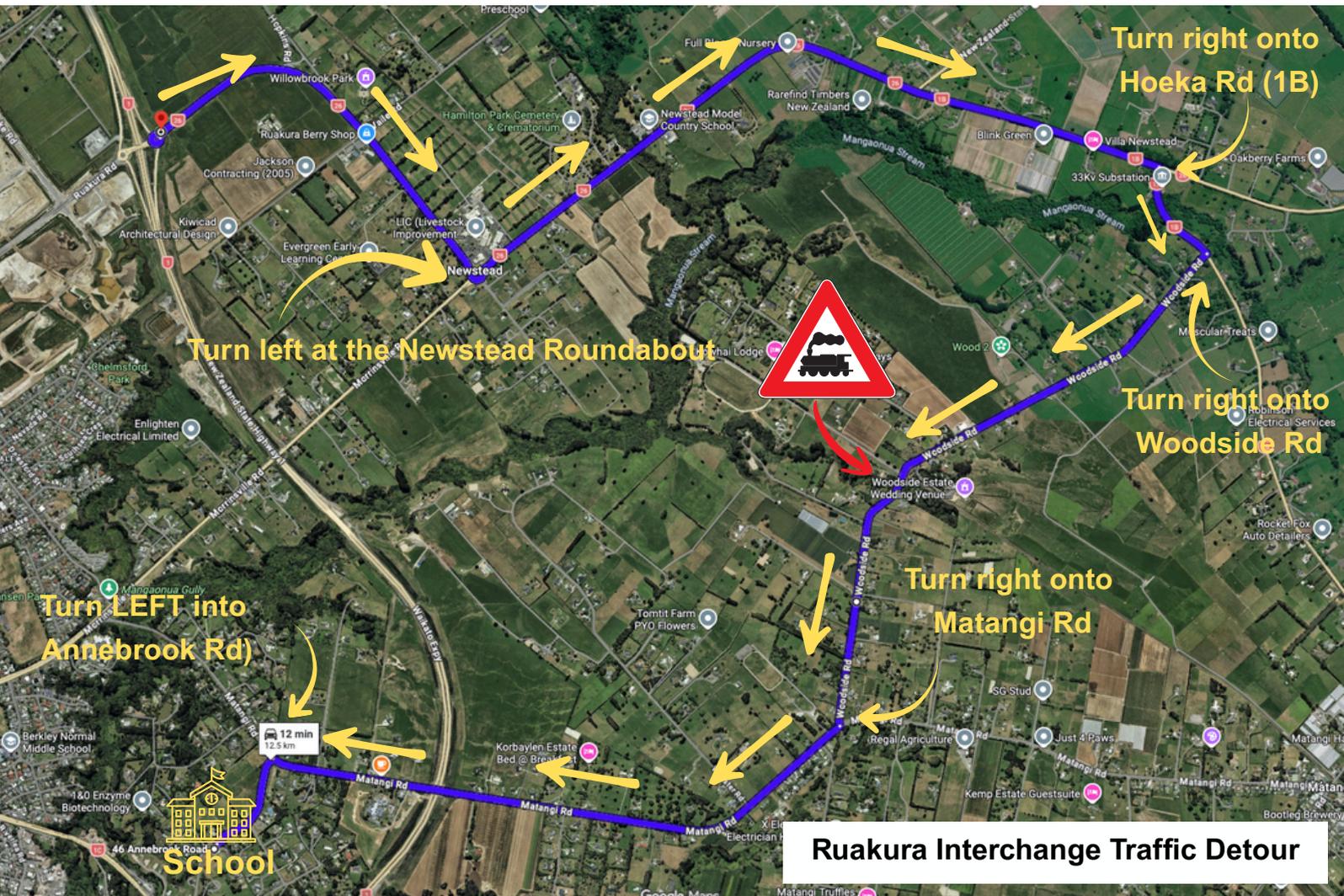
From Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February through to the end of May, the Matangi/Morrinsville rd intersection will be closed due to the construction of a new roundabout. Over the holiday period, many impacted businesses and residents, including myself and our presiding member, met with the council to challenge with full closure of the intersection and outline the impact that it would have on our school community. After careful consideration, the council have informed us that the best option for for reducing the disruption is the full closure.

With this closure now looming, our goal is to try to reduce the disruption and work with families to ensure that student attendance isn't impacted.

## Alternative Routes:

### Ruakura Interchange Traffic

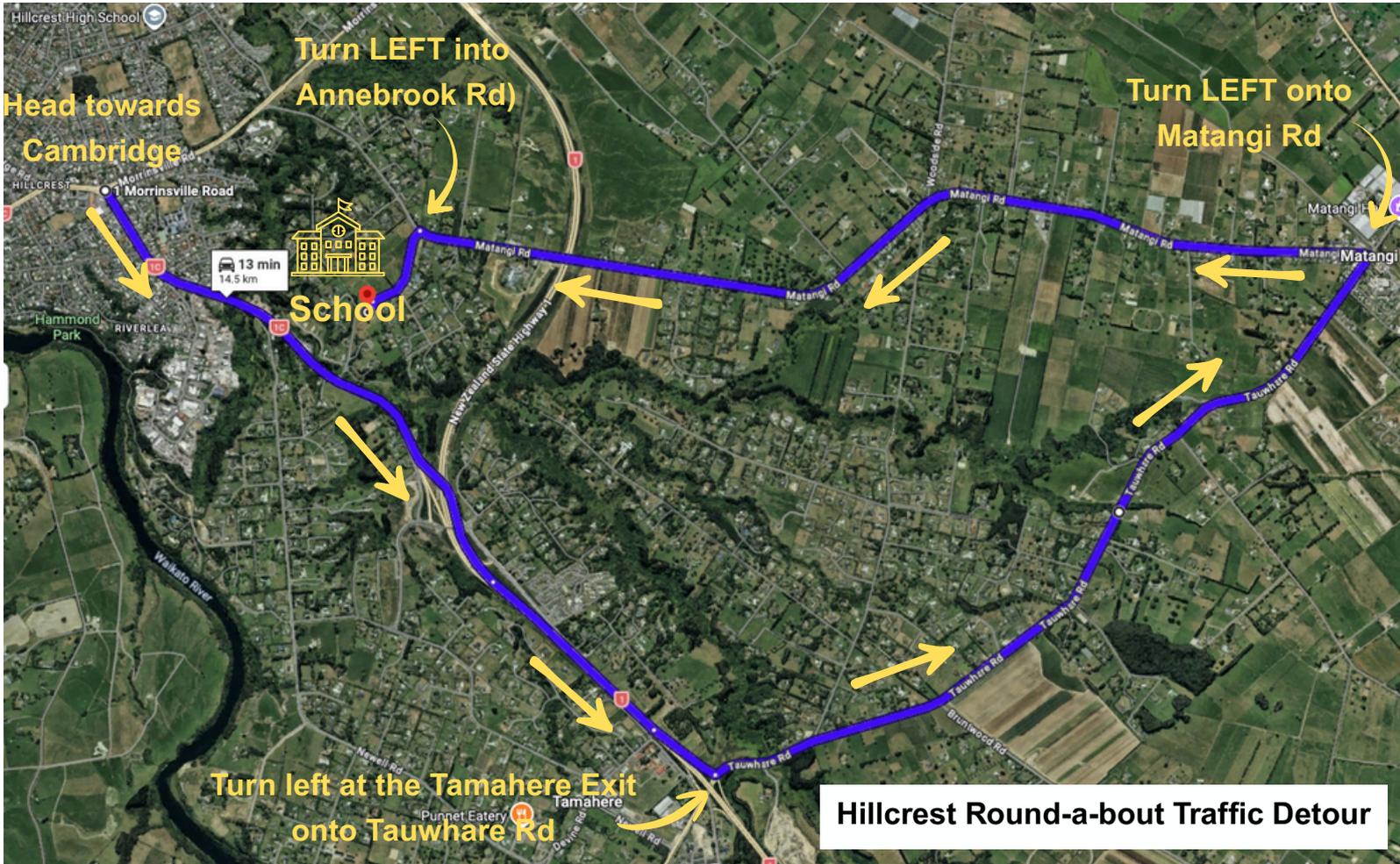
- Families using the Ruakura Interchange will see an extra 6 - 10 minutes of travel time to get to or from school
- Allow for extra travel time, especially in the first week - often more congestion while travellers learn the detour options available



*“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*

**Hillcrest Round-a-bout Traffic Detour**

- Families using the Hillcrest Round-a-out will see an extra 10 - 13 minutes of travel time to get to or from school by travelling through the Tamahere Interchange
- Allow for extra travel time, especially in the first week - often more congestion while travellers learn the detour options available



**Cambridge Traffic Detour**

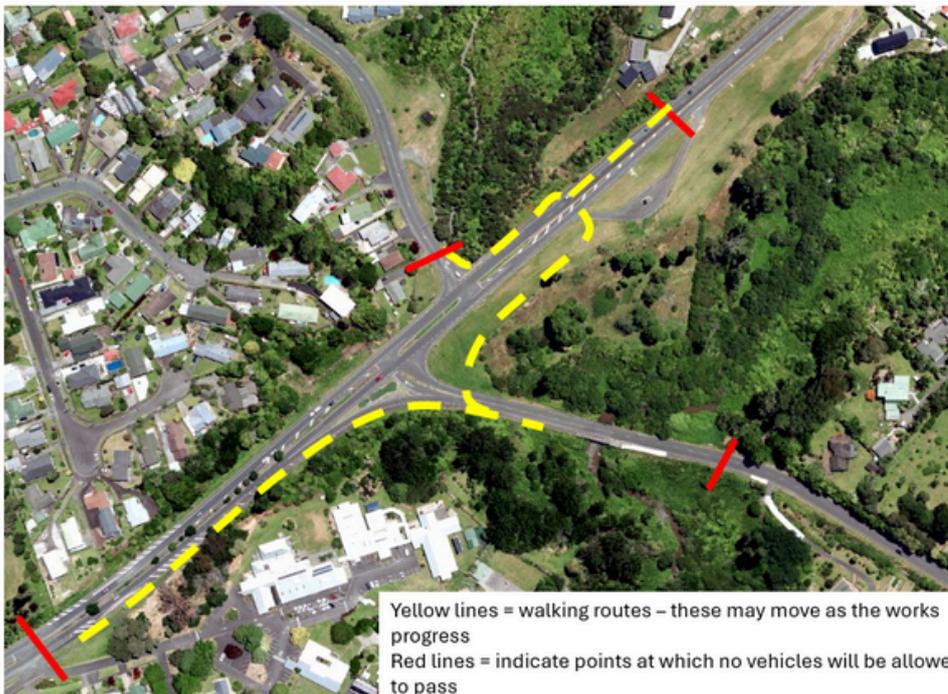
- Families traveling from Cambridge will see an extra 3 - 5 minutes of travel time to get to and from school
- Allow for extra travel time, especially in the first week.



*“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*

### Annebrooke Rd End Drop-off

- NZSTA have stated that they would rather families didn't use the end of Annebrook Rd to drop-off and pick-up their kids
- However, doing so isn't illegal and as long as parents are abiding by the road rules, there shouldn't be any issue
- If using the end of Annebrook Rd, families are asked to use it as a left turn in and a left turn out and follow the map detour to get back onto SH1c (take 2 min)
- Please be mindful, that there is no foot path along Annebrook Rd below the school - **EXERCISE CAUTION** if walking your kids up or down the road.



### Walk/Biking/Scootering

- There will be pedestrian access through the site (Yellow lines)
- You are welcome to drop your kids off at either point indicated by the red line for them to walk/Bike/Scooter to school
- If you choose to use this option, please join your kids for the first few runs to ensure they are prepared and can do it safely
- Routes over grass will stay as grass, so ideally wear waterproof shoes or bring a change of shoes.

### How we will help during this disruption

- To ensure that you get to work on time, **we will start our morning supervision at 8.15 am** so that there is no Before and After School Care charge if you need to drop your child off earlier to get to work on time.
- In the afternoons, we will extend supervision to 3.30 pm to give you time to get to school if you are picking up other kids or leaving work at your usual time.
- The first few days are going to be more chaotic - so please be patient and the most important thing for us is that your child gets to school safely and gets home safely too.



*"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"*



## 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.



## Important Date Change

We have had to change the date of the **Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge** because the 17<sup>th</sup> June event date has already sold out. **We have secured 25 bookings for Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

If you would like your child to participate, please complete a permission form on our Skool Loop App in the FORMS tab.

More information about the event can be found by clicking on the link below:

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/tggc-junior-hamilton/>



## School Picnic Next Week

**When:** Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February

**Who:** The whole family

**Time:** 5:30pm - 7:00pm

**Bring:** Picnic and blanket/Chairs to sit on



This is a great opportunity to get to know new families, re-connect with existing families, and build a thriving learning and faith community. We'd love to see you there!



## School Orchard Working Bee

**When:** Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Time:** Starting at 9.30 am

**Bring:** Weeding tools e.g forks, hoes, etc



Come and join us as we spread some mulch, tackle the weeds and thistles, and do other orchard maintenance tasks to support a thriving school orchard.



*“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”*

*Nurture the seed and it will blossom*



# Loving Being back at school!



**RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.**

## Important Dates in Term 1

Over the next two weeks

Fri, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Waitangi Day - Public Holiday

Thurs, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb School Picnic - 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm

### Coming Up in Term 1

Sun, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb School Orchard Working Bee - 9.30 am start



Wed, 11<sup>th</sup> March Whole School Athletics Day - Porritt Stadium

Thurs, 12<sup>th</sup> March Zone Swimming Competition - Tamahere Country Model School

Fri, 20<sup>th</sup> March Teacher Only Day - Math PLD (Curriculum Refresh)

Wed, 25<sup>th</sup> March WaiBop Zone Athletics Day - Porritt Stadium (Room 2, 3, 4)

Thur, 2<sup>nd</sup> April Teacher Only Day - Teaching for Transformation PLD

Phone: 07 856 4417

Address: 46 Annebrook Rd, RD3, Hamilton 3283

Email: [office@hamsda.school.nz](mailto:office@hamsda.school.nz)

Website: [www.hamsda.school.nz](http://www.hamsda.school.nz)



Download the  
School Loop  
App



Hamilton  
Seventh-day Adventist School  
*Educating for Eternity*



Find us on  
Facebook