

Term 3 Week 7



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The Theatre of Leadership



As we welcome back our sports camp team, I've been reflecting on what was an enjoyable and successful week. Beyond the final scores and medals, sports camp provided a powerful stage for our students to experience and discover what true leadership looks like in action.

Sport can be referred to as leadership theatre, an unscripted stage where pretence disappears. On the court or field, there are no scripted words or filters to hide behind. When fatigue sets in and the clock is ticking down, a student's inner character becomes instantly visible.

In Hebrews 12:1–2, the writer draws on athletic metaphors, reminding us that we are surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses."

At Sports Camp, our students operated in their own micro-arena of high stakes, raw emotion, and immediate accountability. Leadership was on full display, not in titles or team captain badges, but in how players responded when a referee made a tough call, when a teammate made a mistake, or when a game plan fell apart.

In sport, leadership yields immediate consequences. A player's frustration can discourage a team in seconds, but calm composure and steady encouragement lift the whole team.

Team culture is not what you write on the wall; it is the emotional temperature set by the leader under pressure. Your body language reveals your heart long before your words ever speak.

God has placed you on a specific field of play today. You may not be stepping out onto the pitch at sports camp or playing before millions on tv, but the spotlight of leadership is no less real in your home, your workplace, or your ministry:

- **What is your body language communicating?** When stress hits your team or household, do you radiate Christ-like poise or anxiety?
- **Are you clinging to heavy weight?** What entanglements (pride, anger, fear of failure) must you throw off so you can run freely?
- **Who is your ultimate Audience?** Human applause is fleeting; elite leaders play to glorify the Master Coach alone.

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

Prayer	Term 3	
	Week 8	Week 9
Rāhina	Roche	Smith
Rātū	Roil	Soto Romero
Rāapa	Shaw	Susan Binu
Rāpare	Shinu	Ta'Afi
Rāmere	Sinapati	Tambawoga

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

Zone Cross Country Success

On Thursday, 27 of our Year 3 - 6 students participated in the Country Cluster Cross Country Event held at Tamahere Model Country School.

There were plenty of nerves as the students anticipated a significant shift in the level of competition, with the five schools in our Country Cluster lining up their top runners at the starting line.

Our students showed great perseverance as they took on the relatively flat and fast course. Every student completed the course successfully, and it was an added bonus to have six of our team achieve a top-5 placing in their respective races.

Well done, team, and thank you to all of the parents who helped as marshals and cheered our team on from the sidelines.

Name	Place	Race
Levi Hurlow	2nd	Year 4
Sarah Boggiano	4th	
Micah Goodare	5th	
Ezra Goodare	3rd	Year 5
Micah Hurlow	4th	
Jayden Binu	5th	



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2 Corinthians 3:18"*



Sports Camp Results

Last week, 17 of our students travelled to Totara springs to participate in the Town & Country Intermediate Sports Camp.

Partnering with Matamata Christian School, our combined team hit the ground running in a high-stakes tournament where every match mattered. A single loss meant missing out on the semi-finals.

The sport started at 8.30 am in the morning and finished at 9.30 pm each evening, often with very few breaks in between games. Every student had a part to play in each game, either battling the opposition or giving the team courage and energy by cheering the participants on.

When we weren't playing sport, our Combined team spent every spare moment practicing and refining our Team Cheer. This was a big ask of the kids, and they rose to the challenge, knowing that every minute they spent preparing would give them an edge over the other schools - and it really showed. Our Combined team won the cheer for the 4th year in a row, a huge achievement considering that our two schools only get the chance to practice the full cheer together on Monday when we join together at Sports Camp. Thank you Holly Odgers, for doing such an incredible job with scaffolding the learning and showing great patience working with our students. Click [HERE](#) to see the Combined Cheer.

We were especially proud of the way our students competed and supported each other. While competition and sport at times can get ugly, our students demonstrated great sportsmanship and represented our school well in the way that they managed the highs and lows of competition.

Thank you too to the parents that were able to come out and support our teams throughout Sports Camp and for the cheer. It was a great evening of celebration, capped off with a nail biting final in Girls Volleyball, beating Te Aroha 40 - 36.

We can't wait to participate again next year!

Sport	Result
Team Cheer	Winners
Girls Volleyball	Winners
Spike Ball	Winners
Wall Ball	Winners
Girls Table Tennis	Winners
Girls Indoor Football	2 nd Place
Boys Indoor Football	2 nd Place
Netball	2 nd Place
Shooting	2 nd Place
Chess	2 nd Place
Quality Living / Quiz	3 rd Place
Sportsmanship	3 rd Place
Softball	Semi-finalist
Boys Indoor Hockey	Semi-finalist
Boys Table Tennis	Semi-finalist
Darts	Semi-finalist
Caged Soccer	Semi-finalist



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Poise and Precision

A huge congratulations to Tahlia, who represented our school at the Waikato Regional School Gymsport Festival on Wednesday, September 2nd.

Competing in the Step 3 Women's Artistic Gymnastics Open category, Tahlia delivered a polished performance on the floor and apparatus. Her hard work and dedication paid off with a fantastic 4th place overall in a highly competitive field!

We are incredibly proud of Tahlia's achievement and the wonderful sportsmanship she displayed representing our school. Well done, Tahlia!

Fast and Fearless

Our inline hockey teams hit the rink this week with energy, determination, and sportsmanship across all divisions.

The young Rockets faced a tough opponent, falling 9-1. Despite the score, the team showed fantastic grit and kept fighting until the final whistle. In an absolute thriller, the Blades secured an exciting 4-3 victory thanks to sharp passing and sheer determination, winning in the final minute. The Hot Shots played a nail-biter of a match, narrowly missing out in a tight 3-4 battle.

Huge congratulations to all our players for their hard work and team spirit, we can't wait to see you back on the rink next week!



Term 4 Sporting Competitions

FUTSAL Starting up again

When: Friday afternoons (4.30pm onwards)
Where: Multiple venues across Hamilton/Cambridge
Who: Students who are in Year 2 and above
Cost: \$50 - \$60 pp

Contact Mr. Hurlow (021 237 6816) for more information

Ultimate Frisbee Competiton

When: Wednesday afternoons (4.10 - 4.55pm)
Where: University of Waikato Fields
Who: Students who are in Year 7 & 8
Cost: Free

Contact Holly Odgers (027 698 9404) for more information



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A few photo's from Sports Camp



Thank you for supporting the Room 3 Baking Sale - They raised \$573 for Project "Pass it on".



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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.



Cake Auction PTA Fundraiser

When: Saturday, 19th September

Time: 7 pm start

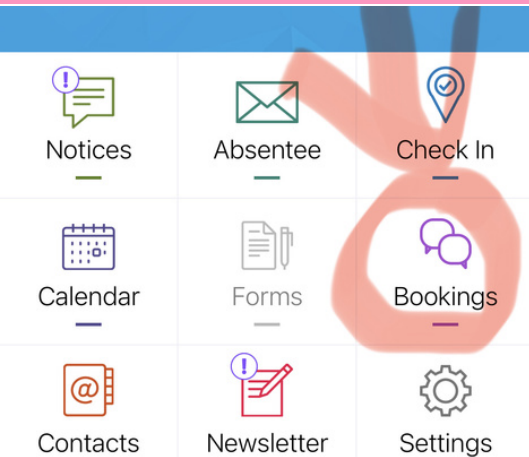
Where: Hamilton Central SDA Church

Bring: Bake a cake and bring it along - BE CREATIVE!!
(Gold coin entry)

Mark your calendar for this exciting event! You won't want to miss it!

Cake Prize Categories:

Silly cakes, Creative cakes, Vegan/Fruit cakes, HamSDA Staff cake, Character/Themed cake, Allergen free cake, Alternative/Dessert, Age 7 and under cake, 8-13 Years olds cake, High School student cake.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

When: Thursday, 24th September

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.



Final Teacher Only Day

When: Friday, 25th September **(NO SCHOOL)**

Purpose: Teaching for Transformation PLD

IMPORTANT: Please make the necessary childcare arrangements

This is our final Professional Learning Development session for our staff team this year.

"Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai"

Nurture the seed and it will blossom

Displaying our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates

Term 3 - Over the next few weeks

Mon, 14th Sept	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm @ School in Room 1
Thurs - Fri, 17 th - 18 th Sept	Curriculum Insights Team Visit - Room 4
Sat, 19 th Sept	PTA Cake Auction - Hamilton Central SDA Church - Palmerston Street
Thurs, 24 th Sept	Parent/Teacher Interviews - Booking through the Skool Loop app available in Week 7
Fri, 25 th Sept	Teacher Only Day (No School) - Teaching for Transformation PLD

Coming up in Early Term 4

Mon, 12 th Oct	Term 4 Begins
Fri, 30 th Oct	Chess & Speech Competition - BC Chapman School in Rotorua (Year 5-8 Students)
Mon-Tues, 16-17 th November	School Camp @ Finlay Park - Year 1-4 Students (Monday Only)

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