

Term 1

Week 9



Hamilton
Seventh-day Adventist School
Educating For Eternity

Friday, 5th April

Rāmere, 5 Poutūterangi

Seeing God in Nature



Karakia

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

Term 1	Week 10	Week 1
Rāhina	Nordau Viana	Onedin
Rātū	O'Dea	Ordenez
Rāapa	Ockleston	Paul
Rāpare	Odgers	Peter
Rāmere	Oliveti	Potter

Over the Easter break, I had the opportunity to join a group of guys and ride the Old Ghost Road in the South Island. In 1880, the Old Ghost Road was once a busy mining track that included three settlements, two local newspapers, a post office, two banks, six hotels, a police station, a courthouse, a brewery, and a school.

Today, there are only a few rusting remnants of its past history, revealing how difficult and remote life must have been for those who called this area home in their search for gold. The track which is shared by both hikers and mountain bikers, winds up the Lyell Valley towards Ghost Lake Hut. It is a 30km climb that creeps through misty beach tree forests and opens up to sweeping views of the countryside below once you climb above the treeline.

The peace and beauty of the place is hard to capture in words. Every time we stopped for a rest, birds would appear from the forest and flit about within reach of us with great curiosity.

Watching the little birds made me wonder what it would have been like in the Garden of Eden. The animals must have been so curious about Adam and I can imagine they would have behaved in a very similar way, coming right up to him, trying to talk and engage him.

It reminds me of the following Psalms:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" - Psalms 19:1

It is when I am in nature that I often feel closest to God. When I've peeled away the many competing distractions for my time and attention, I find myself engaging in Him with awe and wonder.

As you start to prepare for the upcoming school holidays, plan to take some time out to get outside as a family and engage with nature. We are surrounded by so many incredible walks, lakes, and beaches.

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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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Athletics Day Results

Our school's recent athletics event was a tremendous success!

Students from Year 3-8 showcased their skills and sportsmanship on Wednesday, 27th March at Porritt Stadium. The event was a true celebration of our Christian School community, with enthusiastic cheers and support for our athletes and whānau.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event a memorable one. I have included the list of our Championship Competitors who made a top 3 Placing in their event.

Congratulations to our age 10 relay team (Emmanuel, Avigail, Alaska, Luca) who blitzed their opposition with a big win!

A special thank you to our PTA and helpers who supported the tuckshop. The feedback I have received has been so positive.

Let's continue to support our teams and celebrate their achievements!

Individual Championship Results		
Liv Shaw	1st Place 2nd Place 2nd Place 2nd Place	400m 80m Sprint Ball Throw Long Jump
Lexi Hurlow	3rd Place	400m
Emmanuel Males Solis	1st Place 1st Place 3rd Place 2nd Place	400m 100m Sprint Shot put High Jump
Emmanuel Goodare	2nd Place 1st Place	80m Sprints Long Jump
Aileen Teatao	3rd Place	Ball Throw
Zach Odgers	1st Place	Ball Throw
Alaska Hodgson	3rd Place 2nd Place	Long Jump High Jump
Jaelee Hunsaker	3rd Place	Long Jump
Madi Dunstone	3rd Place	High Jump
Matthieu Fourie	3rd Place	High Jump



*“Beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news”
Romans 10:15*



Junior Tabloids

On Thursday, 4th April, students in Room 1 & the Korus Class participated in the annual Junior Tabloids (themed kids activities), held at Tamahere Model Country School.

It was great to see many of our students stepping out of their comfort zones and giving a range of new activities a go. A big thank you to all of the parents who helped out with transport and supporting students at the event. Thank you!



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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 listen 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.

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



EPro8 Inter-School Competition

When: Room 4 - Wed 10th April - 5 pm - 8 pm
Room 3 - Fri 12 April - 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Where: Maeroa Intermediate School

Bring: Healthy snack

Dress: School Sports Uniform

Once the team has been decided, a permission slip will be sent home to parents



Teacher ONLY DAY 31st May

Friday, 31st May is a Teacher Only Day. Our full-staff team will be participating in PLD relating to the updated changes in the Curriculum Refresh. We will not be providing any childcare or supervision.



Tough Guy & Girl Challenge

When: Thursday, 20th June

Time: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm

Where: Ngāruawahia Christian Youth Camp, 148 Waingaro Rd

Bring: Jumper, hearty lunch, dry change of clothes, towel, running shoes (compulsory), beanie, rain coat if needed

Who: Students in Year 3 - 8

Enter: <https://2024juniortggc.events.mygameday.app/>

“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”

Nurture the seed and it will blossom



Displaying Our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates

Week 10

Wed, 10th April	Year 7/8 Inter-School EPro8 Competition, Maeroa Intermediate - 5pm - 8pm
Fri, 12 April	Year 5/6 Inter-School EPro8 Competition, Maeroa Intermediate - 9.30am - 12.30pm
13th - 28th April	Term Break

Coming Up In Term 2

Wed, 8th May	PTA Meeting in Room 1 @ 3.15pm
Mon, 27th May	School Board Meeting @ 6.30pm in Room 1
Fri, 31st May	Teacher-Only Day - NO SCHOOL
Wed, 19th June	Year 3 Tabloids - Matangi School
Thurs, 20th June	<u>Tough Guy and Girl Challenge - ENTER by Clicking HERE</u>

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