

Term 3 Week 3

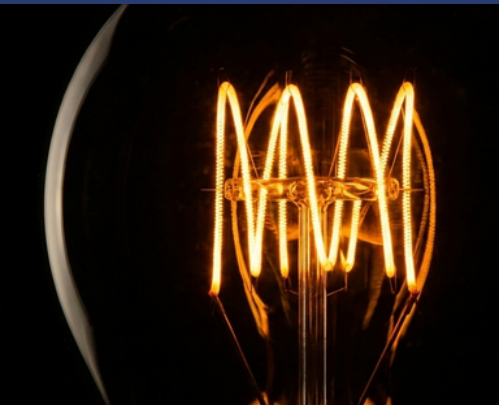
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Hamilton
Seventh-day Adventist School
Educating For Eternity

Friday, 7th August
Rāmere, 7 Ākuhata

Shinning His Light



On Saturday, 25th July, students led the worship service at Hamilton Central SDA Church through music, drama, and an important shared message.

Our students led the congregation in praise and worship, followed by a presentation from the school choir. During the main message, students presented a skit based on the not so well known partnership between Thomas Edison and his glassblower.

The drama told the story of the moment the glassblower successfully sealed the very first light bulb. However, it also captured the silent struggle that followed, the glassblower's growing pride and unease over whose name deserved to be placed first on the workshop sign.

Through this story, our students delivered an important message. The glass bulb was a critical element to the success of the invention, yet it was never designed to draw attention to itself. If the glass were dirty, clouded, or painted over with "Look at me!", it would completely block the very light it was created to protect and display.

This serves as a beautiful reminder of our own spiritual calling. Like that fragile glass bulb, our role in this world is not to demand a larger portion of recognition, fight over status, or boast about our own vessels. Instead, we are called to empty our egos, lay down our pride, and ensure that His light is clearly visible in our lives.

Our job is not to be the source of the brilliance, but simply to remain clear, humble vessels that allow the Light of Christ to shine through us without obstruction.

***Let us not boast about the glass;
let us only boast about the Light.***

Our light shines brightest not when we demand a bigger share, but when we lift others up and let God's glory reflect through our fragile lives.

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Karakia

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

Prayer	Term 3	
	Week 4	Week 5
Rāhina	Mills	O'Dea
Rātū	Moore	O'Halloran
Rāapa	Mushananga	Ockleston
Rāpare	Nabanisau	Odgers
Rāmere	Nordau Viana	Oliveti

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*

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?

Every classroom day is a vital building block. When a student is absent, catching up is incredibly difficult because they must struggle to grasp missed concepts while simultaneously trying to keep pace with new, daily lessons.

As the accompanying graphic shows, even a 95% attendance rate means missing 47 lessons of critical instruction. This lost time quickly spirals into weeks of missed learning, creating a mountain of catch-up work that can cause student stress, loss of confidence, and gaps in their knowledge, and understanding.

We also know children get genuinely sick. If your child is too unwell to learn, keeping them home to recover and rest is absolutely the right choice.

By minimising avoidable absences, you give your child the best chance to stay confident, connected, and on track in their learning. Everyday Matters!

Save the Date!

Cake Auction

PRIZES TO BE WON!

 **19 SEPTEMBER 2026** |  **19:00**

 **SDA HAMILTON CENTRAL CHURCH**
58 PALMERSTON STREET, HAMILTON

 *Delicious cakes, great company, amazing prizes!*
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!





"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



Friday, 7th August

Upcoming events and important info...



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.



Whole School Cross Country

When: Thursday, 13th August

Time: 1.40pm - 3pm

Where: On the School Fields

Dress: Students are to come to school in Sports Uniform and are to wear appropriate shoes to run in.

Please come and cheer our students on as they take on the Cross Country Course.



Intermediate Sports Camp

When: Mon - Fri, 24th - 28th August

Venue: Totara Springs, Matamata

Time: Depart school at 9.30 am

Cost: \$300 pp

Next week, the Sports Camp Team will be selected and letters will be sent home inviting those selected to participate at Sports Camp.

Throughout the year and at the Sports Overnighter, we have been observing how our students represent our school values as well as how they have upheld the Sports Camp criteria.



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!!

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

"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

Thurs 13 th Aug	Whole School Cross Country - 1.40pm Start
Mon - Fri, 24 th - 28 th Aug	Sports Camp - Totara Springs (Sports Camp Team)
Thurs, 27 th Aug	Zone Cross Country - Tamahere Country Model School

Coming later up in Term 3

Mon, 14 th Sept	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm @ School in Room 1
Thurs - Fri, 17 th - 18 th Sept	Curriculum Insights Team Visit - Room 4
Fri, 18 th Sept	School Reports go home
Thurs, 24 th Sept	Parent/Teacher Interviews - Booking through the Skool Loop app
Fri, 25 th Sept	Teacher Only Day (No School) - Teaching for Transformation PLD

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