

Term 1 Week 5



Hamilton
Seventh-day Adventist School
Educating For Eternity

Friday, 8th March
Rāmere, 8 Huitanguru

Sink or Swim?



At the start of the school year, I indicated that we would be doing swimming in Term 1. Since then, Waterworld has informed me that they have ceased their school swimming program.

While this has been very disappointing, it has also presented us with a great opportunity to strengthen what we offer to support students learning how to swim. Tamahere Country School has offered us the use of their pool on Friday mornings in Term 4 to run our swim program, and we believe that this will greatly improve what we have previously offered.

In life, we often go through experiences where we hit a speed bump or reach the dead end of a road. While these experiences can be painful and cause distress, they usually present an opportunity to reflect and reassess.

When we consider the story of Peter, we see how he too had to reflect and reassess his situation. He had previously vowed that he would never deny Jesus, saying, "Even if I die with you, I will never disown you!" And yet we know what happens: Peter denies Jesus three times.

Peter broke down and wept, and then returned to his old life of being a fisherman, taking some of the disciples with him. While they were fishing, quite unsuccessfully, a man on the shore called out, "Friends, haven't you caught any fish?" When they replied no, he told them to throw out their nets on the other side of the boat. Peter immediately realized that it was Jesus speaking and jumped out of the boat to go to him.

He had been given another opportunity to fulfill the purpose that God had for him, and this time, having reassessed the condition of his heart, went on to become one of the biggest ambassadors for God's kingdom.

Whatever our setbacks are, no matter how broken we feel because of them, God is always ready to open up new and better opportunities for us.

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Karakia

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

Term 1	Week 6	Week 7
Rāhina	Fuifui	Hodgson
Rātū	Galdames	Hunsaker
Rāapa	Gardyne	Hurlow
Rāpare	Goodare	King
Rāmere	Grbin	Knox

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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Zone Swimming Competition

Today, ten of our students participated in the Country Zone Swimming competition held at Tamahere Country Model School.

This was the first time in many years that our students participated in this event and it was great to see our kids test their swimming skills against the top swimmers from other schools.

Congratulations to Luca (freestyle), Kate (backstroke), and Aria (backstroke) who all qualified for the finals in their swimming heats.

Luca finished 3rd overall in the freestyle final, well done! The highlight was seeing our swimming team finish in 2nd Place overall in the School Relay event.

We are looking forward to building on this success when we start our swimming program in Term 4.



Pedestrian Footpath

You will have noticed the pedestrian crossing and footpath lines painted in the school car park. All foot traffic entering and exiting the school gate should follow the painted pedestrian walkway. That way, drivers will know where to anticipate foot traffic and proceed with caution.



HAMSDA STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-25

Mātairiti

Learners at the centre

1. Create a vibrant kura environment that represents our Special Character, Vision, Values, and community
2. Implement the Discipleship framework for tamariki and their whānau
3. Prioritise the Hauora, well-being, and safety of kura whānau by bringing school values to life

A thriving Kura that reflects our Special Character, Vision, Values, and Community

Mātaurangi

Barrier Free Access

1. Apply the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi at all levels of kura operation
2. Explore and implement the Understand/Know/Do progression framework
3. Ensure that all akonga have access to learning support (Universal, Targeted, Specialist)

A confident Kura that gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and ensures all akonga are valued and supported

Mātauranga

Quality Teaching and Leadership

1. Explore Te Mātaiao and its implementation through a Christian lens (4 Lenses Framework)
2. Review and refine current Teaching and Learning practices to align with Te Mātaiao (refreshed Curriculum)
3. Build leadership capacity, capability, and opportunity

High expectation Kaitiaki and confident learners who are EMPOWERED to lead and take ownership of their learning



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Strategic Plan

The school board has finalised our Strategic Plan for 2024-25, Please click [HERE](#) to access the full breakdown of the Plan. It can also be found in the school office.

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



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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.



WaiBop Christian Schools Athletics

When: Wednesday, 27th March

Time: 9.30 am - 2.00 pm (Students to arrive by 9am)

Where: Porritt Stadium, Crosby Rd

Who: Students in Year 3 - 8

Bring: Jumper, hearty lunch, hat, and sunblock

Bus students will be dropped-off and picked-up from the venue



Country Zone Junior Tabloids

When: Thursday, 4th April

Time: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm

Where: Tamahere Country Model School

Bring: Jumper, hearty lunch, hat, and sunblock

Who: Students in the Koru Class and Room 1



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

“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”

Nurture the seed and it will blossom



Displaying Our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates

Week 6 & 7

11th - 15th March	Within School Epro8 Competition (Room 3 & 4)
Wed, 20th March	PTA Meeting @ 3.15pm Hamilton SDA School - Room 1

Coming up in Term 1

Mon, 25th March	School Board Meeting @ 7pm Hamilton SDA School - Room 1
Wed, 27th March	Year 3-8 Christian Schools Athletics @ 9.30 - 2.00pm Porritt Stadium, Crosby Rd
Easter Break	Friday, 29th March - Tuesday, 2nd April - NO SCHOOL
Thurs, 4th April	Junior Tabloids Y0-2 @ 9.30am - 12pm Tamahere Country Model School

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