

Term 2

Week 8



Hamilton

Seventh-day Adventist School

*Educating For Eternity*

Friday, 12th June

Rāmere, 12 June

## The Freedom Ethic



I remember wearing the clothing brand, "No Rules". It was a mantra held by us teenagers at the time, holding up the idea that rules were restrictive and real freedom came from pushing against the rules. Of course, as a teenager, I didn't fully comprehend it at the time, but can you imagine a world where there were no rules. How 'free' would you really be?

If you are completely free to do whatever you want, then everyone else is also free to do whatever they want to you. Without a law prohibiting theft, you aren't "free" to own things; you are just waiting for someone stronger to take them. Without the boundaries of truth, you are trapped in a world of deception and paranoia. Without a moral framework, society devolves into a state where "might makes right." True freedom would belong only to the strongest, and the rest of us would live in a state of constant fear and survival - the ultimate form of restriction.

This is why the biblical writers didn't view God's law as a burden. In the New Testament, the apostle James actually calls God's moral law "the perfect law that gives freedom."

True freedom is not the ability to do whatever we want; it is the capacity to live as we were created to live.

A fish is only "free" when it is restricted to the water. If you put a fish on a beach, it has total freedom from the ocean, but it will die.

In the same way, the law acts as the freedom ethic. It shows us that human beings only truly thrive when they operate within the moral ecosystem they were designed for.

So, while that "No Rules" t-shirt felt like the ultimate statement of independence, the reality is that absolute autonomy is a mirage. True freedom isn't found in breaking the mould, but in leaning into its design.

As you look back on your own life, what boundaries did you once fight against as a restriction, only to realise later they were the very things keeping you safe, anchored, and truly free?

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### Karakia

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

Prayer	Term 2	
	Week 9	Week 10
Rāhina	Barton	Bredenkamp
Rātū	Barton Pihama	Cameron
Rāapa	Beck	Chatfield
Rāpare	Binu	Chavachery Robin
Rāmere	Boggiano	Donguila

### 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*



## Thank you for Supporting our Sports Camp Team

We raised \$680, an amount that reduces the cost for each participant by 10%.

Thank you for all of those that bought Samosas. They will be delivered to the school and ready for pick-up on Wednesday, 24th June from 3pm.

We hope that you enjoy the delicious Indian cuisine all the more, knowing that you helped our team get to Sports Camp this year.

Also, a big thank you Alaska Hodgson for leading the fundraising initiative on behalf of her peers.

## One of our Music Teachers is moving on

Alicia O'Conner, one of our music teachers is taking up an opportunity to do an electrical engineering apprenticeship start in Term 3. She will therefore be ending her music teaching at the end of this term.

We appreciate the support she has given our students and wish her all the best in her new adventure.

## Can Drive - Three Weeks left

Our Junior class has taken on the official role of caretakers for the promotion and collection of Cans for our Can Drive this year.

They have been busy counting the cans we've received so far by lining them up in groups of ten and practicing their skip-counting.

It's been fantastic watching them put their classroom math skills to use for such a great cause!

On Friday, we had a total of nearly 600 cans collected. Lets see if we can collect another 400 cans over the next three weeks.

Thank you again for partnering with us to support the Enderly Community Trust. We truly appreciate your ongoing kindness and community spirit.



*"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.



## Tough Guy and Girl Challenge

**When:** 16<sup>th</sup> June

**Venue:** Ngaruawahia Christian Camp, 148 Waingaro Road

**Time:** Depart school at 9.00 am sharp, return by 1pm (Event starts at 10am)

**Bring:** Covered shoes (football boots can be used), old clothes to run in, sport uniform to change into, jumper, beanie, towel, large drink bottle, and a plastic bag for the wet and muddy gear.

It is likely to rain as well so please ensure that your child has a raincoat to throw over their school uniform.



## Christian Music Festival

**When:** Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**Time:** 9.30 am - 2.00pm

**Where:** Matamata Baptist Church - 26 Tower Road, Matamata

Our Choir will be singing two songs and a few more students will be performing items in the instrumental, soloist, and duet categories. Permission Slips will be sent home this week.



## Adventist Football Tournament

**When:** Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 9.30 am - 2.00pm

**Where:** Cambridge Football Grounds, John Kerkhof Park

**Dress:** School Sports Uniform, shin pads, football boots

Our Year 5-8 students will be participating in the annual Adventist Football Tournament held at John Kerkhof Park in Cambridge.

Permission Slips will be sent home this week.

*“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”*

*Nurture the seed and it will blossom*



# Displaying our Values



**RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.**

## Important Dates

### Week 9-10 of Term 2

Tues, 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Tough Guy and Girl Challenge - Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp
Tues, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Christian Music Festival - Matamata Baptist Church

### Coming Up in Term 2

Mon, 29 <sup>th</sup> June	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm @ School in Room 1
Tues, 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Adventist Football Tournament - Cambridge Football Club
Fri, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of Term 2

### Early in Term 3

Mon, 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 3 Begins
Wed - Thurs, 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Overnighter - Matamata Christian School (Sports Camp Team)

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