

Term 1

Week 5



Hamilton
Seventh-day Adventist School
Educating For Eternity

Friday, 6th March
Rāmere, 6 Māehe

Don't Worry About Tomorrow



In 2021, The Hamilton Adventist Youth Scholarship Trust – HAYSTACKS – was formed as a charity to provide scholarships to students at our School as a gift from our wider community, to cover participation costs for students whose households are experiencing hardship. The aim is to see full participation in both school and church life.

This week, the HAYSTACKS team sat down to work out the budget for HAYSTACKS for the coming year, inputting all the numbers they knew, the payments HAYSTACKS had committed to make and some allowance for future students they expected to support during the year. They then looked at the committed income and found they were short, so they put down the amount that was short and wrote “someone else” next to it in the donor list, and set it aside.

At that moment, a team member felt prompted to check the HAYSTACKS emails, where an email was found sitting in the spam folder and opened it. It was from someone requesting the banking details for HAYSTACKS. After responding to the email, the exact amount that was needed had been donated. Isn't God's timing and provision just so amazing.

A big thank you to those that support HAYSTACKS, which aims to alleviate hardship which might prevent children from participating fully in School and Church life. They would love to be able to assist even more students, and build up funds for next year and coming events, so further donations are always welcome. Remember, too, that donations qualify for a 1/3 tax credit, and any funds given by 31 March can be claimed soon.

If you feel prompted to support the work that HAYSTACKS is doing in our Church and School community, please reach out to the team by emailing haystacks.nz@gmail.com (and they promise to check the spam folder!)

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Karakia

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

Prayer	Term 1	
	Week 6	Week 7
Rāhina	Fourie	Goodare
Rātū	Fuifui	Hodgson
Rāapa	Galdames	Hurlow
Rāpare	Gardyne	King
Rāmere	Gestupa	Knox

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

School Orchard Working Bee

Last Sunday, we hosted a School Orchard working bee to get on top of the 'summer holiday growth' that had taken hold over the holiday period. It was a mammoth task that saw many a wheel-barrow laded with weeds and thistles that had been pulled out of the ground. The transformation left the orchard looking nearly unrecognisable compared to what it looked like before we started.

Thank you to all of those that came out to support the Orchard Project.



Strong Start to Futsal in 2026

Our Futsal teams have made a positive start to their competitions. Many of our U9 (SDA Sparks) team are new to Futsal and have enjoyed learning about the game and giving it a go. Our U11 (SDA Flames) team also had a positive start with some great moments in their opening game. They missed out last week due to a game cancelation. Our U13 (SDA Blaze) team have enjoyed an unbeaten start to the season, and have yet to concede a goal after their first two games. All teams have represented our Special Character well with their great attitudes and willingness to play as a team.



*"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.



Whole School Athletics Day

When: Wednesday, 11th March

Where: Porritt Stadium, Chartwell

Time: 9 AM - 3 PM

Who: Whole School

Dress: Sports Uniform

Bring: Hat, large drink bottle, and a hearty lunch

Parents will need to drop kids off at the Stadium and pick them up afterwards. Please bring the kids to their classroom teacher when dropping them off. The school buses will operate as normal and will transport bus kids to and from the Stadium.



Teacher ONLY Days coming up

DAY 1

When: **Friday, 20th March**

Purpose: Staff PLD on the new Math Curriculum

DAY 2

When: **Thursday, 2nd April**

Purpose: Teaching for Transformation PLD



Swimming & Water Safety

When: Mon - Tues, Thurs - Fri (Week 23rd - 27th March)

Where: Waterworld, Te Rapa

Transport: School Bus and Cars

Bring: Swimming bag with towel and swimming togs

We will need some parents to help out with transport for some classroom groups. I will send out information requesting help in the coming weeks.

"Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai"

Nurture the seed and it will blossom



Kids ⁱⁿ
NEED
WAIKATO

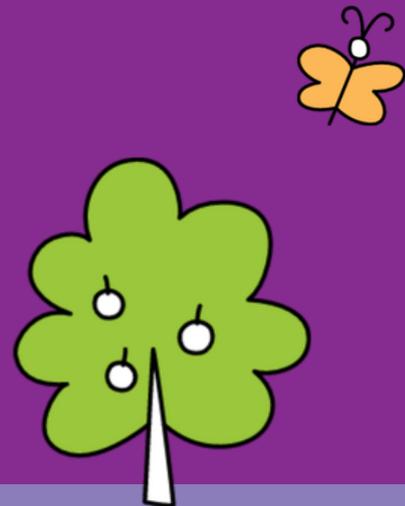
OPEN DAY

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SUNDAY 22 MARCH

10AM - 2PM

**118 FENCOURT RD
CAMBRIDGE**



Music, bouncy castle, face painting, food,
coffee, tours and MORE!

Displaying our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates in Term 1

Over the next two weeks

Wed, 11th March Whole School Athletics Day - Porritt Stadium

Fri, 20th March Teacher Only Day - Math PLD (Curriculum Refresh)

Coming Up in Term 1

Mon, 23rd March School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm start in Room 1

Mon, 23rd - Fri, 27th March Swimming at Waterworld (Except No Swimming on Wednesday, 25th March due to Athletics Day)

Wed, 25th March WaiBop Zone Athletics Day - Porritt Stadium (Room 2, 3, 4)

Thurs, 26th March Parent/Teacher Interviews (3.30pm - 6.30pm)

Wed, 1st April Last School Day of Term 1

Thur, 2nd April Teacher Only Day - Teaching for Transformation PLD

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