

Term 1

Week 7



Hamilton

Seventh-day Adventist School

Educating For Eternity

Friday, 20th March

Rāmere, 20 Māehe

Courage Over Fear



As we look at the headlines, it is impossible to ignore the sense of volatility that seems to have become our "new normal." From the complex shifts in global economies to the ongoing tremors of geopolitical conflict, we are living through a season that feels distinctly fractured. For many of us - parents, students, and staff alike - the weight of this uncertainty can feel like a storm that simply won't let up.

In times like these, we are fortunate to have a source of hope that does not shift with the news cycle. The Bible offers us a profound counter-narrative to the chaos. It doesn't promise that the storm will disappear instantly, but it does promise that we can have a peace that surpasses all understanding - Philippians 4:7.

We are reminded of the moment Jesus stood in a boat tossed by violent waves. While the disciples panicked, He spoke three simple words: "Peace, be still." The storm didn't just quiet; it obeyed.

Today, we are encouraged not to let our hearts be troubled. As Matthew 6:34 reminds us, we are called not to worry about tomorrow, for each day has enough trouble of its own. This isn't an invitation to be passive, but a call to be grounded in a strength that is greater than the global headlines.

So, how do we respond to a world that feels like it's breaking apart?

- **Choose Courage Over Fear:** Courage is not the absence of fear, but the decision that something else is more important.
- **Small Acts, Big Impact:** We may not be able to solve global conflicts, but we can show radical love in our hallways. A kind word to a struggling peer or a moment of patience in a heated discussion are the building blocks of a better world.
- **Be a Non-Anxious Presence:** By leaning into the peace we've been promised, we become an anchor for those around us who are drifting.

How will you show love and courage today? In a world in turmoil, a single act of kindness is a powerful act of defiance against the darkness.

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Karakia

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

Prayer	Term 1	
	Week 8	Week 9
Rāhina	Kondrote	McLean
Rātū	Lakua	Mills
Rāapa	Lum	Moore
Rāpare	Malo	Teacher Only Day
Rāmere	McConchie	Easter

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

Friends of the Orchard

Our school orchard is thriving thanks to a wonderful new partnership! We have established a group called "Friends of the Orchard," where parents and students work to care for our orchard. Following a successful working bee in February and an expert workshop on March 13th, led by Kernow Trees and Edible Orchards, our "Friends" have been busy with weed management and mulch distribution to ensure our trees stay healthy and hydrated. It is a beautiful sight to see our families getting their hands dirty together, modeling the importance of community and care for creation.



Whole School Athletics Day

Our first whole school Athletics Day at Porritt Stadium on Wednesday, 11th March, was a great success, capped off by a dominant victory for Green House over Red and Blue. The track was buzzing with energy, particularly during the fiercely contested relay races which featured five spirited parent teams competing alongside the students. We owe a huge thank you to the PTA for keeping everyone fuelled with a fantastic sausage sizzle and tuck shop treats, making our first whole school outing at a professional venue most enjoyable. Click [HERE](#) to access photo's from the day taken by katiehurlowphotography@gmail.com



*"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, 6th March

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.



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

Please ensure that your child comes to school in school sports uniform and appropriate footwear. To help with the successful return of lost property, please ensure that clothings is clearly labelled.



WaiBop Christian Schools Athletics Day

When: Wednesday, 25th March

Where: Porritt Stadium, Chartwell

Time: 9 AM - 2 PM

Who: Room 2, 3, & 4 students

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 Mr. Roche when dropping them off. The school buses will operate as normal and will transport bus kids to and from the Stadium.

The event finishes at 2pm - Children can be picked up from then



Teacher ONLY Days coming up

When: Thursday, 2nd April

Purpose: Teaching for Transformation PLD

“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

Over the next two weeks

Mon, 23 rd March	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm start in Room 1
Mon, 23 rd - Fri, 27 th March	Swimming at Waterworld (Except No Swimming on Wednesday, 25 th March due to Athletics Day)
Wed, 25 th March	WaiBop Zone Athletics Day - Porritt Stadium (Room 2, 3, 4)
Thurs, 26 th March	Parent/Teacher Interviews (3.30pm - 6.30pm)
Wed, 1st April	Last School Day of Term 1
Thur, 2 nd April	Teacher Only Day - Teaching for Transformation PLD

Coming Up in Term 2

Mon, 20th April	Term 2 Begins - Students are to dress in their formal uniform each day (except for Fridays)
Thurs, 23 rd April	Parent/Teacher Interviews - You can book an Interview time via the Skool Loop App

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