

Term 2

Week 10

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Hamilton

Seventh-day Adventist School

Educating For Eternity

Friday, 26th June
Rāmere, 26 Hune

True Strength of “All Things”



During the recent Christian Music Festival, our school choir a beautiful beautiful rendition of the song, "I Can Do All Things." The song left many of us reflecting on the truth behind those words.

The song points us directly to one of the most famous verses in the Bible, Philippians 4:13:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

We often see this verse plastered on gym walls, sports shoes, or used as a motivational slogan for achieving big goals and winning victories. But when we look at the context in which the Apostle Paul wrote these words, we discover a much deeper, more comforting truth. Paul wasn't writing a pep-talk after a major win; he was writing from a cold prison cell.

Just before this verse, Paul explains that he has known what it is to be hungry, to be in need, and to suffer. When he says, "I can do all things," a more accurate translation of his heart in that moment is, "I can endure all things." Paul's secret wasn't a superpower that made him invincible to hardship; it was a deep, unshakeable reliance on Jesus that allowed him to find contentment, joy, and peace in the midst of the storm.

When our students sang those words so beautifully, it was a reminder for our whole school community. The strength Christ offers us isn't just for the mountaintop moments or the first-place trophies. His strength is perfected in our weakness. It is the quiet resilience that helps our kids get back up when they fall, the patience to endure a difficult season, and the peace that guards our hearts when life gets messy.

Whatever "all things" you or your family are walking through this week, whether it is a season of joy or a season of endurance, may you feel the supernatural strength of Christ carrying you through.

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

Prayer	Term 2 & 3	
	Week 11	Week 1
Rāhina	Dunstone	Fourie
Rātū	Esteves Paddison	Galdames
Rāapa	Fletcher	Gardyne
Rāpare	Florendo	Gestupa
Rāmere	Foley	Goodare

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



Mud, Sweat and Smiles

On Tuesday, 16th June, a brave group of our students headed out to take in the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. Nature certainly played its part, delivering a steady shower of rain in the morning that turned the course into glorious, squelching mud!

Despite the cold and the muddy course, our kids showed resilience and had an absolute blast tackling the course, and crossing the finish line with massive smiles (and a lot of dirt) on their faces.

A massive thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped with transport and cheered our competitors on from the sidelines. We couldn't have done it without your support!



*"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"*





Music Festival Success

On Tuesday, 23rd June, we transported 64 of our students to Matamata for the annual Christian Music Festival. The festival involved 6 Christian schools across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty with students competing in a range of categories from instrumentals, to ensembles, to soloists, to school choirs.

Our choir won first place and performed two songs, "I can do all things" and "Look to Jesus". Thank you to Holly Odgers for leading our choir and teaching them their harmonies and parts, the blend of harmonies and beautiful solos were incredibly moving.

Lexi won the soloist category with the song, "Broken Ladders", and Elliot achieved third place in the instrumental category with the song "What child is this" played on the piano.

It is a blessing to see our students participate in sharing their musical talents in front of an audience. May they continue to bring the message of the gospel through music for years to come!

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Upcoming events and important info...



Mufti Day - FRIDAY

Whether you are backing the All Whites, celebrating your family heritage, or just supporting your favourite footballing nation, we want to see a sea of colour across the school. Dust off your football shirts and wear your country's national colours.

Please bring a gold coin donation, with all proceeds going towards Haystacks. Let's get behind the beautiful game!



Adventist Football Tournament Y5-8

When: Tuesday, 30th 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.

Click the link to access the permission slip [HERE](#).



Sports Overnighter Y7/8

When: Wed - Thurs, 22-23rd July

Venue: Matamata Christian School

Time: Depart school at 9.00 am sharp

Cost: \$20 pp

For students wanting to be considered for the Sports Camp team, the Sports Overnighter is a prerequisite.

Please complete the permission slip attached [Here](#) to indicate whether your child will be participating in the Sports Overnighter.



Choir Singing at Central Church

When: Saturday, 25th July

Time: 11am - 12pm

Where: Hamilton Central SDA Church

Our Choir has been invited to sing at Hamilton Central SDA Church on the first Saturday after school starts up in Term 3. Please click [HERE](#) to indicate whether your child is able to participate.

"Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai"

Nurture the seed and it will blossom



Displaying our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates

Week 11 of Term 2

Mon, 29th June	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm @ School in Room 1
Tues, 30th June	Adventist Football Tournament - Cambridge Football Club
Fri, 3rd July	Last day of Term 2 - Mufti Day (Bring a gold coin)

Coming up in Term 3

Mon, 20th July	Term 3 Begins
Wed - Thurs, 22nd - 23rd July	Sports Overnighter - Matamata Christian School (Sports Camp Team)
Sat, 25th July	School Choir Singing - Hamilton Central SDA Church 11am - 12pm
Mon, 3rd Aug	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm @ School in Room 1
Thurs 13th Aug	Whole School Cross Country

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