

# Term 1

## Week 3



Hamilton  
Seventh-day Adventist School  
*Educating For Eternity*

Friday, 20th February  
Rāmere, 20 Pēpuere

## Living the Redemptive Story



In our classrooms, we often distinguish between providing "information" and pursuing "transformation." As Sarah Arthur powerfully notes in *Shaped by God*, "We are story-formed people. Our lives are first shaped by narrative, not by information". While facts, rules, and academic data - what Arthur playfully refers to as "imports, exports, governments, and drains" - are necessary tools, they are not the heartbeat of a Christian education.

At our school, we believe that faith formation happens when students begin to see their own lives not as a series of disconnected tasks, but as a "pattern within the larger story of redemption". This shift in perspective is the essence of Teaching for Transformation. When a student solves a complex equation or studies historical conflict, they aren't just memorising data points; they are uncovering the beauty of God's order or identifying the brokenness that requires His healing touch.

Our goal is to invite every student to "live a life worthy of that story". By framing our curriculum through Throughlines - such as being Justice Seekers or Creation Enjoyers - we provide the narrative tracks for them to run on. We want them to leave our school knowing that their skills are instruments for God's work in the world.

This week, we encourage you to engage in this narrative at home. Ask your child: How did you see God's Story unfolding in your schoolwork today? Let's help them move beyond the "what" of their lessons and embrace the "Who" they are becoming.

*"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, **that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**"*

1 Peter 2:9

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### Karakia

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

Prayer	Term 1	
	Week 2	Week 3
Rāhina	Boggiano	Donguila
Rātū	Bredenkamp	Dunstone
Rāapa	Cameron	Fletcher
Rāpare	Chatfield	Florendo
Rāmere	Chavachery Robin	Foley

## 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*

## Community Connection: Our School Picnic

On Thursday, last week, we hosted our annual School Picnic. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us, it was a joy to see so many families connecting, mixing, and building new friendships. Seeing the intentional energy that families put in to connect and build new connections was a real celebration of the heart of our school community.

There was a constant “buss” of chatter throughout the afternoon that didn’t seem to fade - in fact, the fellowship was so rich that many families were still enjoying each other’s company well after dark! Thank you for making our community feel like home.



## Futsal Competitions Start Today

Over the last few days, I have been running Futsal trials to finalise our Futsal Teams for the competition that starts today. The teams have been posted onto the Futsal 2026 Group on our Skool Loop App.

Students will need to wear our sports uniform as well as shin pads and long socks (black or navy blue) that cover the shin pads completely.

This week, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, their games will take place at the following times and venues:

Team	SDA Sparks (U9)	SDA Flames (U11)	SDA Blaze (U13)
Time	4.30 PM	5.15 PM	5.15 PM
Venue (Click venue for directions)	<a href="#">The Peak</a>	<a href="#">Fraser High School</a>	<a href="#">Sacred Heart Girls College</a>
Person Managing the Team	Tomas Galdames	Mr. Hurlow	Mr. Roche

“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.



## School Orchard Working Bee

**When:** Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Time:** Starting at 9.30 am

**Bring:** Weeding tools e.g forks, hoes, etc



Come and join us as we spread some mulch, tackle the weeds and thistles, and do other orchard maintenance tasks to support a thriving school orchard.



## Whole School Athletics Day

**When:** Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Purpose:** Teaching for Transformation PLD

*“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”*

*Nurture the seed and it will blossom*



# Displaying our Values



“The primary goals of Christian education is the formation of a peculiar people - a people who desire the kingdom of God and thus undertake their vocations as an expression of that desire.”

James K. A. Smith *Desiring the Kingdom*

**RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.**

## Important Dates in Term 1

Over the next two weeks

Sun, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	School Orchard Working Bee - 9.30 am start
Mon, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm start in Room 1

## Coming Up in Term 1

Wed, 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Athletics Day - Porritt Stadium
Thurs, 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Zone Swimming Competition - Tamahere Country Model School
Fri, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Teacher Only Day - Math PLD (Curriculum Refresh)
Mon, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm start in Room 1
Wed, 25 <sup>th</sup> March	WaiBop Zone Athletics Day - Porritt Stadium (Room 2, 3, 4)
Thur, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Teacher Only Day - Teaching for Transformation PLD

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