

Term 3

Week 1

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Seventh-day Adventist School
Educating For Eternity

Friday, 24th July
Rāmere, 24 Hūare

A Faith Worth Training For



Last week, our senior students joined together with Matamata Christian School for a Sports Overnighter as they gear up for the upcoming Sports Camp. Between the games and activities, our students got a great taste of what it means to push through fatigue, work as a team, and stay focused on the goal.

In sports, as in life, things don't always go according to the game plan. That brings to mind a famous quote by Nelson Mandela:

"I never lose. I either win or I learn."

What a powerful mindset shift! When a play falls apart or a game is lost, we don't have to chalk it up to a total failure, we can choose to treat it as a masterclass in growth.

Our spiritual journey works much the same way. Life constantly throws unexpected challenges, sudden setbacks, and moments where we feel like we've missed the mark entirely. But how do we view those difficult experiences?

Do we see setbacks as personal failures that disqualify us, or as invitations to lean in?

When we face stumbles in our faith walk, they offer us a rare opportunity to examine our hearts, our thinking, and our habits. More importantly, those "losses" reveal our deep need to stop relying on our own strength and start leaning wholeheartedly into Jesus.

As our students continue preparing for Sports Camp, let's encourage our young people, and ourselves, to adopt this perspective in every area of life:

- **Reframe the setback:** Don't fear making mistakes; ask what God might be teaching you through them.
- **Lean in, don't pull back:** Let hard moments draw you closer to Jesus, the ultimate source of strength and grace.
- **Keep running the race:** True resilience isn't about never falling down, it's about who you trust to pick you back up.

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Karakia

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

Prayer	Term 3	
	Week 2	Week 3
Rāhina	Hodgson	Lakua
Rātū	Hurlow	Lum
Rāapa	King	Malo
Rāpare	Knox	McConchie
Rāmere	Kondrote	McLean

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

The Attendance Advantage: How Presence Impacts Performance

REGULAR ATTENDEES (≥90%)



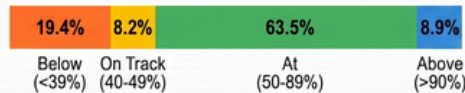
READING



Reading: The Most Resilient Subject. Even with lower attendance, Reading maintains the highest 'At' proficiency; however, 'Above' tier excellence (>90%) is almost exclusively reserved for regular attendees.



WRITING



Writing: Attendance Drives Mastery. Nearly 7% of students achieve 'Above' tier excellence in Writing, the vast majority of whom maintain 95%+ attendance records. High attendance is the common denominator for the 7% of students reaching the top tier in Writing.



MATH

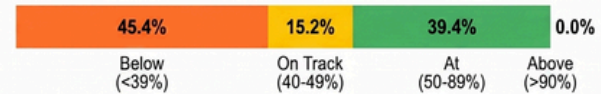
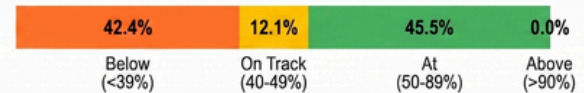


Math: The Attendance Gap. Math shows a 27.9% 'Below' rate overall, but this percentage spikes among students with attendance records under 85%.

Performance Tiers:



IRREGULAR ATTENDEES (<90%)



Attendance Matters

As we review our Term 2 student achievement data, a powerful trend has emerged: there is a clear and direct correlation between a student's attendance and their academic success. Students with regular are more likely to be at or above in all core subject areas: 10% more likely in Reading, 18% more likely in Writing, and 25% more likely in Math.

Every day in the classroom counts. Consistent attendance ensures that students don't miss out on vital instruction, keeping them "On Track" and giving them the best possible opportunity to reach the highest tiers of academic proficiency. Teachers put a lot of time and effort into further supporting students who are tracking below their expected year level and when students are absent, they miss out on this targeted learning support.

Let's work together to prioritise attendance and support our students in reaching their full potential!

Over 1100 Cans Collected

Thank you so much for supporting the Can Drive. I have been so encouraged by the cans that have been carried in to school each week. Your joint effort has resulted in us collecting well over 1100 cans.

Thank you for partnering with us and supporting the Koru Class' Formational Learning Experience (FLEx) as it will make a big impact to the Enderly Community Trust Foodbank. 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



Champions on and off the Pitch

On June 30th, our football teams traveled to Cambridge for the annual Adventist Football Tournament, and what an incredible day of sport, sportsmanship, and success it was!

Our students represented our school with outstanding skill, sportsmanship, and determination:

- **Year 5/6 Team:** Fought hard through every match to secure a fantastic 2nd place overall!
- **Year 7/8 Team:** Showed incredible heart and resilience, taking out the tournament with a thrilling 1–0 victory over Waitakere SDA School in the final!

Beyond the scoreboard, we are so proud of the way both teams encouraged one another and demonstrated great character on and off the field. A huge thank you to the parents who traveled down to cheer our players on.

Congratulations to all our footballers on a fantastic tournament!



Both Year 5/6 Teams



Year 7/8 Second Team



Sam takes a Penalty in the Semi-finals



Year 7/8 Champions



Our whole 2026 Football Team

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World Cup Fever Hits the Court

Over the past month, excitement reached an all-time high on Friday afternoons as our school participated in our very own World Cup Futsal Competition! Every student that wanted to play was assigned to a country's team, bringing fun and friendly rivalry to the pitch each week.

The excitement reached a fever pitch on the final day of Term 2, when students arrived dressed to impress in their football kits for the knock-out stage of the tournament. There was a festive atmosphere as teams fought for a spot in the finals, backed by plenty of enthusiastic cheering from the sidelines!

Both finals delivered fantastic skill, grit, and sportsmanship:

- **Junior Final:** Congratulations to Japan for a determined performance, taking out the junior title with a 3–0 victory over team Australia!
- **Senior Final:** In a hard fought final, France and Argentina battled through a nail-biting, closely contested match. With nothing separating the two sides at full-time, France snatched the championship trophy in a penalty shootout!

A massive congratulations to all of our players for their enthusiasm and team spirit throughout the term, and a special thank you to everyone who participated and made the tournament a fun celebration of the world game.

A special thank you to the Mills family who got created and crafted our very own 'World Cup' trophy!



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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.



Choir Singing at Central Church

When: Saturday, 25th July

Time: 11am - 12pm

Where: Hamilton Central SDA Church

Dress: Formal School Uniform

Our Choir has been invited to sing at Hamilton Central SDA Church this Saturday.



Whole School Cross Country

When: Thursday, 13th August

Time: 1.40pm - 3pm

Where: On the School Fields

Dress: Students are to come to school in Sports Uniform and are to wear appropriate shoes to run in.

Please come and cheer our students on as they take on the Cross Country Course.



Intermediate Sports Camp

When: Mon - Fri, 24th - 28th August

Venue: Totara Springs, Matamata

Time: Depart school at 9.30 am

Cost: \$300 pp

Next week, the Sports Camp Team will be selected and letters will be sent home inviting those selected to participate at Sports Camp.

Throughout the year and at the Sports Overnighter, we have been observing how our students represent our school values as well as how they have upheld the Sports Camp criteria.

“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”

Nurture the seed and it will blossom



Displaying our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates

Term 3 - Over the next few weeks

Sat, 25 th July	School Choir Singing - Hamilton Central SDA Church 11am - 12pm
Mon, 3 rd Aug	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm @ School in Room 1
Thurs 13 th Aug	Whole School Cross Country - 1.40pm Start

Coming later up in Term 3

Mon - Fri, 24 th - 28 th Aug	Sports Camp - Totara Springs (Sports Camp Team)
Thurs, 27 th Aug	Zone Cross Country - Tamahere Country Model School
Mon, 14 th Sept	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm @ School in Room 1
Thurs - Fri, 17 th - 18 th Sept	Curriculum Insights Team Visit - Room 4
Fri, 25 th Sept	Teacher Only Day (No School) - Teaching for Transformation PLD

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