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Term 4 Week 1

Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist School

Educating for Eternity

Friday, 16th October

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Religion At Its Purest



This morning, while reading James chapter 1, I came across a core truth repeated throughout the Bible. It's one that keeps coming up over and over again.

Love in action.

It is easy to fall into the trap of arguing over who has the most truth, which translation is pure, or whose lifestyle is most biblical. But throughout the Bible, from Isaiah to James, and in the words of Jesus himself, a clear, recurring theme emerges.

God's definition of pure religion isn't found in theological debates; it's found in active love:

- James 1:27 - *"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."*
- Hebrews 13:15-16 - *"Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God... And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God."*
- Isaiah 58:6-7 - *"No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free... Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless."*

We can spend our entire lives debating who is right, which Bible translation is purest, or what rules we should follow. In reality, none of that matters if it fails to produce the fruit of love in action.

As we look around our neighbourhoods and community, who is isolated or margainalised and how can we bring them to the center of our care?

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Karakia

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

Prayer	Term 4	
	Week 2	Week 3
Rāhina	Baker	Binu
Rātū	Barrios Sanchez	Boggiano
Rāapa	Barton	Bredenkamp
Rāpare	Barton Pihama	Cameron
Rāmere	Beck	Chatfield

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



Taking the Cake

Thank you for supporting our PTA Cake Auction last term. It was a hugely successful event, with more than 40 cakes auctioned off, raising just over $7,000 toward expanding the play spaces for our growing school.

Thank you to everyone who got creative by contributing cakes or donating items to our silent auction, and to all who dug deep into their wallets to bid on the various items.

A big thank-you to Ben, our MC, and to the entire PTA team for all their hard work and organization that went into making the event such a fantastic success.







Ultimate Frisbee

On Wednesday, our Boys and Girls Ultimate Frisbee teams took to the field for the first time in the Waikato Ultimate Frisbee Competition.

Our girls team made a strong start with some quick, short, sharp passing and movement that saw them take a 4-0 lead before the Morrinsville Intermediate team started to gain meaningful possession and momentum. Despite a strong fight back by the Morrinsville team, our girls held on with a 8-6 win.

Our boys team hit the ground running against Berkley Intermediate with quick passing and catching. When the frisbee was in the hands of their opponents, they defended relentlessly, preventing Berkley from gaining any meaningful time in possession. They didn't give an inch and won the game 17-0, giving them great confidence going into the next game.

Thank you Holly and Ezra for coaching and managing the teams!





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2 Corinthians 3:18

Attendance Dues and Enrolment Confirmation

Please be advised that Attendance Dues for the upcoming school year will increase by $20, bringing the total to $680 per child per year (an extra $5 per term).

Please remember that continued enrolment is conditional on the payment of Attendance Dues, and all dues must be fully paid before the end of the current school year. Students whose dues remain unpaid risk having their enrolment cancelled by our Proprietors. If you are experiencing hardship, please reach out, there is assistance available.

Additionally, you will soon receive the Commitment to Pay forms, which must be completed and returned to the school office before the end of October. Thank you for your prompt attention to these important administrative matters and for your continued support of our school community.

Rheumatic Fever - Free Throat Swabbing

Free throat swabbing services are available at participating Waikato community pharmacies to check for strep throat and help prevent rheumatic fever, which can cause serious heart and joint damage if left untreated.

Families are encouraged to visit an accredited local pharmacy for a quick check and free antibiotics if required.

Free Swabs Available here:
Anglesea Pharmacy - Hamilton Central
Ngaruawahia Pharmacy - Ngaruawahia
Unichem Dinsdale Pharmacy - Dinsdale
Unichem Hamilton Pharmacy - Hamilton Central
West Hamilton Pharmacy - Grandview Dr

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora



Weet-bix Try-Athlon

When: Sunday, 6th December
Where: St. Peter's School, Cambridge
Entry: Click HERE to enter our school team

You can opt to have your race pack sent directly to school if you enter at least within two weeks of the event.

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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.

PhotoLife

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

School Photos

When: Monday, 2nd November
Dress: Formal School uniform

If you would like individual or sibling photos taken, please check your email. Arranging these photos are to be done through Photo Life directly and you should have received an email with information on how to order these.

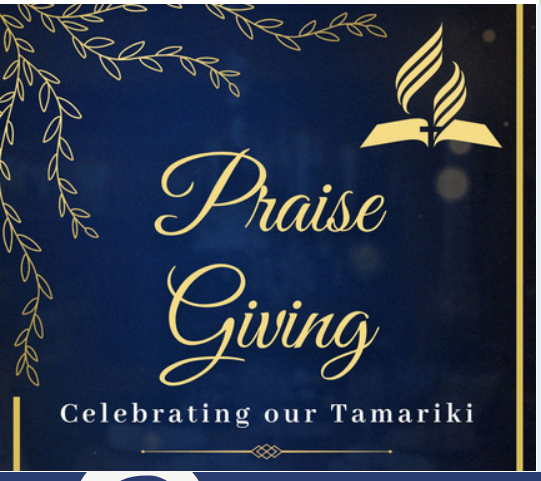
Finlay Park ADVENTURE CAMP

School Camp in Week 6

When: Monday - Tuesday, 16th - 17th November
Where: Finlay Park, Lake Karapiro
Who: Year 0-4 students - Monday ONLY
Year 5-8 students - Stay overnight

Please complete the permission form in the Skool Loop App under the Forms icon. Please indicate on the form if you are able to help out with transport and/or supervision throughout the camp.

More information on what to bring will be sent home over the coming weeks.



Praise Giving (Date Change)

When: Tuesday, 15th December
Where: Hamilton Central Baptist Church, 33 Charlemont Street
Time: 6pm start - Doors open at 5.30pm
Dress: Formal School Uniform

This year, we have moved to a larger venue so that we can celebrate and give praise for the year that has been as a whole school community

Displaying our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates

Coming up in Term 4

Fri, 16th Oct	**Futsal Begins -** All the best to our 6 teams that are playing in the league this term
Mon, 26th Oct	**Labour Day -** No School
Fri, 30th Oct	**Chess & Speech Competition** - BC Chapman School in Rotorua (Year 5-8 Students)
Mon, 2nd Nov	**School Photos -** Dress in formal school uniform
Mon, 2nd Nov	**School Board Meeting -** 5.30pm in Room 1
Mon-Tues, 16-17th November	**School Camp @ Finlay Park -** See Permission FORM on Skool Loop App
Sun, 22nd Nov	**Orchard Working Bee** - 10am start (Should finish around lunch time)
Tue, 24th Nov	**Adventist Basketball Tournament -** Year 5-8 students - Pakuranga
Mon, 7th Nov	**School Board Meeting -** 5.30pm in Room 1

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