

# Term 4

## Week 11

Tuesday, 16th December  
*Rātū, 16 Tihema*



## Our Deep Hope

*Our students will encounter the heart of God, as they walk in a growing relationship with Him and with others, that inspires them to make a positive impact for His Kingdom*



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Seventh-day Adventist School  
*Educating For Eternity*

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## The Rat Returns WOWS

What an absolutely spectacular evening! Last Wednesday and Thursday, our students took to the stage for our school production, and they delivered a performance that truly wowed the audience from start to finish. Thank you for coming along and supporting them, I'm sure you'll agree that the energy, talent, and sheer joy radiating from the stage were infectious!

We are so profoundly proud of every single student involved. The dedication they poured into 'The Rat Returns' were evident in every perfectly delivered line, every sharp routine, and every note sung with confidence and passion. Whether they were the lead or part of the different groups, their commitment to learning and perfecting their roles was outstanding. The hours spent polishing choreography and practicing tricky scenes was very evident. They handled the pressure of being on stage like seasoned professionals.

### Praise Giving

Tomorrow, **Wednesday, 17th December**, we will be celebrating our students at our Praise Giving programmes.

**Year 0-4 Students:** 1.45 pm here at school

**Year 5-8 Students:** 5.45 pm Hamilton Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, 58 Palmerston Street

**Dress:** Full School Uniform

### Skool Loop App for 2026

Next year, we will be using the Skool Loop App to share newsletters, messages, permission slips, and more. The @ School App has been very frustrating for both our staff team and parents, so we have made the call to move across to Skool Loop.

One of the key things we missed that we had with SeaSaw was the ability for teachers to share learning experiencing and highlights with parents, and Skool Loop has its own version of a learning journal called Skool Books.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year!

**Shaun Hurlow**  
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## Well Done on a GOBSMACKING performance!

We are beyond proud of Hamilton SDA school who performed 'The Rat Returns' this week at the Clarence Street Theatre.

Everyone was exceptional in their performance and you blew everyone away with your talent. I have had the most amazing three weeks and I'm going to miss all of you so much! We were also very lucky to have the famous Antonia Robinson who starred in the movie 'Tina', stop by to offer us some words of wisdom before your opening show. What a wonderful school HAMSDA is and I can't wait to come back next time. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and keep reaching for the stars!



## Purchase a Gobsmacked professional recording of 'The Rat Returns' show, t-shirt, jumper, drink bottle or keyring.

All merchandise orders will be delivered on the first week back at school in Term 1, 2026 so be sure to get all your orders in by then!



### Gobsmacked Banking Details

Account Name: Gobsmacked Productions Ltd

Account Number: 02-0466-0401340-000

Reference: Students name/class (eg. JWest R8)

Code: t-shirt/jumper size for children (eg. tshirt & size (tshirt10)/jumper & size(jumper12)/bottle/keyring)

Particulars: school (HAMSDA)

**If you pay by direct credit please email your screenshot of payment to [nathan@gobsmacked.nz](mailto:nathan@gobsmacked.nz) and you will be sent the link before Christmas.**



 "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

Grab some Gobsmacked merchandise!

T-shirt \$35 ea



Jumper \$45 ea



Professional Recording \$25 ea



Stickers \$2.00 ea



Drink Bottle \$30

## NEW PRODUCTS

Gobsmacked Thermal Drink Bottle \$30



Gobsmacked Metal Keychain \$15



Can't decide?

Get the T-shirt combo!

1 x T-shirt

1 x Professional Recording

Any 2 stickers



\$56



10% discount

Keep warm with the Jumper combo!

1 x Jumper

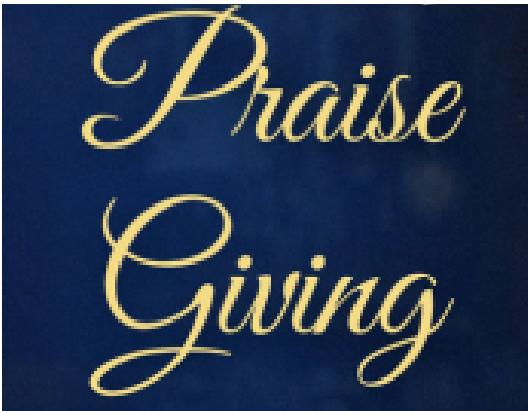
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\$66



12% discount



## Praying for Our School

Over the school holidays, please commit our school to prayer as part of your prayer routine.

### Prayer points:

- Spirit to continue to work in the hearts of our Year 8's as they prepare for High School
- New families joining our school community
- Rest for staff & students as they re-charge, ready to take on 2026

## Attendance Dues Increase

In 2026, Attendance Dues will increase to \$660 per person (\$30 increase). This increase is due to the rising cost associated with inflation in order to keep up with the growth happening in our schools across NZ.

Please ensure that all dues are up to date. Failure to pay attendance dues could result in losing your enrolment place at Hamilton SDA School. If you are experiencing hardship, please contact the school office and we will see what we can do to support you.

## School Production Recording

**Cost:** \$25

**How to purchase:** Scan the QR code with your phone

Our School Production, The Rat Returns, was recorded professionally for our community so that families can have a copy to cherish as a keepsake.

Make sure you order your copy!



## Praise Giving

**When:** Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Year 0 - 4:** 1.45 pm at School

**Year 5 - 8:** 6.00 pm at Hamilton Central SDA Church (58 Palmerston Street, Hamilton Central)

**Dress:** Formal School Uniform

Please come along and join us as we farewell our Year 8s and celebrate the students and their learning progress.

**“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”**

*Nurture the seed and it will blossom*

# Displaying Our Values



## RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

### Important Dates in 2026

#### Term 1 - 2026

Tue, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	School Starts Up again
Thurs, 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Picnic - 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm
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)
Wed, 25 <sup>th</sup> March	WaiBop Zone Athletics Day - Porritt Stadium (Room 2, 3, 4)
Mon, 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior Tabloids - Hamilton SDA School to Host
Thur, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Teacher Only Day - Teaching for Transformation PLD
Thur, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Term Break begins - Term 2 starts on Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April

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