

# Term 4 Week 5



Hamilton  
Seventh-day Adventist School  
*Educating For Eternity*

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Friday, 7th November  
*Rāmere, 7 Noema*

## Keeping the Peace



### Karakia

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

Prayer	Term 4	
	Week 6	Week 7
Rāhina	Binu	Chavachery Robin
Rātū	Boggiano	Donguila
Rāapa	Bredenkamp	Dunstone
Rāpare	Cameron	Fletcher
Rāmere	Chatfield	Florendo

Our school car park continues to be a real pinch point. At present, our school board is working on a plan to increase the parking capacity of our school to resolve our traffic challenges.

Last week, I had a meeting with our neighbours, who highlighted a few concerns they had regarding some of the behaviours and decisions they have witnessed by parents in our school community. They have witnessed drivers performing U-turns in their driveways or on blind corners, drivers parking in front of their gates or across their driveways, and drivers racing down the road to get to school or appointments on time.

In Romans 12:18, Paul says, *"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."*

We want to ensure that we maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours and demonstrate what our faith looks like in practice. To do this, we all have a part to play in living peaceably, being respectful of the community our school is a part of. This is a shared responsibility.

### Parking and Traffic: This is how you can help...

To ensure a safe and harmonious environment for our students, staff, and neighbors, please adhere to these key expectations:

- **Respect Boundaries:** Please do not park in private driveways or in front of gates. This simple act of respect helps us "live at peace" with our neighbors.
- **Safe Turning:** Driveways are NOT turn-around bays. Continue to the cul-de-sac where there is plenty of space to turn safely.
- **Avoid Hazards:** U-turns on the road are unsafe and prohibited. The blind corner and narrow space create a hazard. Choose safety over speed.
- **Speed Limit:** Please remember that the speed limit on the road leading into school is 40 km/h. Please slow down and prioritize the safety of our children.

By following these guidelines, we model responsible citizenship and create a calm, safe start and end to the school day. Your cooperation in being a "Peacemaker" on the road is greatly appreciated!

## 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*



### Chess Team Triumphs

On Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, our Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 Chess teams participated in the WaiBop Christian Schools Chess competition in Rotorua.

In the individual category, our players managed a few wins and losses each, with Sam making the Semi-final in his age category.

In the team category, each team plays against the 'Grandmaster' simultaneously. Our team managed to beat the 'Grandmaster', and there was great excitement and anticipation when they realised they had laid the perfect trap and forced him to move into a position where they could place him in checkmate.

Well done team, great mahi tahi!

### Speech Team Delivers

On Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, our Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 Speech teams participated in the WaiBop Christian Schools Speech competition in Rotorua.

All four contestants spoke with great clarity and confidence, receiving great feedback from the judges and the audience.

This year, it was noted that the quality of speech delivery was the best the competition has ever seen, a real credit to the hard work and energy that students put into their speeches, as well as the quality of feedback and support given by parents and teachers alike.

Huge congrats to each of our speech competitors.



A few more pictures from the week

*"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 Families

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 pray specifically for it.



## 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 maintenance of our school buildings.



## Room 4 - Waitangi Trip

**When:** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

**Where:** Russell - Waitangi - Paihia

**Time:** 9:00 am (We depart at 9.15 am)

**Dress:** Casual & Comfortable Clothes

Please refer to the information sent home regarding What to Bring.



## Weet-bix Try-Athlon

**When:** Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



## School Production

**When:** Wed & Thurs, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Where:** Clarence Street Theatre, 59 Clarence Street

**Time:** 6.30 pm (Kids need to be there by 5 pm)

**Cost:** \$29.99 per person (Our School kids don't need to buy tickets)

To order [tickets](#), go to:

<https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=RETURNS25>

*“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”*

*Nurture the seed and it will blossom*

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**RESPECT.** RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

## Important Dates

### Coming up in Term 4

Tues - Fri, 18 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Northland Trip - Room 4 students
Mon, 1st Dec	School Board Meeting - Room 1 @ 5.30 pm
Sun, 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Weet-Bix Try-Athlon - St Peters, Cambridge, Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to enter
Tues & Wed, 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Production Practice @ Clarence Street Theatre - 59 Clarence Street, Hamilton (All kids dropped off between 8.30 - 9.00 am & Picked up between 3.00 - 3.30 pm)
Wed , 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Production - 6.30 pm (Students arrive by 5.00 pm)
Thur, 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Production - 6.30 pm (Students arrive by 5.00 pm)
Fri, 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Room 4 - Te Awamutu Pools (Roaming Patrol End-of-Year Celebration)
Wed, 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Praise Giving
Thurs, 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of the School Year

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