

Term 3 Week 10

Friday, 25th September
Rāmere, 25 o Mahuru



Even Though The Wind Blows

"The green reed which bends in the wind is stronger than the mighty oak which breaks in a storm." - Confucius

This year has required a lot of 'bending in the wind'. As we continue to navigate COVID-19, an approaching election, racial and social unrest, it can feel like these are all mighty storms causing us to creak and groan in its might. But if we are resilient, we can be like the green reed, bending and straining, but staying intact.

⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

- 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

One my favourite music albums is by a group called Acappella. I first heard their album, 'Act of God', soon after we arrived in New Zealand from South Africa. One song in particular really spoke to me, at a time when we had left everything we knew and started life in Aotearoa. This morning, as I was reflecting on the year that has been, and the uncertainty that lies ahead, the lyrics of that very song started playing through my mind, *"Even though the wind may blow, troubles toss you to and fro, Get on your knees and give it the time, there the answers you will find in Jesus, He's gonna let you know."*

You may feel hard pressed on every side, persecuted, and struck down. But like Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthians, you are not crushed, you are not abandoned, and you are not destroyed.

Therefore, do not lose heart, Jesus promises that you are being renewed day by day. These momentary troubles are achieving for you an eternal glory that outweighs them all, when you give Him the time.

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Latest News



Creation Ministries & Cross Country Results

Noah's Ark comes to School

Yesterday, Mike from Creation Ministries brought a replica model of Noah's Ark to school for the students to see. The students expressed great delight while examining the ark and its dimensions; as outlined in scripture.

There were also a number of fossils on show, and Mike shared how understanding the impact of the flood helps us better understand why we have fossils, how they were formed, and why we don't see many more fossils being formed today.

He also shared with the students how important it is to examine the lens through which people view the world and how that lens impacts the way people answer the three BIG philosophical questions: i) Where did I come from? ii) Why am I here? iii) Where am I going?

Cross Country

On Wednesday, we held our annual school Cross Country event. It was great to see so many parents and whānau come along to cheer and support the students as they negotiated the cross country course.



Cross Country Results			
Event	Placing	Girls	Boys
Year 0-2	1st	Nofo	Spencer
	2nd	Hadassah	Tatum
	3rd	Isra	Elnez
Year 3/4	1st	Alaska	Wizdom
	2nd	Madi	Emmanual
	3rd	Kate	Yeremin
Year 5/6	1st	Keely	Ryan
	2nd	Amelia	Marcus
	3rd	Ava	Isaac
Year 7/8	1st	Ellie	Ratu
	2nd	Zeita-Maree	Patrick
	3rd	Mee	Beau

It was great to see every single child finish their race, as well as the support and encouragement given by their peers.

Thank you for coming along and being part of this event!





**TEACHER
ONLY DAY**

**-
Monday
9th Nov**

**NUT
FREE
ZONE.**



Sweet Treats Wednesdays

Purpose: Fundraising for Y7/8 Waitangi Trip

Cost: \$2 per sweet treat

Takes Place every Wednesday in Term 3

Church Program

Our **students** will be leading the Church program Hamilton SDA Central Church on **Saturday, 14th November**. We would like to invite all of our school community to join us for the service, followed by lunch in the church hall.

When: 14th November 2020

Where: Hamilton SDA Church, Palmerston Str.

Who: All students and whānau

NOTE: Pending COVID Alert Level restrictions.

School Working Bee

When: Sunday, 18th October 2020

Where: Hamilton SDA School

Time: 9.00am - Midday

Please bring along gardening tools, trimmers, wheel barrows, and spades.

Teacher Only Day - 9th Nov

In **Term 4, Week 4**, on **Monday, 9th November**, there will be a **Teacher Only Day**. Staff will be travelling to Tauranga for a Kahui Ako meeting with all of the Christian Schools across Waikato and Bay of Plenty that are part of our Community of Learning.

Please plan for this day. The school will be closed for all students!

**Please ensure that all food coming to school is nut free!
What is a delicacy to some can be deadly to others.
Thanks for your understanding!**



ALERT LEVEL 1



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We all need to work together if we want to slow the spread of COVID-19. Unite against the virus now.



Be kind. Check-in



Washing and drying your hands



Cough or sneeze into your elbow



Stay home if you are sick

If your child, or anybody in your household is sick during Alert Level 1
Please keep your children at home.

Unite against COVID-19

Te Kupu o te Wiki

Word of the Week

Purere ana te oma!

Ran like a flash!

Important Dates

What's happening in Week 1 & 2

12th October	Start of Term 4
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18th October	School Working Bee
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Coming up in Term 4

26th October	Labour Day
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29th October	Open Day
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9th November	Teacher Only Day
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14th November	Church Program - Hamilton Central SDA
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