

## Term 1 Week 2



Hamilton  
Seventh-day Adventist School  
*Educating For Eternity*

Friday, 19th February  
Rāmere, 19 o Huitānguru

## Faith In The Process



As I sat in my office preparing for the start of the school year, anticipating the peace and quiet of the first few weeks before school starts up again, the concrete cutters arrived. Even with noise cancelling headphones on and a playlist of relaxing, soothing music, the sound of blades cutting through concrete seemed to slice into the inner depths of my mind. The symphony of drilling and hammering that has since continued to grace our school grounds are a constant reminder that we are in the middle of a refurbishment.

### Prayer

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

Term 1	Week 3	Week 4
Mon	Agyekum	Brodie
Tue	Aju	Clark-Nepson
Wed	Andrews	Dunn
Thu	Beauchamp	Dunstone
Fri	Beckham	Flynn

God desires for each of us to undergo the process of refurbishment in our lives. He wants to take out old ways of thinking and replace them with the mind of Christ. He wants to remove the hard parts of our hearts and put in a heart of flesh. He wants to give us fresh insight into His Word, but we have to be willing to submit to the renovations. We have to quit fighting God on the changes He wants to make and allow Him to do His work. Psalm 51 is all about renovating David's life. In verse 10, he surrendered and prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me." The first step of refurbishing your life is submission to God's will and design.

The next step I've learned is that you have to be patient in the process. Things don't progress as quickly as we'd like them to. There are unexpected delays, and at times, the process can be rather painful. But it is important not to lose sight of the vision.

In the Message, Philippians 1:6 says, "there is no doubt in my mind that God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish." It might get messy and you might lose sight of what God is doing in your life, but be patient. God will complete the work in you and it will be more amazing than you can imagine and worth the cost.

So, while I wait and anticipate the completion of the work on the school building, I hold dear to the promise that He who started great work in me will bring it to a flourishing end.

And that is my prayer for each of us!

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## Our Mission

*Educating for  
Eternity*

Māturanga Akē



### School Picnic Fun

It was great to have so many of our whānau come along to our annual school picnic. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to join us as we got to make new connections and reconnect as a school whānau.

We would like to warmly welcome our new families to our school and I hope that as we build strong community together, that we can experience a slice of what Heaven will be like!

As we grow together, let us do so in a spirit of humility and selfless love.



Last year, the New Zealand Christian Foundation offered us a Grant to financially support families who are burdened with the cost of sending their children to our school.

In the spirit of *te tiriti o Waitangi*, we aim to incorporate the following principles when offering a grant:

- **Partnership** - we will work with families to establish the level of support required and will negotiate an agreed payment plan alongside the grant offered by the NZCF
- **Protection** - the grant will enable families to continue to send their child/ren to our school by relieving the burden of fees
- **Participation** - families will be expected to fulfil their commitment by covering their agreed portion of fees as well as ensuring that their child makes the most of the opportunity given to them through regular school attendance

If your family are experiencing hardship, or you know of a family who are, please come and talk with either Robyn, our office manager, or the principal, and we will work alongside you to see what we can do to ease the financial burden.

*"Beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news" - Romans 10:15*





### Praying with families

Every morning we pray for a school family during staff worship. If your family are scheduled for prayer, **please join us for staff worship at 8.05am**, if you are able to, so that we can pray with you.



### Year 7/8 Waitangi trip

**When:** 16th - 19th March  
**Where:** Waitangi/Russell/Paihia  
**Travel:** Hired van  
**Cost:** \$200 per person (Donation)

Next month, our Year 7/8 students will be journeying up to Northland as they discover more about the tiriti o Waitangi, the early influence of Christianity in Aotearoa, and discover a wealth of NZ history.

More information regarding the trip will be sent out shortly.



### Koru Class Junior Tabloids

**When:** Wednesday, 25th March  
**Where:** Tamahere Country Model School  
**Travel:** School Van and Cars  
**Time:** 9.15am - 12.30pm

The Junior Tabloids consists of a range of themed novelty races and activities. Please mark this date in your diaries and be sure to come and cheer our Koru Class on!



### Allergy Alert

Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts and tree nuts) into our school. We have a handful of students who are anaphylactic to nuts, and even the smallest contamination can be deadly. Thank you for doing your bit to keep our tamariki safe.

# Displaying our Values



**RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.**

Te Kupu o te Wiki

Word of the Week

*Kirikiri-roa*

Hamilton

## Important Dates

### Term 1 - Week 3-4

22nd Feb	BOT Meeting at 7pm
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### Coming Up in Term 1

16-19 March	Year 7/8 Waiting Trip
25th March	Junior Tabloids
1st April	Athletics Day (Room 2 & 4) @ Porrit Stadium
2-6 April	Easter Break
12-16 April	Swimming @ Waterworld



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