

Sonrise Christian School NEWSLETTER



What's On?

Swimming

Every Friday
Enterprise Pools Whole
School

ERO Visit

Mon 11th to Thurs 14th
February

Weetbix Tryathlon

Tues 19th February

Year 7&8 interschool swimming

Thurs 21st Feb

Dear Parents

Tena Koutou Katoa

It certainly is good to be back after being away for two months. I take this opportunity to thank Mr Russell and the staff for doing an excellent job in my absence. It had given Mr Russell the opportunity to lead and manage the school. He found it to be a great experience.

A very warm WELCOME to all our students, families and staff! We extend an extra special welcome to all our new students and their families.

They are:

- Tiia Takoko
- Aiden Nielson
- Barbara Cury
- Brandon and Jessica Rance
- Jaye Henry

Our starting roll is 87 which is an absolute blessing as we finished 2018 with the same number of students.

We hope and pray that they will settle in quickly and become part of the Sonrise community. We would like to commend you, our parents and caregivers, that your children look immaculate. Thank you for ensuring that they came to school with all their necessary stationery, dressed in the correct school uniform and ready to learn. We look forward to another great year of learning where our students are encouraged to be confident in who they are in Christ. We strive to make our school a safe place for every student; to thrive and flourish, to be the best they can be and to take responsibility for their learning, with the help and support of their teachers and parents.

Our School Goals

1. **Special Character values** are embedded in the culture of the school: all students will build a base of biblical knowledge so that biblical wisdom may be applied to life choices. To grow in their faith and be confident and secure as a child of God.
2. **Academic Excellence:** building a strong foundation in reading, writing, maths; has individually identifiable academic progress; is learning to value their learning; is managing their own learning and can take responsibility for their learning.
3. **Maori achieving educational success** as Maori. For our Maori students to achieve to their full potential.
4. **Community Engagement.** Whanau involvement supporting our school; to feel valued, appreciated and connected to the entire life of the school.
5. **Curriculum** (see term planner attached)
6. Christian character theme this term is: **We are who He says we are.**
7. **Key Understanding:** What we are in Christ is fact, our identity is foremost in Christ.
8. Habit of Mind: Listening with understanding and empathy (**we are all unique**)
9. Habit of Character: **Respectfulness**

This is our second year on the MOE's professional learning for Maths.

Maths has been our focus for the past 3 years and it is ongoing. We have a consultant that works with the teaching staff to improve maths teaching in our school.

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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

A prayer for our students

Lord, thank you for the **unique gifts** of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with **fresh enthusiasm** and a heart that is excited to learn and grow.

Cover them with your enduring love, give them **confidence and grace**, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless their teachers with **wisdom, understanding and a heart to serve**, as they embark on the journey together.

AMEN

Staffing 2019 and class numbers

Room 1:(16) Natalie Potini (class teacher), Jacqui Stevens (teacher aide); Selina Sanders (teacher aide)

Room 2: (16) Andrew Russell (class teacher), Gina Robinson (specialist teacher) Heather Smolka (teacher aide), Selina Sanders-Taylor (teacher aide)

Room 4: (26) Ben Sutherland (class teacher)

Room 5: (29) Karen Sadlier (class teacher), Walton Sadlier (teacher aide), Sharon Craig (teacher aide)

Reading Recovery: Kathleen Rutherford

Board of Trustees

Deryk Jenson(Chairperson), Rachel Norris (Treasurer), Wendy Gabriel, Andrew Russell, Jonette Rudge, John Smolka, AJ Baker, Philburgh Viljoen, Mahala Reynolds, Te Aroha Harrison (student rep) and Board secretary is Paku Kingi.

Our first board meeting will be held this **Thursday 7 February at 5.30pm** in the staffroom. The Board is responsible for governance.

Education Review Office will be reviewing the school this coming week i.e. **Monday 11th to Thursday 14th February**. Please **keep us in your prayers** for a **favourable** outcome.

Notices

• School uniforms

Uniforms can be purchased on **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS** from Paku.

All students are to be correctly and neatly attired every day for school. Navy blue or gold hats are part of our uniform during the summer months. Long hair to be tied up and out of the face. Small earrings or studs may be worn for school.

• Swimming (see swimming timetable attached)

Swimming is **compulsory for all students** and starts this Friday 8 February.

NZ Curriculum document: page 22 Health & Physical Education – “it is expected that all students will have had opportunities to learn basic aquatic skills....”

Every Friday during terms 1 & 4 swimming lessons are provided for all students. THANK YOU to all our parents for assisting with swimming on Fridays. We can't do it without your support. The Board pays for all swimming activities i.e. pool entry for each student and professional coaches at the Enterprise Pool.

NB: Please notify the class teacher if your child cannot swim on the day due to illness.

• Sun Safety

School **hats are compulsory** during terms 1 & 4. They have a choice of either **navy blue or gold bucket** hat or a plain navy peak cap. No other hats to be worn to school. These can be purchased from Postie Plus, The Warehouse.

• Weekly newsletters

Newsletters are sent home every Wednesday with the youngest child in the family. Please ensure that you receive the newsletter. Weekly newsletters can also be accessed from our website or it can be emailed to you if you so wish.

• Weekly Lunch Orders

Every **Thursday school lunches** are ordered from the **Cake Kitchen**. Please ensure that your child brings the correct amount to school.

• School Assemblies

Whole school assemblies are held **every Wednesday morning at 9:00am**. Parents are most welcome to attend our school assemblies.

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WEETBIX TRIATHLON

On **Tuesday 19th February** some of our students will be participating in this event. Could you **let your child's teacher know if your child is participating** on the day?

Please be reminded that this year the **event is being held** at **Churchill Park**.

CRICKET & SUMMER HOCKEY

Any queries about the season ahead please speak to Mr Russell.

Manaaki e Atua ia koutou (God bless you)

Wendy Gabriel

Principal

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