



# Sonrise Christian School Newsletter

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## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

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### Famous Leadership Quotes

**"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."**

John Maxwell

**"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."**

Ralph Nader

**"The task of leadership is not to put greatness into people, but to elicit it, for the greatness is there already."**

John Buchan

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena Koutou Katoa

One of my goals this year has been to form a leadership team. As the school is growing, I felt that the time was right to make that goal a reality. Being at Sonrise for these past 14 years, it is time to develop other leaders in the school. The leadership team consists of Andrew, Natalie and I. The leadership team meet every Wednesday afternoon.

Some teambuilding lessons to be learnt from geese:

**Fact 1: As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if one bird flew alone.**

Lesson Learned: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are travelling on the strength of one another.

**Fact 2: Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.**

Lesson Learned: We will stay in formation with those who are ahead of where we want to go and be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to others.

**Fact 3: When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position.**

Lesson Learned: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership.

**Fact 4: The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.**

Lesson Learned: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging and not something else.

**Fact 5: When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, 2 geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again, or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation, or they catch up with their flock.**

Lesson Learned: We too, will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

God never stops teaching us. We see it in His creation all around us.

### CONGRATULATIONS

CLASS AWARDS - Given for excellence and effort in discipleship and learning.

#### Room 1

**Cyris Morice:** For his willingness to share on the mat.

**Manawa Randall:** For his excellent contribution to our topic work about the Rugby World Cup.

#### Room 2

**Finlay McPherson:** For staying focused and trying hard.

**Tyla Tupaea:** For trying hard and having a good attitude.

**Aiden Holland:** For fantastic STAR reading results.

## CLASS AWARDS – (Continued)

### Room 3

**Ethan Wellington:** For fantastic skills in Reading.

**Reuben Foster:** For supporting his peers in Maths.

### Room 4

**Christopher McGahan:** For striving for accuracy.

### Room 5

**Ethan Whitley:** Displaying empathy and understanding in Topic Studies.

**Hunter Mokokoko:** For leadership skills and persistence in open ended problem solving.

## PLAYGROUND MERIT AWARDS - Given for service and discipleship in the playground.

**Rawinia Renata**

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

**Ethan Whitley:** For being caring and generous.

## NOTICE

The results of our student elections to the Board of Trustees will be published at school this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The enthusiasm and commitment our Y9 and Y10 students have demonstrated toward the election has been mature and commendable.

## SPORT RESULTS

Sonrise/Nga Uri O Maui u/11 netball girls won their lunchtime game against Manutuke 17-5.

## HOUSE POINTS

**Blue: 490**

**Red: 459**

**Gold: 459**

**Green: 528**

## SCHOOL DIARY AND KEY EVENTS

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
21 September	Inter-school Cross Country	9:20am – 2:30pm
22 September	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
23 September	Cross Country @ Patutahi	

*Wendy Gabriel*  
PRINCIPAL