



# Sonrise Christian School Newsletter

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## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

### Philippians 4:11

Our call is to live in faithful and generous contentment whether we are rich or poor.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Dear Parents/Caregivers

*Tena Koutou Katoa*

**Teaching Kids to save money:** Article by Tim Macready – Nurture Magazine

*“The task of shepherding our children’s hearts seems particularly tough in a world that trusts in riches and idolises money (or at least the things that money can buy). We want to develop godly and wise attitudes towards money.”*

### **Nurturing faithful and generous stewards**

*In this, as in many areas of life, wisdom comes from learning from our mistakes - best to make them when we’re young! Here are some practical tips to try:*

### **Toddlers**

1. *Help them to connect money with work. From an early age, children are inquisitive about what mum and dad do all day. Now money is not the only reason for work, but earning an income is an important component of employment. So I explain that when I go to work, my employer pays me, and I use that money to buy the food we eat, the clothes that we wear, and the money we give to our church. This reinforces an important message - that money does not appear from nowhere, it is the fruit of labour.*
2. *Give them a piggy bank. A piggy bank can help children to physically set aside money for later - the foundations of saving.*
3. *Allow them to make small purchases. Doing this with children as young as 3 can help them learn how money is used. When they hand over money to the cashier, they receive goods in exchange. At 4 & 5, we can start to introduce the concept of choices - allowing them to buy one thing and helping them to choose from many available options. They also learn that it’s worth having money in their piggy bank when they want to buy something.*

## Primary School

4. *Set savings goals with them. This age presents an opportunity to make things tangible - helping them to save something towards something small they wish to purchase by completing small tasks around the house.*
5. *Involve them in budgeting conversations. As they get holder, children can be involved in preparing a family budget. That means being open (again, in ways that are age appropriate) with them about our financial situation. It means being honest and involving them in discussions, without burdening them with our responsibilities and worries.*
6. *Introduce money practicalities. At the same time, we can open bank and savings accounts for them. We can help them make small electronic transactions so they understand how things work. We can help them to read through regular statements. These are all practical steps, which when coupled with godly modelling, can equip our children to live lives of faithful stewardship.*

*Financial matters are often high on our list of anxieties or concerns - but are our responses to these pressures modelling our trust in God's faithfulness and our desire to be generous? Do our attitudes and actions show that we value God and people more than possessions?"*

## SPORT

### PLAYER OF THE DAY AWARD

#### POUTAMA

Congratulations to our netball team, Poutama who have gained entry to the A grade following their wins in the last round of grading at the weekend. Player of the day was **Samara McLeod**.

#### SONRISE KICKERS

Congratulations to **Nopera Potini** who was player of the day for our Sonrise Kickers football team.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Room 1

**Harvey Reynolds:** Asking good questions and making connections.

**Zebrina Cowley:** Effort in ALL areas.

### Room 2

**Noah Ohuka:** For effort in his Pepeha Artwork.

**Te Kauri Tau:** Great progress in Maths.

### Room 4

**Jaimil Ravla:** Showing excellence in work habits for writing and reading.

**Keilah Kent:** Excellence in year 7 work in IXL, great ideas in writing.

### Room 5

**Ariana Fitzsimons:** Taking risks with her learning and perseverance.

## PRINCIPALS AWARD

**Ben White:** For his enthusiasm towards his learning and making the most of every learning opportunity in class and at school.

## NOTICES

### Hockey

Year 5&6 hockey play tonight, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6:25pm. Please be there by 6:10pm.

## HOUSE POINTS

RED	151
BLUE	141
GREEN	207
GOLD	130



## TERM 1: SCHOOL DIARY AND EVENTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue &amp; Time</b>
1 June	Room 1 fundraiser for charity	
2 June	<b>TEACHERS, TEACHER AIDES &amp; BOT ONLY TRAINING DAY</b>	9:00am to 3:00pm No school for students
5 June	<b>Queen's Birthday Holiday</b>	
14 June	Fast 5 Netball - year 5 & 6	
21 June	EXCEL touring group to visit	9:00am
21 June	Cancer WIG DAY	
22 June	BOT Meeting	5:030-7:0pm

God bless you all

**WENDY GABRIEL**

**PRINCIPAL**