



# Sonrise Christian School Newsletter

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## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

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**COURAGE - Biblical Model**

- In Greek the root word for courage is linked to the word for cheer, or cheerfulness.
- A quality that is intricately linked to confidence in God and His provision and protection.

Moses to Joshua - **Deuteronomy 31:7-8**  
Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him .....inheritance. The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

**Us today – Christians:**

- Be on guard
- Stand firm in the faith
- Be courageous
- Be strong
- And do everything with love - **1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena Koutou Katoa

**A few interesting observations from Judge Andrew Becroft (Youth Court Judge) who was a keynote speaker at the Christian Schools Conference in July:**

**Issues of our time facing our young people:**

- Family: parental passivity/helplessness; violence; dysfunction.
- Income inequality; socio-economic disadvantage - child well-being is better in more equal rich countries.
- Violence - no school is exempt from bullying.
- Alcohol and substance abuse.
- School attendance and participation: increasing attendance and participation in school by young people a key factor in reducing anti-social behaviour and offending.
- Positive role models (or lack of it): Young people seek out role models like heat seeking missile. Only issue – who is that they associate with?
- The importance of mentoring: A wonderful opportunity for any adult in the community who wants to make a difference.
- Need for community 'connectedness' – **A young person involved in sport, or any organised positive community activity, stays out of trouble.**

**Important Values that we are losing:**

- Honour
- Courage
- Compassion
- Common sense
- Dignity
- Loyalty
- Respect
- Fairness

**Some Important Values:**

- Honesty and Truthfulness
- Kindness
- Consideration and concern for others
- Compassion
- Obedience
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Duty

NZ public schools almost all have a values based programme or focus - from a 'common pot' of understanding.

The question is: "How do our Sunrise Christian School values stand out and how are they embedded in our students?"

Our values: **LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR**

**INTEGRITY**

**FAITHFULNESS** (to God, in everything that we do)

= **L. I. F. E**

**EXCELLENCE** (we strive to do our very best)

This is certainly an area that we will be having a closer look at again.

We welcome back to school Mrs. Potini. We have certainly missed her and her class is happy to have her back. We have been blessed with two amazing student teachers. Ms Ormond and Mr Hihi finish off their 4 week practicum this Friday. It has certainly been a pleasure to have them be part of the Sunrise family. The children will miss Mr Hihi's lunchtime rugby games!

It is pleasing to see that many of you had taken on board the advice of giving your children hearty sandwiches and fruit. Great to see the children taking out their sandwiches and fruit and eating them! The challenge is to ensure that they enjoy the filling in the sandwich. I am also seeing some students bring a little food flask with the previous night's left overs. Great! A full puku certainly helps with their learning. Make sure that they always have a spoon to eat food or yoghurt.

### **LUNCH BOX TIP**

**The love note** - add a little message from you to brighten their day, and their lunch if they're not going to be happy with what you snuck in.

**Small tin of tuna with crackers for a change**

**Cheese on crackers**

**Chopped fruit for younger students**

**Dried fruit and nuts**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**CLASS AWARDS** - given for excellence and effort in discipleship and learning.

#### **Room 1**

**Hunter Hewson:** for excellent reading and writing.

**Kylie Pinto:** for exceptional behaviour with Mrs. Munroe and Mr. Hihi.

#### **Room 2**

**Shayden Mita:** for great progress in writing.

**Lily Packman:** for a fantastic attitude in maths.

#### **Room 3**

**Janai Randall:** for settling quickly into his work and being focused on his learning.

**Vivienne Dahm-Pareanga:** for consistently working well in group activities.

**Rawinia Renata:** for completing a fantastic report.

#### **Room 4**

**Micah Russell:** for applying research skills.

#### **Room 5**

**Micah Pene:** for problem solving skills in Maths.

**Jolianne Schokker:** For self- management skills; quickly and accurately completing all tasks.

**PLAYGROUND MERIT AWARDS** - given for service and discipleship in the playground.

**Storm Apiata**

**Manawa Randall**

### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

**Rory-Lee Mitchell:** for diligence in work; a positive attitude; takes responsibility; leadership qualities and skills.

### **SPORT AWARDS**

Congratulations to **Te Ohomauri Kingi:** for competing in the Junior National Swimming Competition in Napier this past weekend. She placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in her races and also achieved personal best times over all events she competed in.

Player of the Day for Sunrise Shooters: **Aiden Holland**

## HOUSE POINTS

**Blue** 270  
**Red** 249  
**Gold** 278  
**Green** 287

The focus this week is **BEING TRUSTWORTHY and RESPONSIBLE**. I will be deducting 10 points from house groups if I find uniform items lying around the school. Last Friday I cleared the lost property boxes and returned items to students, but the same story again on Monday - overflowing lost property AGAIN! Please help us to overcome this problem of children not looking after their uniform items by ensuring items are named, and check that they bring it home every day. Uniforms are not cheap.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### STONY CREEK CAMP UPDATE

Students in rooms 3, 4 & 5 need to complete and return their camp permission forms and medical forms ASAP.

### YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION VACCINATIONS

Year 7 students are offered a vaccination against:

- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- Whooping cough

The public health nurse will be offering the vaccination at school on **Thursday 15 September**. If you would like your child to have the vaccination administered at school, please complete the consent form attached and return to the school office ASAP.

## SCHOOL DIARY AND KEY EVENTS

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
2 September	Board Elections Nominations due	
15 September	<b>Year 7 VACCINATIONS</b>	10:40am
15 September	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
21 September	INTERSCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY	
23 September	CROSS-COUNTRY @ PATUTAHI	

*Wendy Gabriel*  
PRINCIPAL