



Sonrise Christian School Newsletter

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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

A SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

Love and concern show a spirit of community. Concern is caring for others. We must have concern for people who live around us, as well as universal concern for those who live in other parts of the world.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena Koutou Katoa

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. We hope and pray that you 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 confident in who they are in Christ.

Our School Goals

1. Special Character values are embedded in everything that we do.
2. Student Achievement
3. Maori achieving success as Maori
4. Community Engagement
5. School Culture

Curriculum

Christian character theme this term is: WALKING WITH GOD.

Topic is: ***FIT FOR LIFE - HEALTHY CHOICES***

Concept is: **BALANCE.**

NB. Please feel free to ask your child's teacher for a copy of their term planner so that you know what your child will be learning at school and how you can support them at home.

Room 1: Mrs Natalie Potini (class teacher); Ms Jacqui Steven (teacher aide)

Room 2: Mr Andrew Russell (class teacher) & Mrs Heather Smolka (teacher aide); Tracy Bacon (specialist teacher)

Room 3: is empty at this stage

Room 4: Mr. Ben Sutherland (class teacher) & Mrs Zelda Hayden (teacher aide)

Room 5: Mrs. Karen Sadlier (class teacher) & Mr Walton Sadlier (teacher aide)

Board of Trustees

Ju Mokomoko (outgoing Chair), Rachel Norris (Treasurer), Dana Mitchell, Deryk Jenson, Wendy Gabriel, Andrew Russell, Jonette Rudge, Elwyn Morice, AJ Baker, Philburgh Viljoen and Board secretary is Paku Kingi. Our first board meeting will be held on Thursday 16 February at 5.30pm in the staffroom. The Board is responsible for governance.

Gisborne Christian Education Trust (GCET) - Proprietors

Deryk Jenson, Dianne Holland, Georgette Jenson and Philburgh Viljoen are on the Trust.

GCET is responsible for the buildings and the special character of the school.

Attendance dues which are compulsory are paid to GCET not the Sonrise Board of Trustees.

Meet the Teacher Evening

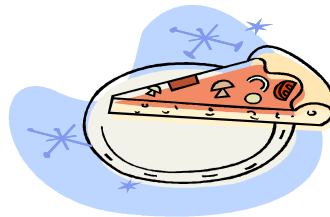
This Thursday 9th February you are invited to a *PIZZA TEA* to be followed by 'MEET THE TEACHER' evening.

This is the perfect opportunity to get to know the Sonrise Community and for the teachers to explain their expectations for your child/ren and how things are done at Sonrise. If you have children in different classes, each teacher will be running 2 sessions so that you don't miss out. We look forward to having you all attend this hui.

Pizza Tea: 5.30 to 6.00 in the Tech Room.

Session 1: 6.05 – 6.35

Session 2: 6.40 – 7.15



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.

SWIMMING

- Swimming is compulsory for all students.
- *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.
- Swimming Timetable
- Swimming starts this Friday.
- Room 5: 10.40am - 11.00am
- Room 1: 11.00am - 11.20am
- Room 2: 11.20am - 11.40am
- Room 4: 11.40am - 12.00noon

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.

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 SCHOOL LUNCHES

- Weekly lunch orders will resume this Thursday. Once per week the school orders lunches 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 9am. Parents are most welcome to attend our school assemblies.

WEETBIX TRIATHLON

- On Tuesday 21st February some of our students will be participating in this event. Could you let Mr Russell know if your child is participating on the day?
- Please be reminded that Nelson Road will be cut off to the public so if you are running late, it would be best to drop your child in Potae Avenue.

CRICKET

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

TERM 1: SCHOOL DIARY AND EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue & Time
9 February	PIZZA TEA & MEET THE TEACHER	School 5.30-7.15
16 February	Board of Trustees meeting	Staffroom at 5.30pm
21 February	WEETBIX TRYATHLON	Nelson Park
1 March	First Aide Training for all classes	School
6 March	Yachting for Rooms 4&5	Kaiti Beach
23 March	Board of Trustees meeting	Staffroom at 5.30pm
13 April	End of Term 1-MUFTI DAY	Finish at normal time – 2.30pm

God bless you all
Wendy Gabriel
PRINCIPAL