



Sonrise Christian School NEWSLETTER

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What's on? Term 1

Pizza Evening

Wednesday 14th February, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Weetbix Tryathlon

Churchill Park
Tuesday 20th February

BOT/GCET Meeting

Thursday 22nd February, 5:30pm-7:30pm

School Gala

Friday 2nd March, 5:00pm-7:30pm

Easter

Friday 30th March – Tuesday 3rd April

End of Term 1

Friday 13th April, 2:30pm (MUFTI-DAY)

Dear Parents

Tena Koutou Katoa

Greetings to you all

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:

- Xavier White
- Laykin-Zahn Whitinui-Sanders
- Grace Kelevi
- Juliana Osbourne
- Amos and Judah Wanoa
- Kirikoau Akurangi
- Te Reimana, Johnathan and David Gray
- Hendrik Coetzer

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 encouraged to be confident in who they are in Christ. I've shared with them that our school is a safe place for each one of them. We want each one 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 everything that we do.
2. Student Achievement across all areas of the curriculum
3. Maori achieving success as Maori
4. Community Engagement
5. School Culture

As you might have read or heard that national standards no longer exist under the new government. Schools are still expected to report to parents twice per year on all curriculum areas. At least now we can go back to giving coverage to all curriculum areas instead of a narrow focus on reading, writing and maths. They still have to achieve at the expected levels for their year groups and we will continue to work on enhancing their achievement and progress.

Curriculum

Christian character theme this term is: WHO GOD IS.

Key Understanding: God is not a man; therefore we need to give Him the honour and respect that the Bible talks about.

Habit of Mind: Responding with wonderment and awe.

This year we are on the MOE's professional learning for Maths.

Maths has been our focus for the past 2 years and it is ongoing. We have a consultant that works with the teaching staff to improve maths teaching in our school.

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.

Staffing 2018

Room 1:

Mrs Natalie Potini (class teacher); Jacqui Stevens (teacher aide); Selina Sanders (teacher aide)

Room 2:

Mr Andrew Russell (class teacher); Heather Smolka (teacher aide); Selina Sanders (teacher aide)
Gina Robinson (specialist teacher)

Room 4:

Mr Ben Sutherland (class teacher)

Room 5:

Mrs Karen Sadlier (class teacher) & Mr. Walton Sadlier (teacher aide); Sheelagh Cox (teacher aide)

Board of Trustees

Deryk Jenson (Chairman), Rachel Norris (Treasurer), Wendy Gabriel, Andrew Russell, Jonette Rudge, John Smolka, AJ Baker, Sarndy Matthews, Philburgh Viljoen, Alana Smolka (student rep) and Board secretary is Paku Kingi.

The Board is responsible for governance. Our first board meeting will be held on Thursday 22 February at 5.30pm in the staffroom.

Gisborne Christian Education Trust (GCET) - Proprietors

Deryk Jenson, Deb Viljoen, Georgette Jenson, Walton Sadlier 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 Christian School Board of Trustees.

Ma te Atua e manaaki,
God Bless, Wendy Gabriel

Notices



Meet the Teacher Evening

This Wednesday 14th 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: 5:30pm to 6:00pm in the Tech Room

Session 1: 6:05pm to 6:30pm, classrooms

Session 2: 6:35pm to 7:00pm, classrooms

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 is 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 for all students.

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.

Timetable

Room 2: 10:40am to 11:00am

Room 1: 11:00am to 11:20am

Room 5: 11:20am to 11:40am

Room 4: 11:40am to 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. No other hats to be worn to school. These can be purchased from Postie Plus, The Warehouse.

Weekly newsletters

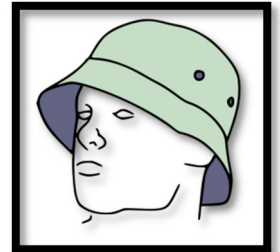
Newsletters are sent home every Wednesday with the youngest child in the family. Please ensure that you receive the newsletter. Weekly newsletters can also be accessed from our website or it can be emailed to you if you so wish.

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 9am. Parents are most welcome to attend our school assemblies.



Vision
To be a Thriving Community
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Values
Love, Integrity, Faithfulness, Excellence

Community Notices

Weetbix Tryathlon

On Tuesday 20th 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.

Celebrations

Room 1

Laykin-Zahn Whitinui-Sanders, Xavier Carmichael: Welcome to Sonrise.

Room 2

Juliana Osborne, Grace Kelevi and Judah Wanoa: Great start in Room 2.

Kirikoau Akurangi: Welcome to Sonrise.

Room 4

Amos Wanoa: Gaining confidence and asking questions to help his learning.

David Gray: Good knowledge of Geography and settling in well.

Johnathan Gray: Working hard in class and adapting well to a new environment.

Room 5

Te Reimana Gray and Haapia Coetzer: Welcome to Sonrise and Room 5.

Room 5: For a wonderful start to 2018.

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.

Jesus said: "If you love one another, everyone will know that you are my disciple."

As Christians we are part of God's wonderful community of believers.

Do we care about others?

Do we share with those in need?

This is the true meaning of community.

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