



Sonrise Christian School Newsletter

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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

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GOD IS FAITHFUL

We all know the story of Noah and the ark. But what do we learn from this?

- Faithfulness leads to obedience and obedience brings rich blessings from the Lord.
- God is always faithful to us even when we are not faithful to Him. He is there by our side, even when we do not seek Him or even notice that He is there. He keeps His promises and we are called to do the same.

2 Timothy 2:13 - **If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny who He is.**

God is faithful and He always keeps His promises because:

- **God is all powerful; He is strong enough to carry out every promise.**
- **God is totally truthful; He can never lie about a promise.**
- **God is unchanging; His promises are the same yesterday, today and forever.**
- **God is everywhere at once; He is perfectly capable of fulfilling His promises for everyone everywhere.**

EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY - Mission Statement

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena Koutou Katoa

A few reminders as to why we send our children to a Christian school.

1. **GOD'S INTENTION:** God did not intend for the world to educate His children.

2. **EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY:**

We have both a temporal and eternal perspective. This is why the education of our children is so important to us. The education of our children is part of the biblical responsibility that we have to bring up our children to have a Christ-like character. Ultimately they make their own choices. But we have to give them the tools to make the right choices. Schooling that supports the attitudes and beliefs of the parents is essential.

3. **HOW IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIFFERENT?**

Educational philosophy

- Truth can be known and taught.
- Parents are responsible for the education of their children and we acknowledge the importance of parents. Bible is foundational
- Underpins all teaching.
- Cannot be separated out from the learning process.
- The Bible is relevant to all of education as it is to all of life. It is not an add-on, but underpins all teaching, formal and informal, and the culture of the school.

Parent, that's your job description

Abraham had a nephew called Lot who succeeded in business, but lost his family. How come? Because:

- He had the wrong emphasis - he placed material success above spiritual success.
- He had the wrong environment - he thought his children could live in Sodom and not be affected by it.
- He had the wrong expectation - he thought he could change his surroundings by compromising with them - instead they followed his lifestyle.
- He had the wrong relationships - he did not realise, until it was too late, how much Sodom had influenced his family.

If you think you can live by the world's rules and expect your children to follow God's, you're kidding yourself. Instead of preaching about the shoes you want your children to fill, walk in them! Lead by example. Outside your influence as a parent, the four greatest influences in your child's life are their peers, the internet, media and music. And all four are either working for you or against you. You say, "But I'm really busy right now." Get un-busy! Rethink your priorities. Your child's character is being moulded each day; the question is, by whom? God's Word clearly states that these six things constitute your job description as a parent:

1. *Instruct them (Deut. 6:6-7)*
2. *Train them (Prov. 22:6)*
3. *Provide for them (2 Cor. 12:14)*
4. *Nurture them (Eph. 6:4)*
5. *Discipline them (1 Tim.3:4)*
6. *Love them (Titus 2:4)*

The truth is you have no greater responsibility.

Taken from Word for Today.

We have had a hectic but a good start to the new term. It is great to have all our students back after a well-deserved break. The ALL BLACKS made us all proud but that is now all behind us. With this term being very short (7.5 weeks), it is going to be even busier.

During week 3 we have our school camp; final assessments to be completed; school audit; parent/teacher interviews; reports; Kapa Haka festival; etc. On top of all that, the summer sports codes had started. Cricket has started and quite a few of our students are participating. The senior boys have participated in a beach volleyball tournament for secondary students this week.

Our condolences to Paku and her whanau on the loss of her mother and grandmother. We pray that God will give comfort as they remember their loved one.

CAMP IS A WEEK AWAY! Excitement is beginning to build in the students and they are looking forward to camp. We still have a few students who need to pay their camp fees by the end of the week, no later than next Monday, 7th November. Final camp notices went out yesterday, however if there are any queries, please come in or phone the office. Remember - it is camp and your child does not need new clothing.

CELEBRATIONS

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

Room 1

Manawa Randall: For an excellent start to his Timetables.

Kylie Pinto: For great Reading in class.

Room 2

Lily Packman: For using fantastic words in Writing.

Jesse Russell: For using fantastic words in Writing.

Room 3

MacKenzie Mitchell: For working well in her Reading, Writing and Maths.

Michael Tupaea: For developing his basic facts knowledge in Maths.

Trynatee Lolohea: For being a trustworthy and reliable student in class.

Room 4

Mikayla Downes: For always giving 100%.

Myah Woodcock: For improvement in Literacy.

Room 5

Jolianne Schokker: For outstanding creativity in Art and Writing.

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

Jacob Goodyer, Ethan Wellington & Ethan Law: Always ensuring that our PE gear is returned.

Honey Mokokoko: Always keen to have a game with the younger students of Room 1.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Micah Russell: For excellence; impeccable good manners and a positive attitude.

SPORTS RESULTS

Cricket games were cancelled last week.

HOUSE POINTS

Focus for the week: Using the Fruits of the Spirit.

Red 35

Green 5

Blue 24

Gold 10

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TO RENT – 3 bedroom home very close to school! Contact Dianne Holland on 8677660.

SCHOOL DIARY AND KEY EVENTS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIME
8 - 11 Nov	School Camp	
17 Nov	BOT Meeting	7:00pm
23 Nov	Kapa Haka Festival	Sonrise on stage @ 12:45pm
29 Nov – 1 Dec	Year 10 School leavers dinner	7:00pm
8 Dec	BOT Meeting	7:00pm
13 Dec	School prize giving and family BBQ	5:30pm
14 Dec	Last day for students	Finish @ 1:00pm
16 Dec	Staff & Board dinner	On the Beach @ 6:30pm

Wendy Gabriel
PRINCIPAL