

# Sonrise Christian School

## NEWSLETTER 2

Dear Parents

Tena Koutou Katoa

This term we are studying the theme of **EXCELLENCE**.

Excellence means greatness, the very best. Achieving excellence is never easy to do. Excellence is a quality that people really appreciate because it is hard to find. When you see excellence, you should appreciate the work that went into it. The Bible tells us to excel in Christian character.

The pursuit of excellence must be motivated by the right values, priorities and motives. Let us not confuse excellence with perfection. The pursuit of perfection is frustrating and a terrible waste of time. We will never be perfect.

Only Christ is without blemish. When you are excelling, you are performing at a higher level than that of others.

So then, biblically speaking, the pursuit of excellence refers to pursuing and doing the best we can with the gifts and abilities God gives, giving our best to the glory of God. When we strive to excel, it is to be done without the spirit of competition or seeking to excel simply to be better than others. Excellence includes doing common, everyday things, without looking for an audience. God sees our work and rewards us accordingly. When we pursue excellence it will mean hard work and diligence. Hard work always pays off.

### Reminders:

- ✚ Term 4 is a summer term and all students need to be sun smart. Hats will be compulsory for outside after Labour Weekend and we recommend as the day's heat up, children to apply sunblock before coming to school.
- ✚ On Friday 6 November, we will be having a **TEACHER ONLY DAY**. Please diarise this date. The school is changing over to a new student management system and it is a training day for teachers, principal and admin staff. Thank you for making alternate arrangements for your children on the day.
- ✚ Swimming on Fridays. Ensure your child bring their togs and towels please.

Congratulations to our speech finalists who will be representing Sonrise at **the Small & Rural Speech Competition next Wednesday 28 October at the Wananga**. They are from left to right: **Walker Turner-Wallace, Keilah Kent, Tom Pinto and Zebrina Cowley**.

E te Atua e manaaki ki a koutou katoa,

Wendy Gabriel

Tumuaki



### Vision

To be a Thriving Community

Committed to Jesus Christ, Excellence in Education and Service to Others

### Values

Love, Integrity, Faithfulness, Excellence

### What's On?

#### Manual

Year 7&8

Every Monday

Ilminster School

#### Swimming

Every Friday

1:00pm-2:15pm

Enterprise Pools

#### Labour Day

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2020

#### Teacher ONLY day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2020

**SCHOOL CLOSED 4 INSTRUCTION**

#### Turanga Schools Maori Festival

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2020

Juniors 11:45am

Seniors 12noon

A&P Showgrounds

#### Seniors Athletics Day

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2020

Nga Uri a Maui Kura

Kaupapa

#### Juniors Athletics Day

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2020

@ Sonrise

#### Small & Rural Speech Competition

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2020

Te Wananga o Aotearoa

# Congratulations

## Principals Award

**Madison Packer:**

Making great decisions and being a role model in love and care towards others.

**Te Whare Aroha (Room 1)**

**Leighton Robinson:** Working well with his sounds and his friends.

**Katie West:** Sharing her learning from home.

**Te Whare Tu Tangata (Room 2)**

**Magrietha Coetzer:** Great effort and attitude in all her work.

**Maiana Carroll:** Awesome effort in her homework.

**Te Whare Hiranga (Room 3)**

**Jessica Rance:** Pursuing Excellence in English and Maths.

**Danika Bright:** Quiet persistence in Maths and sport.

**Te Whare Rongopai**

**Joel Summersby:** Persevering with his work in hard circumstances.

**Olivia Viljoen:** Excellent efforts in PE, great work in class.

**Te Whare Manaakitanga (Room 5)**

**Lily Kemp-Fischer:** Welcome to Manaakitanga and Sunrise.

**Johnny Gray:** For courage and diligence.



## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

### Philippians 1:10

*So that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.*

## HOUSE POINTS

**WHERO 500**  
**KAHURANGI 548**  
**KAKARIKI 604**  
**KOWHAI 365**

2020 Sunrise Christian School  
Speech Semi-Finalists.

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