



# Sonrise Christian School

## NEWSLETTER 3

Dear Parents

Tena Koutou Katoa

It has certainly been wonderful news that the Ministry of Education has approved our application for change of class from Restricted Composite (years 1-10) to full composite (Years 1-13); and increase in maximum roll from 104 to 150.

A point we made in the application was PARENTAL CHOICE. Parents have the following rights enshrined in NZ law:

- An education for the full development of their children - including the spiritual aspects that are not provided in existing state secondary schools.
- Right to choose the kind of education given to their children.

Our school exists to assist families by providing an approach to teaching and learning which honours God, but neither displaces or replaces the Biblical instruction, precept and example that should be present in the home. This school is in partnership with the parents.

The educational benefits of going all the way to year 13 to the students would be:

- Seamless education without disruption, needless repetition or confusing change of focus.
- Connectedness with the child's Christian worldview.
- Sustained strong partnerships with parents and whanau.
- Stability of a single significant classroom teacher through the middle school years (years 7-10).
- Focused, directed character development along the lines envisaged in the NZ Curriculum and the school's Integration Deed.

Even though the news was very exciting, and we give God all the honour and glory and the journey he is taking us on especially in these trying times; it is very daunting (for me) as there is a lot of groundwork to cover before the school year finishes. Because we have been approved to go to year 13, it is a 3-year transition and a gentle phasing in of the secondary levels. The aim is to take our year 10 students into year 11 and so on.

🚧 **2021: Year 11**

🚧 **2022: Year 12**

🚧 **2023: Year 13**

We want to maintain our school culture and build onto it. We will not necessarily be filling up the school just because we can. We will be doing what is best for our current students and staff; and only offer spaces where it is available.

The other exciting news is the new road that will be coming from Potae Avenue past the school into Nelson Road.

The Council plans are exciting and we are encouraged that they have taken everything into consideration and our school will be in the thick of it when the road works start. At this stage they are looking to start in October when the ground dries out. You will be kept informed as we hear of more developments and plans.

God is Good! Thank you to all of you who diligently pray for our kura and please let me encourage you to keep on doing so especially as we move forward into the future.

E te Atua e manaaki ki a koutou katoa,  
Wendy Gabriel

**Tumuaki**



### What's On?

**Manual  
Ilminster  
Intermediate  
Year 7&8**  
Every Monday  
1:00pm – 2:30pm

**Sonrise Kapa  
Haka**  
Every  
Wednesday  
1:00pm-2:30pm

**Parent/Teacher  
Interviews**  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>  
Aug, 2020  
3:00pm-5:40pm

**BOT Meeting**  
Thursday 6 Aug,  
2020  
5:30pm-7:30pm

### Vision

**To be a Thriving Community**

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

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# Congratulations

## Principals Award

David Tawera-Morris

Outstanding attitude towards learning  
and for sharing his wonderful bible skills  
in class.

Te Whare Aroha (Room 1)

**Eli Logue:** His achievement in all areas.

**Casey Neilson:** Trying hard in Reading.

Te Whare Tu Tangata (Room 2)

**Tiia Takoko:** Beautiful reading to the class.

**Xavier Carmichael:** Asking awesome questions.

Te Whare Hiranga (Room 3)

**Danika Bright:** Warm welcome to Te Whare Hiranga  
and Sunrise Christian School.

**Sophia Ohuka:** Conscientious work habits in all  
topics.

Te Whare Rongopai

NO CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK.

Te Whare Manaakitanga (Room 5)

**Sidney Ratima:** For focus and improvement in all  
learning.

**Chloe Yuile:** For being totally positive.



## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

### **Jeremiah 29:11**

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

## HOUSE POINTS

RED	410
BLUE	364
GREEN	515
GOLD	694

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