



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SONRISE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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John 12:13 (ESV)

PALM SUNDAY
AND THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Kia Ora Tātou,

As we head up to the holiday break we look forward to remembering **ANZAC Day and Easter** – both **special days of remembrance**. Both require us to consider the sacrifice of life given that we might have a future, but only one speaks of resurrection and life for eternity. **Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life"**. This is a life beyond the here and now and gives promise of eternal life with the One who loves us since before life began. May we take time to meditate on these things and tell our children the importance of what God has done.

The last couple of weeks have seen many things to celebrate:

RELAY FOR LIFE 2025 – ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the love and support of everyone who has contributed to the success of the Sonrise Superstars team, from fundraising and event organisation.

Firstly, to our **fantastic core team of 15** enthusiastic people that keep the home fires burning for 24 hours. Also special mention to our amazing 30 + students that fundraised, helped set up and ran countless relay laps together. Special mention to **Zebrina Cowley** for her overall effort, including fund raising over **\$700.00!**

We exceeded our relay goals and records from 2024:

552 laps (335 from last year). 4th place (9th from last year).

The last two hours were our finest hours – Over 100 laps and overtaking Lytton High into 4th place.

This was only made possible with the extraordinary graveyard shift team that gave us time to sleep and recover in the wee dark, cold hours.

Our fundraising is still going and we are close to over \$2500.00!

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK!

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EVERY Friday

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Sat 17 May-Sun 18 May
10:00am to 8:30am
OHAKO MARAE

Junior Roopu (year 1-4)
Sat 14 Jun
1:00pm-3:00pm
SONRISE

BOARD MEETINGS
Thurs 22 May
5:30pm – 7:30pm
Sonrise

SECONDARY NOHO MARAE
(year 9-13)
Thu 29 May-Fri 30 May
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END OF TERM 1
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MUFTI DAY



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Monday's Tryathlon held at St Mary's had **20 of our students** attend. A special thanks to Mrs Henare who organised our team and to Mrs Fuls who took the students on the day.

Some time back we had a special visit from the **magician Vasili Kovalski** who travels NZ share his magic show and teaching about healthy eating. The students were enthralled from the youngest to the oldest as trick after trick left us all wondering "how did the rabbit fit in that hat? Where did that bird come from?" Truly spectacular!

A number of our Year 7-8 students continue to impress others with their story-telling skills as they are mentored by Puri Hauiti and his **Nga Ahikapuni Storytellers** programme. They have shared some special local stories with Manaakitanga and Rongopai students and are growing in confidence and skill. More to come in this space next term.

Congratulations to these 19 students for an **amazing 100% attendance** this term: Eli, Mia-Bella, Zebrina, Summa, Neriah C, Naysa C, Arlia, Angela, Acacia, Manasse, Caleb, Jean-Pierre, Esme, Izzy, Matilda, Jacob S, Jemima, Leo and Poppy. You are all fantastic!

Term 2 will begin on Monday 28th April with a powhiri as we look forward to having a number of students and families join our school. This will start at 9am and you are all welcome to come along and join us for this special time together.

Until then, have a very blessed and safe holiday break everyone.

E te Ātua e manaaki,

Andrew Russell
Tumuaki/Principal

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Congratulations!

TE WHARE TE RITO

Lusi Nairoroi

For awesome learning with the NUMICON shapes.

Rawiri Hawea

For awesome learning with the NUMICON shapes.

TE WHARE AROHA

Iraia Tahata

For brilliant balance and skill on the playground.

TE WHARE TU TANGATA

Nathel Cherian & Lann Takoko

For sharing their knowledge of communion with the class.

TE WHARE RONGOPAI

Rachel-Faith Rogers

For putting effort into the presentation of her work.

Lola Barwick

For completing her work with pride.

Ruby Mead

For putting effort into her learning.

TE WHARE MANAAKITANGA

Elizabeth White

God's masterpiece art - you truly poured your heart into this piece. Incredible work!

Indy Martin

For consistently demonstrating kindness, politeness, and effort work in all endeavors.

TE WHARE MATAORA

Emelia Brooker, Ruby Martin, Aiden

Neilson, Biya Sony

For amazing research projects in class.

TE WHARE HIRANGA

Maiana Carroll

Displaying a high standard in Mathematics. Working with diligence.

Hunter Kerr

Showing a good understanding of Mathematical concepts.

HOUSE POINTS:

KAKARIKI > 1268

KOWHAI > 1076

KAHURANGI > 1176

WHERE > 1397

A big MIHI to you all for your background mahi in getting your students to the Weetbix TRY Challenge. It was an awesome day seeing the kids smash out the obstacle course many times, with the biggest smiles. Many instances we saw some incredible kindness from kids, helping others throughout the course which shows massive Manaakitanga.

Weetbix Tryathlon Organisers

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD:

Isabella Roche

For always giving her best and displaying the LIFE values of Sonrise Christian School.



VISION

Education for Eternity

Te Matauranga Mutunga Kore

To provide Christ-centered education to prepare children for life both temporal and eternal.

"Knowing we will be with Christ forever far outweighs our burdens today! Keep your eyes on eternity!"

BILLY GRAHAM

