



MARCH 2025 | WEEK 07

Sonrise News

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SONRISE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Kia Ora Tātou,

We are already half way through this term and there is so much going on.

Today, we have Mrs Henare taking a Primary cricket team going to the interschool competition and they have been practicing hard – we wish them all the best.

Matua Puri Hauiti (Ngā Ahikāpuni) has started visiting Sonrise to teach a select group of Year 8 students **the skills of storytelling**, a dynamic cultural initiative committed to preserving and revitalizing Maori storytelling traditions. The program has been tailored to integrate our school values of Love, Integrity, Faithfulness and Excellence throughout the workshops to be run over 10 weeks. We are very blessed to have this opportunity and look forward to these young leaders taking these skills into the other classrooms to share in the coming weeks.

Sonrise is also happy to **welcome Mr John Paton** as our new **part-time caretaker**. John has a wealth of experience in fixing things as well as working with children in places like the Philippines where he has been involved with supporting an orphanage there over many years. The place is looking better already!

Tomorrow (Thursday 13th March) **the BIG DREAM survey** will be emailed out to our Sonrise whanau and families. This is an opportunity for you to tell us what you think Sonrise will look like in 5-10 years' time. We want to grow but we must be strategic to be effective and finding the right direction will come as we firstly use our God-given imaginations and put into writing what we think Sonrise, at its best, could be. The school Board, Proprietors, Secondary and Primary teachers have already put their pens to paper and shared their vision and now it's your turn. Please take some time to let us hear your voice and allow your God inspired thoughts tell us where you think we could be in the years to come – Be bold!

Coming up shortly is the **Secondary School Noho Marae** event. This will be an exciting overnight visit to a local marae where our students will have a valuable, immersive experience to learn about tikanga, which refers to Māori customs and traditions. As we have not been able to provide Te Reo Maori throughout the year for our secondary students we have this experience as our alternative. It is expected that all secondary students will attend and those who would normally go to EIT will have that on hold for just this one week.

Please watch out for information coming out soon.

E te Ātua e Manaaki

Andrew Russell
Tūmaki/Principal

What's On This Term...

SWIMMING
Every Friday

KAPA HAKA
Every Friday

BOARD MEETING
Thurs 20 Mar
5:30pm-7:30pm
Sonrise

RELAY 4 LIFE 2025 FUNDRAISER
Fri 21 Mar
Mufti day & Ice block
\$3:00 per person

TRIATHLON
Year 4-6
Mangapapa School
Wed 26 Mar

SECONDARY SCHOOL NOHO MARAE
Year 9-13
Thurs 27 Mar to Fri 28 Mar
Ohako Marae

SWIMMING COMP
Enterprise Pools
Year 5-10
Wed 2 Apr
10:30am-12:30pm

Year 1-4
Thu 3 Apr
11:00am-1:00pm

CULTURAL EVENING
Year 1-8
Tues 8 Apr
Sonrise

POVERTY BAY RIPPA RUGBY
Thurs 10 Apr
Year 5-6

Congratulations!

TE WHARE TE RITO

Amaia Broughton & Manaia Sanerivi

For focus and accuracy in Maths.

TE WHARE AROHA

Kayla de Jager

Excellent Reading.

Aubrey Broughton

Always being on task.

TE WHARE TU TANGATA

Makiwara Hawea

For confidently sharing his ideas with the class, especially during Devotion time.

Acacia Katumbwe

For striving for excellence in her learning.

TE WHARE RONGOPAI

Aniva Sanerivi

For being a considerate and caring class member.

Luan Oosthuizen

Always giving his best and supporting others.

TE WHARE MANAAKITANGA

Pharell & Hozea Kingi-Te Maro

For their great effort in their descriptive writing.

TE WHARE MATAORA

Ana Batisaresare

For stepping out with boldness and in delivering an awesome student led devotion in class.

Jacob Gibson

For improving with his classroom choices around his learning and for deepening his faith by reading the bible daily at school.

HOUSE POINTS:

KAKARIKI > 651

KOWHAI > 543

KAHURANGI > 576

WHEREO > 722

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD:

Faith Reynolds

For efficiency, always willing to help and a positive attitude.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD:

Hunter Kerr

For diligent work in the classroom and for being a role model in attitude and stewardship.



Students at today's interschool year 5-6 cricket tournament..