



JULY 2025 | WEEK 03

Sonrise News

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SONRISE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Kia Ora Tātou,

What a **successful visit we had from Mr Gavin Clark** from Hastings Christian School! Thank you to all of those who came along to the parent evening and took a fresh look at Christian Education and what makes our school different from other schools here in Gisborne. We need to be refreshed and reminded often to ensure that our tamariki are getting the very best in hearing the Word of God and be encouraged to live out the **LIFE** (Love, Integrity, Faithfulness and Excellence) values daily.

Yesterday the **secondary staff met to focus on planning for 2026**. We reviewed a recent survey that took in student voice for what they wanted and their hopes for the future, considered how we could vary the timetables to better suit the needs of our students, and talked about other opportunities on how to enrich the overall curriculum for next year. We are pleased with how the plan has come together and look forward to sharing this with the students and our parents in the next few weeks. Watch this space!

Cross-country training has been fun as we all up our fitness and move our legs. Students have been heading down to Nelson Park to train and get the heart's pumping in preparation for the Cross-country events coming up later in the term. This is always a top event in our sports calendar as we join with other schools for a fun day out in the country so look forward to more information on this in the future too.

Unfortunately, the **Secondary Noho for this week** has been postponed due to the weather and so we will reschedule and let you know when this will be happening. The two days out on the marae is a fun experience with classmates and activities, with the added bonus of gaining beautiful cultural insights to our Maori heritage. It is an opportunity for our students to learn outside the classroom and put learning into context and making sense of our rich Maori way of life. We look forward to sharing the new date shortly.

It is pleasing to see **so much activity happening** in these winter months with Football, Netball and Volleyball happening in organised competition. At school lessons in badminton, and team games, while in the playground rugby, basketball, netball, handball and playground gymnastics led by the students themselves. School is a great place to be and we are so blessed to have the space outside to enjoy these activities and one another.

The new basketball hoop and stand arrived and we are now awaiting the chance to have it assembled so that it can be enjoyed. Thank you to the School Board for purchasing this equipment.

E te Atua e manaaki
Andrew Russell
Tumuaki/Principal

What's On This Term 3

KAPA HAKA
EVERY Friday

**KAPA HAKA NOHO
JUNIOR ROOPU (Yr1-4)**
Sat 16 Aug
1:00pm to 3:00pm
Sonrise

SECONDARY NOHO (Yr9-13)
Thurs 31 Jul & Fri 1 Aug
HAS BEEN POSTPONED..
Watch this space!!

COMMUNITY NOTICES
ASPIRATION HUI
THURS 14 AUG
6:00PM TO 7:30PM
SONRISE SENIOR SCHOOL

BOARD MEETINGS
Thurs 31 Jul
5:30pm to 7:30pm
Sonrise staffroom

CROSS COUNTRY
Interschool Cross Country
Wed 20 Aug (Yr4-6)

Sonrise Cross Country
Thurs 4 Sep (Yr 7-8)
Fri 5 Sep (Yr1-6)

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
Wed 10 Sep
Voting closes at 12noon

Congratulations!

TE WHARE TE RITO

Amaia Broughton and Shiloh McMillan

For overcoming challenges and showing persistence and flare in gymnastics.

Shyla Morris-Wallace

For showing persistence with her sounds and literacy.

Thomas Hou

For powerful prayers and great story writing.

TE WHARE AROHA

Maia Mackay and Xe'Wayne Davies

For being Kapa Haka superstars.

TE WHARE TU TANGATA

Poppy Yuile and Acacia Katumbwe

For excellent learning in the CODE.

TE WHARE RONGOPAI

Jean-Pierre Oberholzer

For great learning and focus.

Erik Cresswell

For improvement in the presentation of your work.

TE WHARE MANAAKITANGA

Sadie Walker and Neriah Cherian

For their dedication to service and caring for our school environment.

TE WHARE MATAORA

Jacob Gibson

Awesome effort in all subject areas.

Mia Oosthuizen

For a brilliant start to her speech writing.

HOUSE POINTS:

KAKARIKI > 145

KOWHAI > 195

KAHURANGI > 210

WHEREO > 215

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

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD:

Adi Lusiana Nairoroi

For perseverance in all of her learning and showing the **LIFE VALUES** of Sonrise.

