



OCTOBER 2025 | WEEK 03

Sonrise News

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SONRISE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Tatou,

Term four is always the busiest term of the school year and this year is no different. Our class Facebook pages are a great way to keep up-to-date with what is coming next, so stay connected.

In Week one we had a wonderful workshop put on by **ARO Music**, and together with our musical students, learnt how to compose songs with a strong cultural focus. See the results on our Facebook page.

Cross-country was a huge success thanks to having a beautiful day, a friendly mix of schools coming together, a magnificent venue (Thanks to the McIntyre family) and a well-run event thanks to **Mr Sadlier** and his organisation. It was wonderful to have so many parents come out to enjoy the day.

The **Senior Business Studies** classes have now completed their businesses that they had worked so hard on last term. Having counted up the overhead costs and considered profits they each donated a proportion of their earnings to the Bible League International. \$102.00 was passed on and gratefully received. We are proud of the hearts of our students as they grow in becoming cheerful givers.

In **Week 5** we have Jason and Meredith Akuhata-Brown coming in to school to share on **pubertal changes and relationships for our Years 5-10 students**. A letter has gone home to each family to let you see the areas that will be covered and allow any families who wish their child to be excused to fill in a form and return it to their teacher. Two years ago we had Jason and Meredith share and the lessons were very well received. Jason and Meredith are fully aware of our Christian character and can teach this from the foundation of a biblical world view. We are very grateful to have them come in and support our school. Attached to this newsletter is a **report back to our community** about our Health and Physical Education Statement Survey that took place last term. Thank you to all who responded, we have considered everyone's voice and look to include as much as we can as our school continues to grow.

On **Thursday 23rd** our school will be closed as the majority of our school staff join the nation-wide strike calling for more in-school support and better working conditions. The goal is to see improvement in school resourcing to ensure that our students are fully supported and that schools can function successfully, and that teachers in the New Zealand education system can be valued and recognized for the complexity and difficulty that teaching and learning demands today.

What's On This Term

SWIMMING
Every Monday

KAPA HAKA
EVERY Friday

KAPA HAKA NOHO
SENIORS - **YR 5-10**
Sat **1 NOV** to Sun **2 NOV**
09:30am to 8:00am
&
JUNIORS - **YR 1-4**
Sat **1 NOV**
1:00pm to 3:00pm
Ohako Marae

BOARD MEETINGS
Thurs **30 OCT**
5:30pm to 7:30pm
Sonrise staffroom

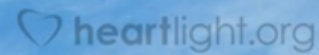
SENIOR PRIZEGIVING
Wed **29 OCT YR 9-13**
3:30pm - 5:30pm
Mangapapa Church

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Year **1-8**
Mon 24, Tue 25, Wed 26 Nov
3:00pm to 6:00pm
Booking ref: 2uke6

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING
Tues **9 DEC YR 1-8**
6:00pm - 8:00pm
House of Breakthrough

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MEASLES: Points to share with parents, caregivers and the school community:

Measles is very contagious and can make people of any age very sick.

Watch for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes and a blotchy rash.

[Measles: Locations of interest in Aotearoa New Zealand – Health New Zealand](#)

If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116.

Vaccination is the best protection from measles. Check all whānau are immunized.

[Measles immunity – Health New Zealand](#)

[Measles, mumps and rubella \(MMR\) vaccine – Health New Zealand](#)

Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not received two MMR vaccinations cannot attend their school | kura for at least eight days.

The **last day for school this year is Wednesday 10th December** and we will **start the new year on Monday 2nd February 2026.**



E te Atua e manaaki
Andrew Russell
Tumuaki/Principal

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Congratulations!

TE WHARE TE RITO

Naysa Cherian & Penelope-Grace Biddle-Smith

For striving for excellence with their Code lessons.

TE WHARE AROHA

Xe'Vayne Davies & Kayla de Jager

Having a good attitude and fun at Cross Country.

TE WHARE TU TANGATA

Mia-Bella Beyer & George Smith

For solving word problems using Bar Models and UPAC+.

TE WHARE RONGOPAI

Angela John Thomas

For giving her best in all that she does.

Aotearoa Yuile

For becoming a critical thinker about his own learning.

TE WHARE MANAAKITANGA

Johan John-Thomas & Caitlin Sutton

For creative writing on Psalm 46:1.

TE WHARE MATAORA

Ruby Martin

A great start to the term and always going above and beyond in her learning.

Neriah Stewart

Always applying herself to her learning.

TE WHARE HIRANGA

Jake Kirkpatrick

For analytical thinking in Science.

Samuel Barber

For having a keen interest in Science.

HOUSE POINTS:

KAKARIKI > 375

KOWHAI > 325

KAHURANGI > 520

WHERE > 515

VISION

Education for Eternity

Te Matauranga Mutunga Kore

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

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD:

Matua Walton Sadler

For running a super Cross Country and growing as a Sports Co-Ordinator.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD:

Thomas Hou

For being a positive role model persistence in all his learning; and displaying the LIFE values of Sonrise.

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

BILLY GRAHAM



Tug of War is guaranteed to bring out the most competitive spirit!!



Congratulations to this year's winners at the Small & Rural Schools Speech Competition...

Ana Batisaresare 1st place (year 7)

Tiia Takoko 1st place (year 8)