



**Sonrise  
Christian School**

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SONRISE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*El Roi*

The God Who Sees Me

*Kia Ora Tatou,*

**Welcome** to everyone to Sonrise 2026.

We have started the year so well and have had a number of new families join us. Monday night was the **meet the teacher evening** and we appreciated everyone who came along to share in the 'Fish n Chips' and to find out more about each class and the teachers in them. We hope to build strong relationships with each of you over the year and get you involved as much as we can.

This term we start with the **theme of knowing God as the God who sees me**. This is both wonderful and sometimes a little scary until we understand just how big God's love is for each of us. The memory verses to be sent home this term will connect to this and are great for parents to learn as well.

**Another year of educational change** is upon us and at Sonrise we appreciate the great education advisors that support our school to keep up with the constant change.

Parents and Boards may have questions based on the Minister's announcement about upcoming changes to do with reporting to parents that have just been announced recently through the media. I can assure you that we remain committed to providing clear, meaningful information about your child's achievement, progress, effort, and attitude towards learning. Regular and ongoing teacher professional judgement, informed by multiple assessment approaches, remains at the heart of understanding and reporting on student learning and progress.

We are working through the details of new assessment and reporting requirements alongside implementing new English and Mathematics curriculums and this includes a **Teacher Only Day coming up on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March (end of Week 6) for Year 1-8 students**. Please mark this one now into your diaries so that you have a plan for the day.

**In Week 5 our Year 11-13 students** will attend a **camp at Lake Tutira** and participate in exciting activities that includes tramping, water activities and high ropes. The goal is to bond the students and staff for the coming year and to experience challenges that stretch them in the outdoor environment.

### **What's On This Term...**

#### **SWIMMING**

Every Friday of Term 1

#### **KAPA HAKA**

Every Friday of Term 2

#### **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**YEAR 1-8 (ONLY)**

Friday 20 March

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Thursday 19 February  
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This year we will keep you updated about attendance of students and the goals we are setting. Working with our new 'Attendance Management plan' the first step is to strengthen communication between school and home should any student be away from school. If for any reason your child is away, please ring or email the school and let us know the reason for the absence as we must record this. With no communication we will mark your child as Truant. If we do not hear from you we will be contacting you to find out why and ensure that your child is safe.

Note the table below that the Ministry of Education has set as benchmarks: Four **Student Attendance Categories** have been developed to help schools understand how frequently each student attends. These categories give you a way to monitor the progress you are making in supporting students to attend regularly.

#### Regular attendance

Over 90% attendance - missing fewer than 5 days across a term.

#### Irregular absence

More than 80% and up to 90% attendance - absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term.

#### Moderate absence

More than 70% and up to 80% attendance - absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term.

#### Chronic absence

70% attendance or less - absent for 15 days or more across a school term.

Our goal for this Term is to have **84% or above attending over 90% of the time** this term. It is an aspirational goal but we have started the term really well and we are an amazing school - so let's give it a go!

Finally, as parents we ask that you continue to monitor that your children come with the correct uniform each day. Our students are looking fantastic, and we want to uphold the good look taking pride in our identity and to not let our standards slip. Kia kaha whanau!

E te Ātua e manaaki,

**Andrew Russell**

Tumuaki/Principal

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# Congratulations!

## TE WHARE AROHA

**Piata & Kaea Waikiri, Nkazimulo Dladla, Keanu Rangiwai and Edmund Katoa**  
Welcome to Whare Aroha and Sonrise.

## TE WHARE TU TANGATA

**Aubrey Broughton and Kayla de Jager**  
For using their beautiful manners in the class.

## TE WHARE RONGOPAI

**Lewis Rangiwai, Maxine Stewart, Ivana Subeesh and Carlos Loureiro**  
Welcome to Whare Rongopai and Sonrise.

## TE WHARE MANAAKITANGA

**Pharell Kingi & Jemima Sheldrake**

Showing great imagination and talent in their vibrant, multi-coloured pastel self portrait in Art.

## Kirra Stewart, Senitalela Katoa & Phoenix Valentine

Welcome to Whare Manaakitanga and Sonrise School.

## TE WHARE MATAORA

**Melikiola Katoa, Le-Zhelle Loureiro**

Welcome to Whare Mataora and Sonrise School.

## TE WHARE HIRANGA

**Hunter Kerr & Tiia Takoko**

For striving for excellence with their learning.

## Lezandri Loureiro, Alla & Sadie Kaye

Welcome to Whare Hiranga and Sonrise School.

## TE WHARE TE ARA O POUTAMA

**Marie Raeschke**

Welcome to Whare Te Ara o Poutama and Sonrise School.

## HOUSE POINTS:

**KAKARIKI > 121**

**KOWHAI > 89**

**KAHURANGI > 111**

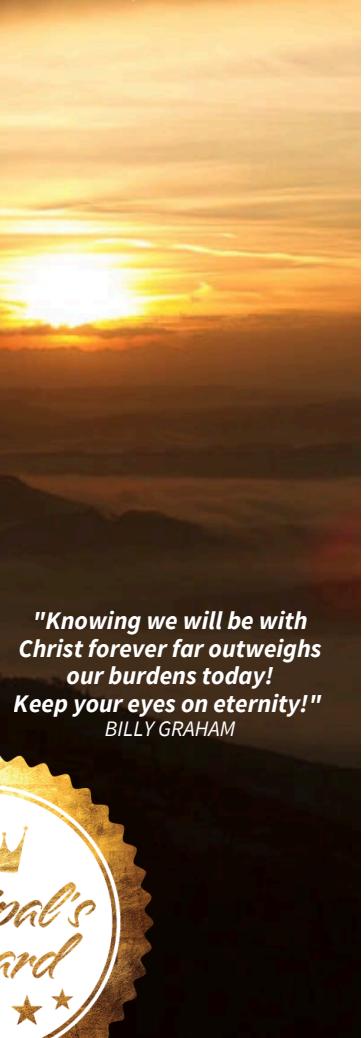
**WHERO > 98**

## 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:

**Tabitha Sheldrake**

For having a positive start to the year by striving for excellence and being willing to help others in the class.

