



**Sonrise  
Christian School**

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SONRISE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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is **God**.  
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Psalm 100:3 NIV

## *Kia Ora Tatou,*

Next week we are having our **Parent-Teacher interviews**, and we are looking forward to sitting down with you and sharing the achievements and successes of your child's learning. If you haven't yet booked your day and time, **please go to our school webpage** ( to book year 1 to year 8 interviews) and click on the button at the top of the page that says "**Book Parent Teacher Interview**". The **event code is YYZKH**.

**Year 9 to 13 interviews** are on **Tues 16 June only from 3:00pm to 6:00pm**. No need to book an interview, just wait for the teacher you want to see to come free.

This year we have made the decision to continue using our current report format that most of you are familiar with. As a school **we have begun to engage with the new SMART tool (Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting tool)** that the government has put out as a replacement for E-asTTle that finishes this year. Currently the SMART tool is only available for two periods of time during the year, one of which is now closed, and the other being the first 5 weeks of Term 4. We plan to continue to become familiar with using this assessment tool both as teachers and students so that we can fully utilize it in 2027.

The SMART tool will provide assessments in Reading, Writing and Mathematics that align specifically with the new curriculum documents that we are teaching from. It will provide us with 5 progress descriptors (Emerging, Developing, Consolidating, Proficient, and Exceeding) at each year level and identify where your child is along the continuum at Mid-year and the End-of-year. It will also provide a measure of your child's progress over time.

There are still some kinks to be ironed out in the SMART tool before it becomes fully reliable, and we know that this tool is still in development. Therefore, we have chosen to wait until we are confident that the SMART tool will serve us well and that the assessment and report formats all align correctly before adopting them here at Sonrise.

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

**KAPA HAKA**  
Every Friday of Term 2

**KAPA HAKA NOHO SENIORS (ONLY) @ SONRISE**  
**SAT 20 TO SUN 21 JUNE 2026**  
1:00pm to 8:30am

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**  
**YEAR 1-8 ONLY**  
MON 15, TUE 16, WED 17 JUNE  
**3:00PM TO 6:00PM**

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**  
**WALK IN - YEAR 9-13 (ONLY)**  
TUES 16 JUNE  
**3:00PM TO 6:00PM**

**BOARD MEETINGS**  
THURSDAY 18 JUN 2026  
5:30PM - 7:30PM

**TEACHER ONLY DAY**  
**Year 1-8 ONLY**  
FRIDAY 26 JUN 2026



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For this year we will continue to use our existing assessment tools and reporting formats that provide you with all the required information that you need to be confident about your child's learning and progress. This will be the same for Term 4 where we hope to use the current reporting template for the last time.

A reminder that on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June we have a Teacher Only Day for our Year 1-8 students**. The teachers will be having their fourth and final Mathematics professional learning day with the Ministry of Education facilitator unpacking the new curriculum documents and the learning pedagogy that supports this. We will have Patutahi, Rere, Motu and Ngatapa schools joining us here at Sonrise for this workshop and we will need you to plan for your children to be at home for the day. Thank you for allowing us this valuable time to become better and more effective teachers for your tamariki.

**Thank you also to all our parents** who have made extra effort to dress our students in their **correct school uniforms**. We have pushed this during the last few weeks, and they are all looking SOOO good! Well done everyone. All we need to do now is ensure all sweatshirts and jackets are named so they can be returned to students if they are left out on the field. Please check your child's clothing – is their name clear and easy to find?

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**Andrew Russell**  
Tumuaki/Principal

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# Congratulations!

## TE WHARE AROHA

### Kazi Dladla

For giving his best and improving in his Code.

### Manaia Sanerivi

For giving his best in Literacy.

## TE WHARE TE RITO

### Penelope-Grace Smith Biddle & Lane Kapp

For striving for excellence in their free Writing and Code excellence.

## TE WHARE TU TANGATA

### Ben Sony & Esme Roche

For increasing in confidence when playing basketball.

## TE WHARE RONGOPOAI

### Mine Greeff

For placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the A grade interschool primary gymnastic competition.

### Maxine Stewart

For making great progress in her learning.

### Lann Takoko

For having a go at football.

## TE WHARE MANAAKITANGA

### Sanitalela Katoa & Aniva Sanerivi

Netball player of the day.

## TE WHARE MATAORA

### KJ Te Kani

For striving for excellence in the presentation of his portfolio work.

### Jacob Gibson

For striving for excellence in the presentation of his portfolio work.

## HOUSE POINTS:

**KOWHAI > 1854**

**WHEREO > 1943**

**KAKARIKI > 1801**

**KAHURANGI > 1980**

## 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:

### CAITLIN SUTTON

For being a kind and caring friend to many and always following instructions and putting her best effort into her learning.



## SENIOR KAPA HAKA NOHO

**Saturday 20 June 2026**  
 Arrive at 12:30pm  
 Start at 1:00pm

**Sunday 21 June 2026**  
 Parent pick up at 8:30am  
 Where: Sunrise Christian School

**WHAT TO BRING:**  
 Mattress, bedding and toiletries  
 P.J's & an extra change of clothing  
 Fruit and or baking for afternoon tea  
 Great attitude ready to learn  
**NO PHONES!!!**