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John 10:27



Kia Ora Tātou,

As we look to finish Term 2, we are grateful for all the hard work and learning that has taken place over the last 11 weeks. School is such a complex and dynamic place to be in and there is always so much happening. So much depends on the enthusiasm and dedication of our hard-working teachers and I cannot express enough how proud I am of them and their commitment to ensuring the success of our tamariki.

Thank you to all the parents and whanau who came for the Parent-Teacher interviews. These are such a valuable time of giving and sharing insights of your children's learning and are always worthwhile. We will see you again in Term 4 but if you need to speak with a teacher at anytime do let us know as some things are better if we know straight away.

This term we have managed to have 66% of our students (94) attend over 90% of the time. This is a huge step up from last year's result, so well done to everyone!

In fact, 25 students achieved 100% attendance for this term – we are so proud of you!!! Sometimes the winter-ills dictate what the outcomes are, and we acknowledge those who have had to stay home unwell, but the realities are that good attendance nearly always goes hand in hand with good progress in learning and so we keep it a priority to attend school regularly. Let's see what we can accomplish in term 3, Sonrise.

An early heads-up for the **special visit from Jordan Smith** coming down from Auckland mid-way through Term 3 and will be speaking to our community about Christian Education. Jordan comes from Laidlaw College, New Zealand's largest theological and interdenominational college, offering entry-level certificates and diplomas to Masters, in Biblical and Theological studies, and Christian Leadership.

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MUFTI DAY

START OF TERM 3

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Jordan will spend time during the day with Sonrise leadership, staff and students and is as excited to be here with us as we are to have him come. Mark **Monday 24th August now!**

Finally, we thank our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who is the LIFE of this school. He is our reason for being and our purpose for existing. When we keep in mind that our school mission is: **"Te Matauranga Mutungakore - Educating for Eternity"** we acknowledge that we can do nothing of value without Him, but that through Him all things are possible! Thinking bigger than this life (into eternity) means that the message of the Bible is crucial in bringing up our children in the knowledge of God. Pray for this school and that God's will stays our leading compass going forward.

Have a blessed holiday everyone.

E te Ātua e manaaki

Andrew Russell
Tumuaki/Principal

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Congratulations!

TE WHARE AROHA

Xe'Vayne Davies & Shiloh McMillan
Working well with new timetables.

TE WHARE TE RITO

Bronson Kara & Penelope-Grace Smith-Biddle

For striving for excellence in Maths - using "Ten numbers".

TE WHARE TU TANGATA

Makiwara Hawea

For having 100% attendance so far this year.

Eli Barwick & Lagimalie Sanerivi

For writing an exciting and suspenseful story.

TE WHARE RONGOPOAI

Ava Akroyd

Poutama Storm netball player of the day - Saturday 28 June 2026.

Poppy Yuile

Great work with literacy.

Aurora Manuel-Castle

Great work in Maths.

TE WHARE MANAAKITANGA

Aniva Sanerivi & Isabelle Roche

For consistently staying on task throughout the entire term and beautifully modelling the school's Christian values to those around you.

TE WHARE MATAORA

John Rogers

For always displaying the school LIFE values.

Courage Stewart

Excellent artwork.

TE WHARE HIRANGA

Alla Kaye

For moving out of her comfort zone and trying a new sport.

Faith Reynolds

For always giving her best, on and off the field.



HOUSE POINTS:

KOWHAI > 2480

WHEREO > 2886

KAKARIKI > 2680

KAHURANGI > 2646

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:

Philip Fuls

For overcoming challenges and being able to stay on task by showing excellence in all his learning and sharing LIFE values of Sonrise.



'1' of '3' teams SONRISE entered in this year's competition!!