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Kia Ora Tātou,

This term has flown by, and we are all looking forward to a break with some fine weather.

On Friday there was a hard-fought **Staff vs Students** game of hockey to play for the trophy and bragging rights for the year. The final score was 2-2 meaning that the cup remains with the students as they won it last year – Well done students.

Green house has won the House points for this term with outstanding attitude and behaviour. They will have a shared pizza lunch on Tuesday to celebrate their efforts.

Sadly, the **cross-country** event at the McIntyre's farm has had to be cancelled this year as the weather has not allowed us to let Thursday and all the effort worthwhile. So much training and planning went into setting this up and it is disappointing for everyone.

BUT we will have a school event at Nelson Park this Thursday instead. Check the Facebook page for details. We thank Mr Sadlier for all the hard work organising behind the scenes and being flexible to provide the best opportunities we can get.

More celebrations come as we acknowledge **Mia Oosthuizen** who was chosen to represent Sonrise at the Aurora leadership programme this year and was awarded the "Yvonne Williams Memorial Leadership Trophy." Both Mia and **Ana Batisaresare** were excellent ambassadors for Sonrise and represented our school so well.

This Friday is the **Senior School ball**. The theme is Spy/Casino Royale and there is some excitement about this event building. We will look forward to seeing the many photos after the evening and know this is going to be a memorable moment for time to come.

The Year 7-8 students of **Mataora** have enjoyed their Monday afternoons this term visiting **Tonui Collab**. Thanks to Mrs Bergstrom's excellent organising the students have been able to learn about robotics, coding, animation, digital art and graphic design, and much more.

Which brings us to the sad task of **saying goodbye to Mrs Bergstrom, Amelia and Isabella**, as the family heads off back to Australia to live. We will miss them but know that God has a plan and that the wonderful memories they have of Gisborne and Sonrise will be something they will cherish.

What's On This Term...



KAPA HAKA
Every Friday

FESTIVAL DATE & TIMES
TUESDAY 17 NOV 2026
A&P Showgrounds
11:15AM Juniors (Yr1-4)
11:45AM Seniors (Yr5-10)

CROSS COUNTRY
THURSDAY 24 SEP 2026
Venue: NELSON PARK
11:00AM Yrs 1-4 only
1:30PM Yrs 5-8 only

END OF TERM/MUFTI DAY
FRIDAY 25 SEP 2026

BOARD MEETINGS
THURSDAY 22 OCT 2026
5:30pm – 7:30pm

QUIZ/AUCTION NIGHT
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Mataora will have **Mrs Grace Wilson** looking after them for Term 4. The students know her as she has been a reliable and competent reliever here at Sonrise for some time now and we are grateful for her stepping in for next term.

Looking ahead, we await the arrival of Mataora's new teacher, **Mr Clyde Moodley**, starting in 2027 and coming all the way from Zambia with his family.

Notices have been sent out to Year 8-12 students who wish to consider learning a **language next year**. There is still time to have your forms sent back in to Mr Russell and if you need another form, or haven't yet collected one, pop in and see Mr Russell.

Speeches have been written and presented this term across many classes. It is so good to hear our students stand and speak about what is important to them and we thank you for your support from home and now look forward to the Rural speech competitions happening next term for those who placed well here at school.

Winter football, netball and rugby have now finished for the year and there is a sigh of relief from many parents who gave their Saturdays to support their children getting to the game and supporting them from the sidelines. A really special thanks to our dedicated coaches and parent helpers who made it all possible – the kids will remember your kindness towards them.

Summer sports opportunities with **Cricket, Futsal, and Twilight Netball** have now been posted onto the class Facebook pages and parents need to read the details so that teams can be made up. If your child is interested in any of these sports, please email Walton Sadlier to let him know that your child is wanting to play and to count them into a team. email - awsadlier@gmail.com

Swimming is happening again in term 4 so over the holidays find the student's swimsuits, bags and towel ready for the Friday trips down to Enterprise pool. We are so blessed to have this amazing facility so available to us and the amazing expertise of the coaches. If you can support the junior classes by walking down with them on Fridays please let the teachers know.

On a final note, if you already know that you child will be **finishing at Sonrise this year** and moving on to university, the Polytechnic, fulltime work or other studies, or simply moving to a new school, please let us know so that we can prepare well for classes next year. You can email the school or simply tell Auntie Paku at the school office.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

E te Ātua e manaaki
Andrew Russell
Principal/Tumuaki

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Congratulations!

TE WHARE AROHA

Edmund Katoa

For having fun and giving his best in the Show Art.

Naysa Cherian

For being enthusiastic and giving her best in the Code.

TE WHARE TE RITO

Lane Kapp

For a beautiful piece of Writing.

Mazy Go

For producing amazing work in the class.

TE WHARE TU TANGATA

Ali Fox and Langimalie Sanerivi

Excellent writing about Te Whare Tapa Whā.

TE WHARE RONGOPAI

Lann Takoko

Being brave and presenting his speech to the class.

Ruby Mead

Being confident presenting her speech to the class.

Grace Mead

Clearly and confidently presenting her speech to the class.

TE WHARE MANAAKITANGA

Leighton Robinson

Inspiring others through outstanding respect, kindness, and a continuous willingness to help those around them.

Rachel-Faith Rogers

For being on task and having a good attitude towards her peers.

TE WHARE MATAORA

Christian Letalu

For applying himself and having a positive attitude toward his learning.

Sadie Walker

For excellent work in her creative writing.

HOUSE POINTS:

KOWHAI > 1498

WHEREO > 1586

KAKARIKI > 1875

KAHURANGI > 1395



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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:

Nathel Cherian

For showing understanding of the bible verses and being able to share them with others.



Congratulations Mia Oosthuizen

Aurora Programme

Yvonne Williams Leadership Trophy 2026

SONRISE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Year 1 - 8

Cross Country

Thursday 24TH September 2026

NELSON PARK

(Nelson Road,
next to the Enterprise Pool)

Start @ 11:00am - Years 0-4 only

Start @ 1:30pm - Years 5-8 only

Both groups will walk to the grounds
15 minutes prior to their start time.
Then they will return back to school
as normal.

