

# Term 3 Week 4



Hamilton  
Seventh-day Adventist School  
*Educating For Eternity*

Friday, 16th August

## An Attitude of Gratitude

### Our Values

**Respect Whakaute  
Responsibility Kawenga  
Resilience Manahau**

Kia Ora HAMSDA Community,

I hope you have been well and enjoying the bounty provided by Jehovah Jireh according to His riches in glory. As you know, our Bible theme this term is 'God Provides'. When asked the question, "What has God provided for you?" How do you usually respond? Some may list all of their material possessions, some list their relationships, some may even list their strengths and talents. It does us well to recognise and appreciate the blessings we have. When we focus more on what we are given rather than what we lack, we tend to be more content and even happy.

God has always provided for His people, be it manna in the wilderness, loaves and fish for a multitude or even a fresh supply of wine in a wedding feast. He is the great giver of good things, who never holds back when asked. And yet, the grumblings and complaints of His children never cease. I wonder how God responds. Does He shake His head in frustration? Does He drop his jaw in disbelief? How does God deal with ingratitude?

Many parents selflessly provide the best they can for their children and for a moment they may receive words or gestures of thanks, but only for a moment. Once the novelty wears off it's back to the...*I want...*, *I wish I had...*, *why can't I get...*, *his is better; she got more; it's not fair!* Sounds familiar? As providers yourself, you understand how tiresome it is to go through the cycle of giving, being (or not being) thanked and then receiving further demands over and over again. Do you give much but get little gratitude in return? If yes, you are in good company. Jesus gave His life for everyone, but how many people in the world right now even acknowledge that? Approximately 33% - a lot less than half!

Gratitude is an attitude that needs to be learnt. Our sinful nature prevents us from being naturally grateful to our givers. But as we learn to recognise all the ways God provides for us, we start to see His goodness reflected in everything we have. We can learn to be grateful.

Matthew 5:45 tells us that "God makes His sun rise on the wicked and on the good, and makes the rain fall upon the upright and the wrongdoers alike". God does not just provide for those who worship Him, He gives to everyone because we are all His children. But how pleasing it must be when He hears words of praise and thanks from those who are grateful to Him. Let us teach our children to praise the Lord and thank Him for His goodness because His love endures forever and His mercies are renewed every morning.

Let us learn to say earnestly, "Thank you Jesus, You are enough and your grace is sufficient for me."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

**Belinda Ninah**

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### Karakia

*In Weeks 5 & 6 we will be praying for the following families*

| Term 3 | Week 5 | Week 6              |
|--------|--------|---------------------|
| Rāhina | Potter | Roil                |
| Rātū   | Rahul  | Shaw                |
| Rāapa  | Roa    | Shinu               |
| Rāpare | Roche  | Silva<br>Villacorta |
| Rāmere | Roche  | Sinapati            |

### Our Deep Hope

*Our students will encounter the heart of God, as they walk in a growing relationship with Him and with others, that inspires them to make a positive impact for His Kingdom*

# Sports Overnighter

Written by Ethan Bredenkamp, Room 4

It was an overcast day and we were at Matamata for Sports Overnighter. “Hello HAMSDA. Welcome to MCS. We will be going to an indoor sports arena soon” said a voice as we walked into a cramped room. We were walking to an indoor sports arena and it started to drizzle, so we all huddled under umbrellas while the teachers unlocked the door. As the door opened an alarm, loud enough to shatter glass sounded.

10 Minutes later...

The teachers have stopped the alarm and we have just finished a team building game. The names of the teams are Canada, North Korea, South Korea and a few more. Then there was a soccer world cup.

It was a tie between North and South Korea. Then there was a netball world cup. Chad won.

Everyone was having a blast, everyone made new friends, even me. I

think it was a great preparation for sports camp and all of us are so excited for sports camp now. The connection between the two schools was brilliant, there were no arguments, none. I think it was the best camp ever.



**Train up a child in the way they should go ...**



**PROVERBS 22:6**

**Even our littlest ones can be trained to love their learning, look at that focus!**

# Maori/ Pasifika Hui

Our recent Pasifika Hui was a meaningful "Talanoa Session" that provided an opportunity for our Pasifika families within our HAMSDA community to connect, engage, and share their perspectives. This gathering aimed to foster a sense of community among our families and to provide them with a platform to be informed about school activities and programs.

Five families attended the session, which had a great turnout. All enjoyed the open and supportive environment of the Talanoa Session. Families had the chance to voice any concerns or needs they had regarding the school's programs.

## Parents' Comments

- "The hui was very informative, and it was nice to meet and talk to other parents."
- "The school atmosphere and teachers are welcoming."
- "The school is safe and reflects God's character and our children love coming to school."

## Overall Remarks

The Pasifika Hui was a resounding success, enriching all who participated and strengthening the bond between our school and the Pasifika community. The overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents underscores the value of such gatherings. We are excited to continue these sessions, ensuring our families are supported, and their voices are heard.

Mrs Seini Vailea





Koru Class



Room 1

# PEPEHA DISPLAYS



Room 2



Room 3

# HamSDA PTA Newsletter

## Our PTA team

Term 2, 2024



**Kirsten Ockleston**  
President



**Tiffany Hodgson**  
Vice President



**Claire Bredenkamp**  
Treasurer



**Elrina Mills**  
Secretary



**Carla Padilla**  
Events



**Mrs Vailea**  
Staff liaison



**Mrs Craw**  
Staff liaison

**Other Committee Members:** Lisa Fletcher, Katie Hurlow, Kelsie Hunsaker

## What's new...

Staff liaison President

Welcome to our new treasurer, Claire Bredenkamp, who brings a wealth of knowledge and helps us streamline our reports now that we are an official charity. A huge thank you to Holly Odgers who's been in the role for eighteen months. We appreciate all you do for our school Holly!



### Save the Date!

- Saturday 21 September

*Can you or your business donate prizes?  
Please contact us!*

- More details to come...

### Did you know?

**If you purchase an Entertainment Book, the PTA will receive 20% of the price. Click [here](#) for the special link – there is currently a bonus offer.**

Would you like to donate funds? Our bank account is ASB: 12-3268-0040349-00

## 2024: Funds, achievements & plans

We have gifted our classes with items from their wish list. Teachers and students were very appreciative of these items. Thank you for supporting our fundraisers which enable us to serve our school in these tangible ways.

### \$2 Tuck shop Fridays

If you'd like to pre-pay for term 3 please transfer \$20 per child to our bank account 12-3268-0040349-00 by 24 July, with your child's name as reference. Or your child can bring a \$2 coin every Friday for a treat. We offer ice blocks, chips, pretzels, healthy chocolate brownies with hidden vegetables (don't tell the kids!) and more!

### Nothing Naughty Protein Bars Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our second Nothing Naughty protein bar fundraiser. We sold 100 boxes! Your orders will soon be delivered.

### Want to help?

Our next meeting is 31 July at 3:15pm at school. Please join us!  
Ideas and comments? Email us at [pta@hamsda.school.nz](mailto:pta@hamsda.school.nz)

**Blessings, from your PTA team**

Friday, 5th July

Upcoming events and important info...



## Praying for Families

Every morning, our staff team pray for a family in our school community. We invite you to join us in praying for families listed on the front of the newsletter.

If it is your families turn for prayer and you have a specific prayer request, please email your request to the school office and we pray specifically for it.



## Friday Tuck Shop

Every Friday, the PTA runs a small tuck shop to raise money for a number of initiatives that support the school.

Cost: \$2 each.



## Room 4 Sports Camp

**When:** Monday 26th August - Friday 30th August

**Where:** Totara Springs

**Depart:** Leave school at 9.00 am

**Dress:** School Sports Uniform

**More information will be sent home in Week 5 of Term 3**

## Country Zone Cross Country



**When:** Thursday, 5th September

**Where:** Tamahere Country Model School

**Time:** Arrive by 9:30 am

**Dress:** School sports uniform, must wear running shoes

**Bring:** Large drink bottle, Jumper, Rain coat



## PTA Quiz Night

Saturday 21 September at Hamilton Central Church (Palmerston Street).

Can you or your business donate prizes? Please contact Kirsten for more details.

*"Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai"*

*Nurture the seed and it will blossom*



# Displaying Our Values



**RESPECT. RESPONSIBILIY. RESILIENCE.**

## Important Dates

### Coming up in Term 3

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Mon, 26th Aug                 | School Board Meeting, 6.30pm in Room 1    |
| Mon - Fri,<br>26th - 30th Aug | Intermediate Sports Camp - Totara springs |
| Thurs, 5th Sept               | Zone Cross Country - Tamahere School      |
| Wed, 11th Sept                | PTA Meeting, 3.15pm in Room 1             |

### *Matthew 6:26*

*Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?*

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