

Term 4 Week 4



Hamilton
Seventh-day Adventist School
Educating For Eternity

Friday, 8th November
Rāmere, 8 Noema

Journey to the Cross



Kia Ora HAMSDA Community,

High in the Dolomite ranges there is a beautiful stretch of road called Snake Road (pictured on the left) that winds upwards towards Passo Giau. Like many of the mountain passes in the Alp ranges, these roads wind along steep and treacherous mountainsides that are certainly not for the fainthearted. In many cases, the easiest way to reach your destination would be to drive through the many tunnels that are usually as straight as an arrow and reduce the traveling time by close to an hour or more.

While you may reach your destination sooner, you will miss out on the spectacular moments that take your breath away and make the journey so much more engaging and meaningful.

In many ways, life is like Snake Road. We would like our journey to achieving our goals to be direct, timely, and painless. However, it is through the twists and turns, the highs and the lows, that we grow and experience real meaning and purpose along the journey.

Therefore, wherever your life's journey is currently taking you, lean into the corners and take in the view. It may be a painful view, it may be a beautiful view, but always remember that each corner brings you closer to arriving at your destination.

“Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” - James 1:4

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Karakia

Over the next two weeks we will be praying for the following families

Term 4	Week 5	Week 6
Rāhina	Galdames	Hunsaker
Rātū	Gardyne	Hurlow
Rāapa	Goodare	King
Rāpare	Grbin	Nabanisau
Rāmere	Hodgson	Nordau Viana

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



Wednesday Technology Bus

On Wednesdays, you will have noticed a large bus in the school car park when you're dropping your kids off in the morning. The bus driver has kindly asked that if you see him reversing into the car park, please wait until he is parked before leaving or entering the school car park. That way, he can reverse in without interruption and have minimal impact on traffic leaving and entering the car park.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Chess & Speech Competition

A group of Year 5-8 students participated in the annual Chess & Speech Competition held at Rotorua BC Chapman

Our Speech teams represented our school well with speeches that were well rehearsed with engaging topics.

Our Chess teams competed in a knock-out style tournament and played against a range of competitors including a team game against the 'Grand Master'.

A huge congratulations to Isabelle Roche who claimed 3rd Place after 3-way play-off for first place.



Under 11 Futsal Team

Our Under 11 Futsal team have had a great start in the WaiBop Futsal league and are unbeaten in three games so far. The team won their first game 3-1, drew their second game 7-7, and won their latest game, 8-1.

In today's game, their opponents had a great start and fired the ball past our goalie after intercepting a pass. Our team responded well, finishing the first half with a 3-1 lead. HamSDA grew in confidence as the game continued, closing out a 8-1. Well done team!

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2 Corinthians 8:21



Term 3 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

55%

Compared to 48% in Term 3, 2023

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

1. (M) Illness / Medical Absence 58%
2. (J) Justified (other) 22%
3. (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 15%
4. (G) Holiday 3%
5. (T) Unexplained / Trivial 2%

How many students were on time to class?

48% of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.

Attendance Summary

Overall, our school attendance in Term 3 was down from 75% in Term 2 to 55% in Term 3. When we look at the above data, 58% of absences were due to Medical reasons and another 22% were for justifiable reasons. Therefore 80% of all absences in Term 3 were justified.

From next year, schools will be expected to take a hardline approach to attendance with absences of greater than 5 days a term resulting in action to be taken that can range from a discussion with whānau to engagement with an outside agency (15 or more days absent per term) if school-wide actions don't result in a students change in school attendance.

Lateness, an ongoing Challenge

According to the data provided to us, only 48% of students currently turn up to class on time regularly. Over the next few weeks, we will be closely monitoring lateness to try to understand the reasons behind it and to work in partnership with whānau to reverse the current trend.

Research shows that arriving at school at least 5 minutes before the bell allows your child time to connect with their friends before school starts and settle in to start the day.



Kids Art PTA Fundraiser

Over the next few weeks, we will be sending out information on how to order your child's artwork cards, drawing pads, notebooks, etc.

These are great gift ideas for loved ones and for your kids.

More information to be sent out once they are ready to be ordered.

Due to recent absences, some students won't have any artwork to order.

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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.



Choir @ Lighting Christmas Tree

When: Saturday Evening, 30th November

Where: Garden Place, Central Hamilton

Time: 8 pm onwards (Please be there by 7.45 pm)

Who: School Choir

Dress: Formal School Uniform

This Christmas Event involves mostly secular Christmas performances, however, it presents our school with an opportunity to let our light shine by sharing Jesus' birth and his gift of salvation, in a season that has become less and less about Him.



Cultural Celebration Evening

When: Tuesday, 10th December

Time: 6 pm Cultural Dinner, 7 pm Cultural items begin

Who: All families connected to our Kura

Dress: In your Cultural best

Bring: Cultural food to share

Share the beauty of your culture by presenting a Cultural item either as a cultural group, family, or individual. Bring your favorite cultural dish and enjoy tastes and flavours from around the world.

Please let Mr. Hurlow know by email principal@hamsda.school.nz if you would like to present a cultural item.

“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”

Nurture the seed and it will blossom



Displaying Our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILIY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates

During Week 5 & 6

Tues, 19th Nov	Education Review Office on site
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Coming up in Term 3

Mon, 25th Nov	School Board Meeting in Room 1 at 6.30pm
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Sat, 30th Nov	Choir Singing at the Lighting of The Christmas Tree in Hamilton - Garden Place
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Wed, 4th Dec	PTA Meeting @ 3.15pm in Room 1
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Sun, 8th Dec	Weetbix Tryathlon
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Tue, 10th Dec	Cultural Celebration Evening starting at 6 pm (Items start at 7 pm) at HamSDA
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Thurs, 12th Dec	Room 4 Leadership Appreciation - TA Pools
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Thu, 19th Dec	Praise Giving
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