

Term 4 Week 8



Hamilton
Seventh-day Adventist School
Educating For Eternity

Friday, 6th December
Rāmere, 6 Hakihea

Light of the Christmas Tree



As of the 1st of December, the countdown to Christmas has started in many households, mine included. While we anticipate celebrating the birth of Jesus, I can't help but wonder what it must have been like for the people of Israel anticipating His birth.

After 400 years of having no prophetic voice, referred to as the 'silent years', the people of Israel were living in darkness under the oppression of the Roman Empire. But even after Jesus' birth, John 1:5 tells us that the Light shone in the darkness, "and the darkness had not comprehended it".

Today, the event that should have Jesus at the front and center has become more secular and commercialised. Our society and culture at large no longer comprehend the Light, especially at this time of year. It was, therefore, a great blessing for our school choir to be invited to sing at this year's 'Lighting of the Christmas Tree' held last Saturday night at Garden Place. It was a great opportunity to shine the light of Jesus' birth and His gift of salvation during this festive season.

We are extremely grateful to Holly Odgers, who not only led our choir, but invited our choir to sing, and placed our school at the forefront of this community event. Thank you to those who came out in the rain to support our tamariki as they lifted their voices and witnessed to THE Light of the Christmas Tree.

Karakia

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

Term 4	Week 9	Week 10
Rāhina	Roa	Silva Villacorta
Rātū	Roche	Sinapati
Rāapa	Roil	Susan Binu
Rāpare	Shaw	Ta'Afi
Rāmere	Shinu	Tambawoga

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

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Special Visit

On Wednesday, we had a very special visit from two very special people. It was so good to see Mrs. Craw again, but the real highlight was meeting little Tessa Rose, who really stole the show and the hearts of our staff team and students.

Congratulations Mrs. Craw and Caden, what a beautiful blessing to you both. We pray for the Lord's blessing over you both, as new parents, and also over the precious role that you are already playing, raising your daughter in an environment of love and care.

The journey of parenting is a wild one at times, but the joy a child brings is everlasting!

Year 8 Celebrations

On Tuesday, the Year 8's enjoyed an afternoon of water-based fun as they celebrated their journey at Hamilton SDA School.

Thank you Owen and Yvonne for taking time out to create an afternoon that will linger in their memories for a long time.



Increased Bus Capacity - Don't miss out

Over the last couple of years, we have been hoping that the Ministry of Education would put on a bus route for our school, but we have been told that this is no longer going to be considered.

The school board has decided to look at purchasing a larger bus to increase the capability of serving the needs of our school community. If you would like to access the school bus in 2025, please indicate your interest by completing this short survey.

<https://www.menti.com/alk69fgid8tc>



"For we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man."

2 Corinthians 8:21



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.



Praise Giving

When: Thursday, 19th December

Year 0 - 4: 1.45pm at School

Year 5 - 8: 6.00 pm at Hamilton Central SDA Church (58 Palmerston Street, Hamilton Central)

Dress: In your formal school uniform

Please come along and join us as we end the year by celebrating the students and their learning progress.



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

What to Bring?

- Cultural food to share (Please list allergens i.e. nuts, egg, dairy)
- Own plates and cutlery (Reduces rubbish)
- Take away container for your of if there are leftovers

Please email Mr. Hurlow the name of your cultural item and the musical track if you are using one - principal@hamsda.school.nz

“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”

Nurture the seed and it will blossom



Displaying Our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates

During Week 9 & 10

Sun, 8th Dec	Weetbix Tryathlon
Tue, 10th Dec	Cultural Celebration Evening starting at 6 pm (Items start at 7 pm) at HamSDA
Thurs, 12th Dec	Room 4 Leadership Appreciation - TA Pools
Thu, 19th Dec	Praise Giving - Y0-4 at 1.45pm @ School , Y5-8 at 6pm @ Hamilton SDA Central Church
Fri, 20th Dec	Last Day of School

Coming up in 2025

Mon, 3rd Feb	Start of the 2025 School Year
Friday, 7th Feb	Teacher Only Day (Waitangi Day on 6th Feb)
Wed, 26th March	Athletics Day @ Porrit Stadium (Year 3-8 students)

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