

Term 4
Week 10

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Hamilton

Seventh-day Adventist School

Educating For Eternity

Friday, 20th December

Rāmere, 20 Hakihea

Merry Christmas

The end of the school year is always a bittersweet time for those working in education. Sweet because it is an opportunity to celebrate the end of the school year with all of its successes and challenges, but bitter because we have to farewell our students who are moving on to high school. While we farewell some, we eagerly anticipate the start of the next school year when we get to welcome a whole new group of students who will begin their HamSDA School journey.

Whether your child is returning for the next school year, or starting at HamSDA School for the first time, it is important to remember that partnership sits at the heart of a positive school year experience. Together, we are working in partnership to support the learning, growth, and development of your child as they journey both academically, socially, and spiritually. A key part of that is keeping the lines of communication open with your child's teacher. There will be things that your child shares with you that our staff team is not aware of. There is a saying that goes like this, "Children are great recorders of information, but poor interpreters of that information". At these times, it is important to check in with your child's teacher to ensure that they are aware of what is going on for your child or what has been perceived.

This also applies to situations where your child is feeling excluded, picked on, or hurt by others. We will always take these concerns seriously and address them quickly, but we can only do this if we are aware of it. In our broken world, there are times when people say things, do things or perceive things that cause hurt and pain. While conflict in relationships is unavoidable, we will always work with those involved to resolve and restore these relationships. This sits at the heart of our own experience with God, and while the Bible is filled with stories of brokenness, the hope of redemption and restoration through grace, love, and mercy is revealed.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Hamilton SDA School.

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Matthew 5:16

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

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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Cultural Celebration

Thank you for all of those that contributed to our cultural celebration. It truly was a foretaste of what heaven will be like. The food, the costumes, the performances were all outstanding. Thank you!



Praise Giving

A big thank you to those that come and supported our Praise Givings this year. It was a great blessing to journey with your kids this year and we enjoyed celebrating their learning together.

It was sad to farewell our Year 8's and we enjoyed them sharing a small part of their HamSDA experience.



"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



eTap App

Next year, due to the increased in cost of using the platform, we will no longer be using Seesaw as a tool to build connections with families and communicate through notices and newsletters.

This will all take place through the eTap @School App. More information regarding the App will be sent to you in the Start of the Year school letter that gets mailed in January.

Through this App you will be able to:

- Communicate Absences and track attendance percentages
- Access Newsletters and notices
- Communicate with your child's teacher
- See your child's learning progress over time



Uniform Shop - Hamilton

All school uniforms are available from the Hamilton NZ Uniform shop or online ([Click Here](#)).

Address: 244 Tristram Street, Hamilton The best time to go is early to mid-January. Avoid late January to miss the large queues.

Music Lessons with Christian

Lessons will be held weekly for students who attend Hamilton SDA School. They will take place on a Friday during school time.

Individual Lessons: Guitar, Bass, Ukulele

Cost: \$17 for 15 minutes

\$30 for 30 minutes

Group Ukulele Lessons:

Cost: \$15 per student for 30 minutes

A promotional graphic for music lessons. It features a dark background with a grid of white dots. On the left, the text 'MUSIC LESSONS' is written in a yellow, serif font. Below it, in a smaller white font, is 'Weekly individual and group lessons for SDA students in 2025.' Underneath that, the words 'Guitar', 'Bass', and 'Ukulele' are listed in a yellow, cursive font. At the bottom left, there is a yellow button with the text 'MORE INFORMATION:' in black. Below the button, the email address 'christianquimelli@gmail.com' and the phone number '022 509 7871' are listed in white. On the right side of the graphic, there is a close-up photograph of a person's hands playing a guitar.

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>

“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”

Nurture the seed and it will blossom



Displaying Our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates

Coming up in 2025

Mon, 3rd Feb	Start of the 2025 School Year
Thursday, 6th Feb	Waitangi Day
Friday, 7th Feb	Teacher Only Day (Curriculum Refresh PLD)
Monday, 24th Feb	School Board Meeting @ 6.30pm at School
Thursday, 6th Mar	Zone Swimming @ Tamahere School
Tuesday, 11th Mar	Junior Tabloids
Friday, 21st Mar	Teacher Only Day (Curriculum Refresh PLD)
Wed, 26th Mar	Athletics Day @ Porrit Stadium (Year 3-8 students)
Monday, 31st Mar	School Board Meeting @ 6.30pm at School

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