

Term 4 Week 2



Hamilton
Seventh-day Adventist School
Educating For Eternity

Friday, 25th October
Rāmere, 25 Oketopa

Journey to the Cross

Kia Ora HAMSDA Community,

It has been a great few weeks back in New Zealand and back at school. I didn't realise how much I loved being in this space until I returned and it dawned on me how much I had missed our school and community. Thank you for your warm welcome back!

While we were traveling through the Alps and Dolomites we came across something that you don't see in New Zealand. Along many trails we came across what looked like shrines, depicting Jesus on a cross, Jesus carrying a cross, Jesus being nailed to the cross, and many more scenes.

We soon learned that these 'shrines', depicting the 14 stages of the cross, were erected as places of reflection and contemplation. As you journeyed up the mountain trail, you could stop and reflect on the final days of Jesus as he journeyed to the cross.



'The Journey' has been our theme in worship this year, and this term our focus is on Jesus' journey to the Cross.

Our deep hope is that as students reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross, they will see the beauty of God's heart and his stance toward us as echoed in 2 Sam 14:14...

"...He devises ways that a banished person does not remain banished from Him."

Shaun Hurlow

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Karakia

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

Term 4	Week 3	Week 4
Rāhina	Knox	McClean-Lowen
Rātū	Kondrote	Metotisi
Rāapa	Males Solis	Meurant
Rāpare	Miriam Prince	Mills
Rāmere	McConchie	Moore

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

Important Reminder

There is no school tomorrow. The Ministry of Education has provided schools with days designated for Professional Development for unpacking the changes to the NZ Curriculum, expected to be in place for the start of the 2025 school year.

Enjoy an extra long long weekend.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

**This Friday -
NO SCHOOL**

**Public Holiday on Monday too - See you
all on Tuesday!**



School Uniform Update

School uniforms are now available at the Hamilton **NZ Uniform** store.

Address: 244 Tristram Street, Hamilton Central

Website: <https://seventhdayadventist.nzuniforms.com>

The best time to buy a uniform for 2025 will be in early January before the back-to-school rush. Try and avoid buying uniforms in the week before school starts.



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.

*"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.



School Photo's

When: Monday. 4th November

Dress: Full FORMAL School Uniform

Just a reminder to ensure that all uniform is clean and tidy and students are dressed in their Formal School Uniform for photos.
(Not in their Sports Uniform)



Chess & Speech Competition

When: Friday, 8th November

Time: Depart School at 7.45 am

Who: Year 5-8 Students who are on the team

Dress: Full FORMAL School Uniform

Bring: Packed lunch and a large drink bottle

Students should be back at school by 3.30 pm.

Year 8 Immunisations

The Public Health Nurses will be at school on **Thursday 7th November** to provide dose 2 of the HPV immunisation for the Year 8 students whose parents/caregivers consented earlier in the year. If your child is absent, a catch-up will be planned within 3 weeks.

If parents have any queries or changes contact the Public Health Nurse directly:

Diana Loft

Diana.loft@waikatodhb.health.nz

“Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai”

Nurture the seed and it will blossom



Displaying Our Values



RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.

Important Dates

During Week 3 & 4

Mon, 28th Oct	No School - Labour Day
Mon, 4th Nov	School & Class Photos - Formal School Uniform
Mon, 4th Nov	School Board Meeting in Room 1 at 6.30pm
Fri, 8th Nov	Chess & Speech Competition - Rotorua (Year 5-8 Team)

Coming up in Term 3

Mon, 25th Nov	School Board Meeting in Room 1 at 6.30pm
Sat, 30th Nov	Choir Singing at the Lighting of The Christmas Tree in Hamilton - Garden Place
Tue, 10th Dec	Cultural Celebration Evening starting at 6 pm (Items start at 7 pm) at HamSDA
Thu, 19th Dec	Praise Giving

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