

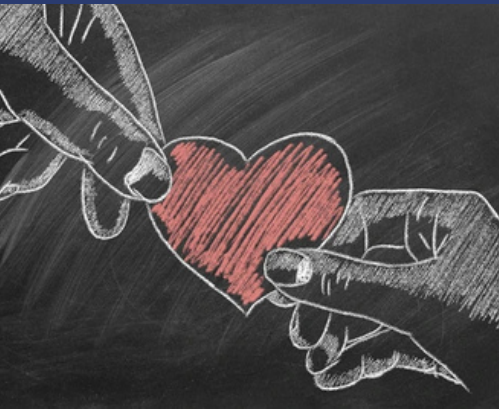
Term 4 Week 6



Hamilton
Seventh-day Adventist School
Educating For Eternity

Friday, 22nd November
Rāmere, 22 Noema

Kingdom of Mercy



Karakia

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

Term 4	Week 7	Week 8
Rāhina	O'Dea	Ordonez
Rātū	Ockleston	Paul
Rāapa	Odgers	Peter
Rāpare	Oliveti	Potter
Rāmere	Onedin	Rahul

Kia Ora HAMSDA Community,

Over the last few weeks, I have been enjoying sinking my teeth into the teachings of Matthew 5 - 7, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, and I have learned quite a few new things about this passage of scripture, one of which I would like to share.

When Jesus shared what is known as the 'Lord's Prayer' in Matt 6:9-13, I didn't realise that this prayer was very familiar to the Jews. Records have shown that this prayer, called the *Amidah* or the 'standing prayer' has been used among the Jewish nation as far back as 500 BC.

So when Jesus told his audience, "This is how you should pray", the Jews would have recognised the prayer immediately except for one line. When quoting the Lord's Prayer, Jesus added the following line, "***As we forgive those who have sinned against us.***" Then in verses 14 and 15, he continues to unpack that idea.

This idea continues to be echoed through most of the Sermon on the Mount:

- *Blessed are the merciful, they will be shown mercy (5:7)*
- *Judge not, that you not be judged (7:1)*
- *Do to others as you want them to do to you (7:12)*

Jesus is communicating here that mercy is key to being part of His Kingdom. In His great mercy, he has given us unmerited forgiveness and asks us to live out His Kingdom by doing the same for others.

Shaun Hurlow
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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

Education Review Office Visit

On Tuesday, 19th November, we had the Education Review Office on-site evaluation of our school. This involved observing lessons taught by each of our teaching staff, examining school procedures, and checking through the many areas of compliance.

Matthew Ockleston, the presiding member of the school board, and I had the opportunity to hear the positive feedback from our ERO reviewer.

She specifically highlighted the overall school atmosphere, emphasizing the safe and nurturing learning environment, as well as the politeness, engagement, and helpfulness of the students. She viewed these as key strengths and clear indicators of the school's high achievement. It was evident that she was deeply impressed by what she experienced and the supportive environment she witnessed, which seemed to leave a lasting impact on her.

She also praised the quality of resources available for teaching, the displays of student work, the variety of learning styles, and the teaching practices that she observed.

This feedback is incredibly affirming for our staff team and the love and energy they pour into their classrooms and students.

Thank you for your great support and for entrusting us with your most precious treasures.

Kids Art PTA Fundraiser

You will have received information regarding ordering your child's art work as part of our PTA Fundraiser.

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

Orders need to be made by no later than Monday, 25th November.

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



"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.



Choir @ Lighting Christmas Tree

When: Saturday Evening, 30th November

Where: Garden Place, Central Hamilton

Time: 8 pm onwards (Please be there by 7.15 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 7 & 8

Mon, 25th Nov	School Board Meeting in Room 1 at 6.30pm
Sat, 30th Nov	Choir Singing @ the Lighting of The Christmas Tree in Hamilton - Garden Place
Wed, 4th Dec	PTA Meeting @ 3.15pm in Room 1

Coming up in Term 3

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
Fri, 20th Dec	Last Day of School

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