



# NEWSLETTER

11 FEBRUARY 2026



**GODLINESS**  
Love  
Patience  
Integrity  
Humility

## Theme

"God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them." 1 John 4:16 (NLT)

### Term 1

**Kia ora Whānau!**

Welcome to 2026! I trust that you all enjoyed quality whānau time during the holiday break. It's wonderful to see many of our tamariki attend the start of the new school year and earnest to discover new learning and blessings. We have had up to 93% attendance so far and hope this will continue to improve and be as consistent as possible.

Teachers have planned a range of engaging learning activities to support tamariki. It is very important your child arrives on time each morning so they can receive the best start to their day.

I look forward to working alongside you throughout this new year for the benefit of our amazing tamariki.

Uaina Leuluai  
Tumuaki - Principal

**"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."** Philippians 4:4

### New Students:

Welcome to our new students Johnny, Jane, Jireh, Sophia, Asher, Loloma, Nafanua, Charlie, Jimmy, MJ, and Robert and all of their whānau. We're excited to have you join our school community and look forward to getting to know you!



Left to right:  
Top row - Johnny, Jane, Jireh, Sophia  
Middle row - Asher, Loloma, Nafanua,  
Bottom row - Charlie, Jimmy, MJ, Robert



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## School Values

**Godliness** - Love, Patience, Integrity, Humility

**Relationships** - Kindness, Inclusion, Respect, Service

**Ownership** - Honesty, Commitment, Perseverance, Excellence

**Wisdom** - Discretion, Initiative, Responsibility, Thinking

Our School Values are an important part of school life which helps to create a harmonious and appropriate learning environment congruous for optimum learning. These are also covered during our special whole school weekly God Connection lessons presented by our school Chaplain, Pr Kwan Matautia, staff, students or Pastors. To support tamariki further, we encourage you to spend daily whānau time including these values, as some of you are in the habit of doing during family worship, meal times and activities.

## New Playground

We are very grateful to have a new playground and give honour and glory to God. Thanks to whānau who attended our blessing ceremony and to Ponsettia Paniolo was chosen to cut the ribbon and is now in Year 8 and has attended WSDA School the longest. Thanks to Playco & the many contractors for their hard work in providing and installing the playground and a special thanks to Lower Hutt SDA Church for their contribution and past leaders for their diligent management of funds. Our students enjoyed their first play on the playground and cupcake 😊



Ruma Piwakawaka Iti - Miss Mpunzi  
Year 0 & 1



Ruma Piwakawaka Nui - Mrs Ugapo  
Year 1 & 2



Ruma Pukeko - Mrs Huse  
Year 3 & 4



Ruma Tui - Mrs MacDonald  
Year 5 & 6



Ruma Kererū - Ms Makuza  
Year 7 & 8





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## Prepared for School

### Uniform

Many students are wearing the correct uniform and we understand a few are waiting for NZ Uniform orders to arrive. Please label all of your child's uniform pieces. Students will be asked to stay in the shaded areas if they do not have a hat when outside after 10am.



### Water

We are a water only school. Students should have their own labelled water bottle.

### Food

While school lunches are provided daily and fruit for morning tea time, students who bring their own to school and are reminded to please ensure no pork or shellfish, sweets, chocolates, big packets of chippies are included. From time to time teachers will provide treats as part of school programmes.



### Term Dates:

Term 1 - Monday 2 February to Thursday 2 April  
Term 2 - Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July  
Term 3 - Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September  
Term 4 - Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December

### School information can be found on...



Skool Loop app



School Facebook



School Website

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Board Meeting - Monday 16 February

You are welcome to attend and observe the meeting at 5pm.

### Non-stop Cricket - Tuesday 17 February

For selected Year 3-8 students to be held at Onepoto park in Titahi Bay.

### Meet and Greet Picnic - Thursday 19 February

Sharing of Learning expectations begins at 6pm at School.

### Football - Tuesday 3 March

For all Yr 1 & 2 students in Ruma Piwakawaka Iti & Nui.

### Girls Futsal - Monday 16 March

For Yr 3 to 8 girls only at Te Rauparaha Arena.

## REMINDERS

### School Starts

The first bell rings at 8.50am. Classes are open at 8.30am.

### After School Pick Up

Please be prompt for pick up. School finishes at 2.50pm. Students should be picked up no later than 3.15pm. Please call the office if you are running late.

### School Fees

Thank you to parents/caregivers who kept up to date with school fees in 2025. For any overdue fees, please arrange to pay this as soon as possible and ensure a payment arrangement is made for this year.

# Our New Playground

