



SCHOOL Newsletter

WAITAKERE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL

VISION: Nurturing successful leaders empowered to serve in preparation for Eternity

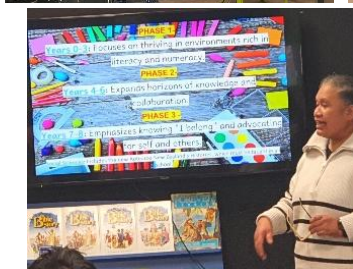
VALUES: C. A. R. E. Care ~ Attitude ~ Respect ~ Excellence

Term 3

Newsletter #2

8 August 2025

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR PARENTS' HUI



We were encouraged by the strong turnout at our recent Parents' Hui. It was wonderful to see so many of you showing interest and support for our school—a timely engagement as we move towards the upcoming Board Election. We also hope the teachers' presentation on *The Refreshed Curriculum* helped provide insight into how teaching and learning are evolving. As we prepare for full implementation in 2026, it's important that our parent community stays informed and involved in these developments. Thank you again for taking the time to join us. Your partnership makes a real difference.

BOARD ELECTION

The School Board election process is well underway. Nominations closed at 12 noon on Wednesday 6 August.

What's next?: We have received more nominations than we have vacancies, which is fantastic! Our election will move to the voting phase. Voting information will be sent to all people on our school electoral roll on Wednesday 13th August. It will be sent via email address or by post to those who don't have email. The school electoral roll is available to view in the front office. Thank you for your continued support.

UNIFORMS

We've noticed an increasing number of non-uniform items being worn to school recently. School uniform items can be purchased online from School Uniform.

- **Tracksuit pants are not part of the school uniform. Socks and tights should only be plain white or black. No patterns or stripes please.**
- **Jewellery is not part of school uniform.**
- **Shoes are black.**
- **No sandals with socks are to be worn.**

Smart school uniform is part of our school values.

REMINDER: ATTENDANCE DUES

We kindly remind families of the importance of keeping up to date with attendance dues, as these contribute to the ongoing support and operation of our school. A few accounts remain outstanding—if you have any questions or would like to discuss your account, please contact the office to arrange a time to speak with the Principal. Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY TO SCHOOL

Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning and overall progress at school. While our overall attendance rate is looking positive, we have noticed a few students with frequent absences, as well as some arriving very late — sometimes as late as 10:15am. Just a friendly reminder: school begins at **9:00am**, and it's important for students to be here on time so they can start the day with worship and time with God.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

MOTAT School Excursion

Monday, 18th August – watch this space. More details later.

SAFETY AWARENESS VISIT – CONSTABLE JEN BURGESS

We are pleased to inform our school community that Constable Jen Burgess will be visiting our upcoming school assembly to deliver a Safety Awareness Programme. This presentation is designed to support our students' understanding of personal safety in a range of situations. We look forward to this valuable opportunity to reinforce important safety messages in a meaningful and age-appropriate way. Tuesday, 19th, Wednesday 20th and Monday 25th August 9:45 to 10:45.

THE SAILOR ASTHMA SHOW WITH ASTHMA & RESPIRATORY FOUNDATION SCHOOL VISIT

15 August - the show is about raising awareness in schools and educating children about asthma in a fun and entertaining way. It explains what asthma is, includes tips on how to manage asthma, common asthma triggers, and also what to do in an asthma emergency.

CURRICULUM DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY, 11TH AUGUST

Please note that school will be closed on **Monday, 11th August** for a **Curriculum Day**. On this day, our teachers will be engaged in professional learning and development focused on strengthening the teaching of mathematics across the school. This valuable time allows staff to deepen their understanding and improve classroom practice to better support student learning. We appreciate your support and understanding.



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INQUIRY LEARNING: "MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU"

This term, our students are exploring the exciting world of forces through our inquiry topic *"May the Force Be With You."* We are investigating how forces like push, pull, friction, and gravity work in our everyday lives. Get ready for some hands-on learning and curious questions at home! Children have been asked to bring some materials from home. At the end of the term, we will be sharing our learning. Watch this space.

LEARNING COME ALIVE

As I visited different classrooms, I was encouraged to see teachers and students actively engaged, interacting, and collaborating in ways that reflect our Strategic Goal #3: *All students will be motivated and engaged to reach their fullest academic potential.*

ROOM 1 WITH MRS. SOUZA: Structured Literacy is thriving in this classroom. Well done, Room 1 — keep up the great work and never give up!



ROOM 2 WITH MRS TAMARUA - Students are exploring the culture of Kiribati by writing acrostic poems and reading Kiribati stories to deepen their understanding. Here's Andrew Lu's Acrostic Poem

I SEE SMALL ATOLLS LYING IN THE OCEAN.



I HEAR WAVES CRASHING ON THE SOFT SAND.



I HEAR YUMMY FISH BEING COOKED IN FIRE.



I FEEL SOFT COTTONY STUFF AS I TOUCH BREADFRUIT.



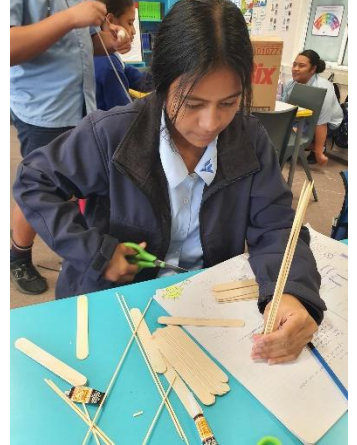
I TASTE THE YUMMY COCONUT WHILE THE WHITE MEAT SOFTLY CRUNCHES IN MY MOUTH.



Kiribati is very cool but if I were you, I would definitely bring clothes that are for summer as it is very hot in Kiribati.
By: Andrew Lu

ROOM 3 WITH MRS MBOFANA

Senior students have begun their projects on forces, using everyday materials to create models that demonstrate how push, pull, friction, or gravity work.



GALATIANS 6:9

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Have a blessed Sabbath,
Rosalina Fautua
Principal

