AMANA TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

WEEK 8 • 2026

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." - Psalm 24:1

This Years Devotional Topics:

God is a God of Unity – God is All-Powerful – God is Holy and Pure – God is the Owner of the Earth

Throughout this school year, we have explored four important biblical themes, one in each term, helping our students to deepen their understanding of who God is and how His character shapes the way we live.
In Term 1, we learned that **God is a God of Unity**. God brings people together in love and wants us to live in unity with one another. As members of God's family, we are called to show kindness, forgiveness, respect and encouragement, valuing each person as someone created by Him.
In Term 2, we focused on **God is All-Powerful**. God is almighty, and nothing is impossible for Him. He created the heavens and the earth, sustains all things and is always greater than any challenge we may face.
In Term 3, we explored the theme **God is Holy and Pure**. God is perfectly holy, righteous and pure, without any sin or imperfection. He calls us to live holy lives too, making choices that honour Him in our thoughts, words and actions.
Finally, in Term 4, we learned that **God is the Owner of the Earth**. Everything belongs to God because He created the earth and everything in it. We are entrusted with His creation and are called to care for it responsibly, showing gratitude and good stewardship.
Through these four themes, we have been encouraged to recognise God's character, grow in our faith and understand how we can reflect His values in our everyday lives.

Reflection of the Year

Changes in staff: farewell to Mrs Franciele Thiesen in the Junior classroom after 18 months of relentless commitment – welcome to Mrs Hilletje du Plessis as teacher in the Junior classroom at the beginning of Term 4 and welcome to her son Hendri as student in the Senior classroom

Thank you very much to Graham Knauf for supporting individual students in their learning endeavours and making a huge difference in their lives. Thank you to his wife Sue to spare him for some hours almost every morning.

Throughout the year, we have been blessed to welcome many special guests who have shared their knowledge, experiences and talents with our students. These included Nic Blackie from Thinking Matters, Regan Horrell sharing magazine design tips, Joy McRae speaking about her fascinating life in Russia, and a visit from the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra. We are very grateful to all who have contributed to our students' learning.
It has also been a blessing to see students leading devotions and sharing personal testimonies. We are delighted to welcome Roland Green as our new school chaplain.

Beyond the Classroom

There have been many wonderful opportunities for learning, service and community involvement, including:
Friends & Neighbours: Wonderful student performances and a devotion from Graham Ashby, Brooklands Village: A special community visit. Silverstream Planting: Contributing to our local Mosgiel community. Moana Nui Festival: Taking part in the festival and fundraising. Polyfest: Celebrating culture through joyful dancing and beautiful, unique costumes.
Dunedin Art Gallery: Exploring and appreciating art. Lawrence Trip: Discovering more about Otago's history.

Sport, Health & Wellbeing

Our students have enjoyed a busy sporting year, participating in cross country, athletics, touch rugby, volleyball and hockey. Through our Move It initiative, students have also been encouraged to walk or bike to school, promoting healthy and active lifestyles.
We have also placed an emphasis on healthy eating, encouraging students to make nutritious choices for their morning tea and lunches and develop positive habits for their overall wellbeing.
We are thankful to God for the many opportunities, experiences and people who have made this year so special, helping our students learn, grow, serve and develop their gifts.

God Bless You, Mrs Magens ♡

AMANA TERM 4 CALENDAR

KEY DATES/EVENTS TO NOTE!

TERM 4 2026



BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish all our students and staff who have celebrated a birthday this term a very happy birthday! May God bless you with a wonderful year ahead, filled with joy, love and many special moments.



GRADUATIONS

🎓 Congratulations, Jacqui King!
Congratulations to Jacqui King on her graduation! Well done, Jacqui!

NOVEMBER 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
16	17	18	19 Otago Athletics Champs	20 School Photos (Onsite)
Parent Teacher Interviews (Onsite) 16 – 27 November				
23	24	25	26 TCSAI AGM 7:00 pm	27 DL Supervisor Input Deadline (Semester reports)

DECEMBER 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1 DL Parent Moderation Deadline	2	3	4 A Very Taieri Christmas 4:00 – 8:00 pm
7	8	9	10 Liberton School Church Service	11
14 Otago Museum Sleep Over	15 AM – Picnic at Park 4:00 pm Church Service 5:30 pm Bring & Share School Dinner 5:45 pm Final Whole School Assembly (Onsite & Zoom)	16 Half Day (Onsite Mosgiel)	17	18

EVENT SUMMARY – TERM 4

16 – 27 Nov	Parent Teacher Interviews (Onsite)
Thu 19 Nov	Otago Athletics Champs
Fri 20 Nov	School Photos (Onsite)
Thu 26 Nov	TCSAI AGM – 7:00 pm
Fri 27 Nov	DL Supervisor Input Deadline (Semester reports)
Tue 1 Dec	DL Parent Moderation Deadline
Fri 4 Dec	A Very Taieri Christmas – 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Thu 10 Dec	Liberton School Church Service
Mon 14 Dec	Otago Museum Sleep Over
Tue 15 Dec	Picnic at Park (AM), Church Service (4:00 pm), Bring & Share School Dinner (5:30 pm), Final Whole School Assembly (5:45 pm)
Wed 16 Dec	Half Day (Onsite Mosgiel)

NEXT YEAR

Term 1, 2027
Mon, 1 Feb 2027 – Fri, 9 Apr 2027

TCSAI Annual General Meeting

Parents, Staff, TCSAI Members, Council Members and Trust Members are warmly invited to attend the TCSAI Annual General Meeting.

Thursday 26 November 2026 | 7:00 pm | 14 Gordon Road

Zoom Option Available

For those unable to attend in person, a Zoom link will also be available.

We appreciate your understanding regarding the late notice and look forward to your attendance.

As we approach the end of another school year, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our families, students, staff and wider school community for your continued support and contribution throughout the year. May God bless you and your families over the coming weeks as we finish the year with grateful hearts!

Amana Christian School 25 Years OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

You're Invited!

Join us as we give thanks to God for 25 years of His faithfulness to Amana Christian School.

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2026

4:00 pm Thanksgiving Church Service
Anchorage
75 Gordon Road, Mosgiel
Join us for a church service as we give thanks to God for His provision, guidance and faithfulness throughout the past 25 years.

5:30 pm Bring and Share Meal
Amana Christian School
Following the service, everyone is welcome to join us at the school for a time of fellowship and a shared meal.

We would love to see you there!