

## Term 1, 2020

Naumai Welcome to a new year at The Base. We are so happy to see that our teaching staff has increased markedly for 2020. We are excited at how much more we will be able to do to encourage, teach and guide your children because of this. We will remain in the same space this year and while there are a few more children we have “rearranged the furniture” to accommodate. We start with 55 students divided into two pastoral care groups.

The teaching team this year are:



Mrs Debbie Paterson

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This year I have stepped into the newly created position of team leader and I am delighted to be taking this on in my favourite space in the school! My husband and I have been involved in Christian education within the Waikato for many years now. I have a grown family (who attended HCS), and we also have a 13-year-old, Shafia, living with us as part of our whanau now.



Miss Courtney Wiseman

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This is my third year as a teacher in The Base and at Hamilton Christian School. I am originally from Invercargill and moved to Hamilton at the start of 2018. I enjoy netball and tramping and am involved with Volleyball and Duke of Edinburgh at school. I am so excited to get to know the students and families who are part of The Base this year, as well as share our learning, successes and challenges with you



Mr Samuel Scantlebury

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I am a new face to most around Hamilton Christian School and I am looking forward to getting to know those within the school community. I will be making my debut with The Base teaching team which I believe will lend itself to a great learning environment. I am so excited to be a part of a school which has an anchoring in the Christian faith, and I look forward to what the year will bring.



Mrs Rachel Moetara

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Rachel is a very experienced teacher who will be working on Fridays to release Sam. Rachel has a tremendous heart to see children grow in their walk with the Lord and to achieve their full potential.

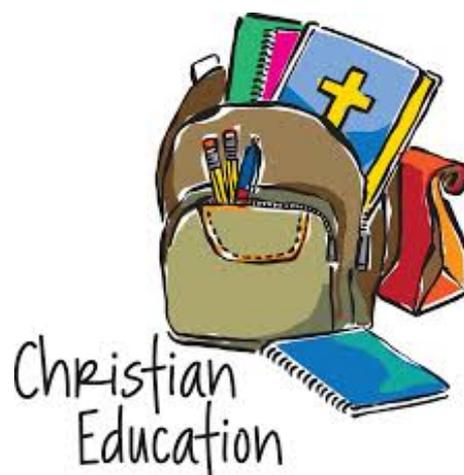
# Curriculum Overview

## Devotional and Teaching theme:

Resilience and Courage.

## Bible Literacy:

How God has an overarching plan to restore mankind to himself. We will connect the bible stories we know already to this big idea and begin to see how our lives fit into God's plan too.



## Key Competency foci:

*Managing Self*—being ready to learn, listening and speaking.

*Relating to Others*—how to work well with a buddy, being an effective team member and what leadership is.

*Language, symbols and text*—understanding mathematical signs, peer assessment and decoding a new word.

## Health:

*Digital Citizenship* will be taught on Fridays throughout the whole term where we want to encourage safe and healthy practises online. For the first half of the term we will explore *Kia Kaha* – how to be encourage a bully-free community within our school.

## Technology:

For the second half of the year we will investigate how to create a product made out of soft materials.

## Maths:

Our strand focus will be *Measurement* and *Number*.

## Literacy:

We will be exploring how to communicate when we integrate visual language, speaking and writing with our iPad technology skills. We are wanting to see how children share their thoughts, feelings and ideas when they choose how best to present their ideas.



The Base is planning a trip to Splashy to be involved in the process of creating a product. We intend to create an individual tile that will form part of our collaborative art. **Please pencil in the tentative morning dates of 4th or 11 March.** We will advise of the confirmed date asap.

## Classroom routines

### **Timetable Activities to note:**

PE is on Wednesday and Friday so please ensure PE uniform is brought to school these days. Library is on Friday this year. Te Reo has been included to the Art and Music rotation on Thursday afternoons and Mr Derek Kruger will be their teacher.

A complete outline of what happens each day in The Base is glued in the back of your child's Communication Diary.

### **Homework:**

We believe that making time for your child to work daily to reinforce or discuss the day's learning is the best way you can encourage your child to learn. This year we are asking that your child reads either a school journal, Reading Eggs, library book or an appropriate book and spends time on Mathletics daily. We have included a place for their spelling words and memory verse in the Communication Diary and ask that you discuss these with them as often as is necessary for them to be able to either understand or memorise them by the end of the week. **Please ensure you sign their diary each night.** Feel free to write their teachers a note in the communication space at the bottom of the page.

### **iPads:**

Please ensure iPads are charged and come to school each day.

### **Stationery:**

Children should bring their named stationery along on the first week of school so they can be set up with everything in the right place for Monday morning of the second week. Covering books is recommended.

**Concerns or Queries:**

We recognise that parents are extremely busy, and it is sometimes difficult to talk with teachers in the morning to share what might be a concern about or for your child. We would greatly appreciate a short email at any time to the Pastoral Care Teacher or Team Leader just briefly outlining the issue. It helps us better care for your child during the day. You can always email to arrange a time to meet in person or chat over the phone about the issue on an available afternoon.

