

Amuri Area School



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Nothing But The Best

*Raising Achievement; Realising Potential;
Encouraging Excellence*

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**Term 2, Week 10
Week Ending 19th June 2020**

Tēnā Koutou

Thanks to all the parents who have booked in for our online parent teacher conversations next week. For those of you that have booked using our online system, the zoom links will be sent to you on the day of your interview. We are trialing this as a result of some parent feedback regarding waiting around school for long periods on cold winter nights between appointments, particularly those that come in from a distance and we hope you will find this a more convenient way to connect with your teachers. As with all things new, we will evaluate after the event if this was a positive step for the future or not. IF on the day the technology fails for you, which is always a possibility, the teacher has contact numbers they can call you on.

It is important to note that this is not the only opportunity you have to engage with your child's teacher. You can email or arrange a time with them to talk about your child if you have questions at any time during the year.

Career Presentations and Cross Country

Next week we have presentations at school from Otago University and the Defense Force for our older students to have the chance to ask those critical next step in life questions. The weather is also looking positive for our cross country on Wednesday afternoon as we have our first chance to gather as a community. We would love to see you for a 2pm start.

Learning Support Coordinator Starts in Term Three

Next term we will welcome back Karen Nichols from her study leave where she has been completing her Master of Education Degree. Karen will not be returning to her classroom role, instead she will be picking up the responsibilities of Learning Support Coordinator. This position is shared weekly with three days at Amuri, one day at Hanmer and a half day each per week at Rotherham and Waiau.

The Learning Support Coordinator position is a new one to the education system and is funded as a separate entity to all our other staffing. Whilst there are some guidelines as to what this position is, and is not, there is a great deal of flexibility for schools in how they utilise this resource. For us at Amuri we already have a strong Special Needs Coordinator in Liz Teulon and our ESOL provision is well met by Claire McCarthy therefore we will be using Karen's time to work with students who do not necessarily meet the criteria for special educational needs provision but need additional support none the less. She will work to develop programmes for groups of these students, train up staff members, perform testing and provide support as required. As with anything new and shiny I am sure it will evolve over time, however we will be pleased to see Karen back next term in her new capacity.

Have a wonderful if somewhat wet weekend!

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James Griggs
Principal

Roll of Honour

Paige Brogden, Sam Bush, Nathalia Ferrer,
Jade Butters, Jamie Dalmer, Stella Dwyer,
Charlotte Eggleston, Olivia Ferguson,
Clare Frame, Jayne Graham,
Bella Godfrey-Grant, Lexie Godfrey-Grant,
Rana-Jay Gravett, Heath Habgood,
Frankie Jones, Jack Kelly, DL Lopez, Will Neill,
Sophie Ockwell, Avril Paea, Valerie Paragas,
Hana Samera, Alexis Sandall, Bryce Scarlet,
Lillie Schuurman, Catalina Serrano,
Cris Tabunar, Jayden Terris, Lucy Whittleston

1st Merit

Paige Brogden, Maddy Carr, Grace Cundy,
Stella Dwyer, Charlotte Eggleston,
Olivia Ferguson, Clare Frame, Heath Habgood,
Valerie Paragas, Catalina Serrano,
Cris Tabunar, Jayden Terris

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents and Whanau

This week we started what has been dubbed our 'Morning Milo'. The funds for this were kindly donated by some of our Argentinian mums. We have purchased Milo, milk and mini marshmallows to keep our Year 1-6 students warm on cold mornings. The milo is made with water and can be dairy free for those children who are lactose intolerant. Our inaugural Morning Milo started this week and judging by the long lines and Milo moustaches, it was quite successful! We will be doing Morning Milo on Wednesday mornings until further notice, so please send a non-breakable, named cup along to school on a Wednesday. I am currently exploring an option for those children who are gluten free and I hope to have a gluten free option available next week.

The food warmer is also a popular choice for the Year 1-6 students, with it being full to the brim most days. Named and securely wrapped food is collected from the primary break out space each morning to be warmed and then distributed at 2nd break, for the primary side of the school. It will be located on the primary side for children to have warm food at 2nd break each day. Monitors will distribute the food to the children. Please make sure your food is not able to seep out so as not to burn our monitors when they are distributing.

Welcome to the new people who have joined our primary syndicate. Welcome Jonty to Room 1 and welcome back to Fil John in Year 4. We hope you will enjoy your time at Amuri!

On Monday Room 1 had a visit from our friends at Polkadots Preschool. These visits are scheduled for different days of the week to allow children

who will be starting school here to have a transition visit with the security of their preschool teacher and classmates and to meet Mrs Johnson and their new classmates. It also allows for the teachers at both facilities to meet (and catch up) with the children which is perfectly illustrated in our photo! Thanks to Mrs Johnson and Becs from Polkadots for organising these visits.

The school cross country will be held on Wednesday June 24 now that we are at Level 1, it means parents will be able to attend to cheer on the runners. The children have been busy practising and walking the course. Please ensure your children are wearing some good footwear for running or bringing it to school. The changeable weather has meant the ground is a bit wet and there is a plenty of mud about.

Only two more weeks left in the term but there is still plenty to come. Next week from Monday to Wednesday there are parent/teacher interviews which are running through Zoom. The Year 1-6 students are busy planning their Matariki celebration for Friday July 3rd. The children will be involved in activities that celebrate Matariki which falls in the school holidays. Year 7 and 8 have a trip to Roden Cars on Monday the 29th of June which has generated a huge amount of interest from both students and parents and we are all looking forward to this.



Primary Assembly Roster 2020

Term 2

19 June – Room 1A
26 June – Room 3
3 July – Room 2

Term 3

24 July – Room 4
31 July – Room 5
7 August – Room 6
14 August – Maths Week
21 August – Singing
28 August – Room 1
4 September – Room 5
11 September – Room 2
18 September – Singing
25 September – Room 3

Please be aware this roster is not set in stone, so please check with your class teacher each week.

Noho ora mai

Kylee Habgood

Recycled Clothing on River Road, Rangiora

Last year Recycled Clothing on River Road held an evening for young ladies to come and browse and try on formal evening gowns and accessories, nothing over \$30.

Due to Covid 19 we were unable to hold this event this year.

However, we are planning on making formal gowns available in our shop at 7 River Road, Rangiora, Monday to Friday 10 am to 2 pm starting Monday 22nd of June until Friday 17th of July. (Saturdays can be arranged by appointment)

We would love to help your students to find the perfect gown for a perfect formal.

If you need more information please feel free to reply to this email.

For information on the work we do view our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/recycledclothingonriverrrd>

Dates for your Diary

HPSSA	Hurunui Primary Schools Sports Association
CCHS	Canterbury Country High Schools
JUNE '20	
22 nd – 24 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
24 th	School Cross Country
26 th	Website photo competition closes
29 th	Matariki Performance and Pot-Luck Dinner from 4pm
30 th	School photos
JULY '20	
1 st	RNL Football game - Home
3 rd	End of Term 2
20 th	Start of Term 3
24 th	CCHS AGM Rangiora
29 th	RNL Football game - Away
AUGUST '20	
5 th	BOT Meeting at 6:00pm
10 th – 14 th	Amuri Maths Week
17 th	Year 7/8 Girls' Self Defence – Community Room
18 th	COL Student Leadership Conference
21 st	Year 10-13 Community Dance, Hanmer Springs
24 th	Year 7/8 Girls' Self Defence – Community Room
25 th	HPSSA 7-Aside
27 th	HPSSA 7-Aside postponement



There is a PTA meeting on Thursday 25th June at 3:15pm in the school staffroom. Please come along and support this.

The Community Team invites you to a...

Strengthening COMMUNITIES
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FREE EVENT

VISA INFORMATION EVENING

With Tony McNeill - Immigration NZ

ALL WELCOME
Monday 22 June 6.30pm start

There will be time for Q&A after Tony's updates

Culverden Tea Rooms
23 Mountain View Road

SUPPER PROVIDED

HURUNUI District Council

CROSS COUNTRY INFORMATION 2020

WEDNESDAY 24th June

There is a **championship race** and a **fun run** – run at the same time for Senior Grades.

Those entering the championship – there is a **cup** for both **male and female** in **each grade**.

Grades are: 15 & Over (1st April 2020), Under 15 (1st April 2020), Years 7 & 8 and Junior.

Extra points are awarded for the first 10 runners in each grade: ie 1st = 10 points, 2nd = 9 points, 3rd = 8 points.

PLUS all runners who complete the championship course get **3 points** for completing the course.

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA INTERWHANAU POINTS

Most colourful whanau competition

Wear your house colours only = 20 points

Most creative and colourful individual = 10 points

Wear proper running shoes (NO BARE FEET) as the course is rough and uneven in places!!!



Senior Grades
Championship Race - 2.10pm
Year 7 / 8 - 2.15pm
Under 15 - 2.20pm
Over 15 - 2.25pm

Junior Grades
Year 1 - 2.10pm
Year 2 - 2.15pm
Year 3 & 4 - 2.20pm
Year 5 & 6 - 2.25pm

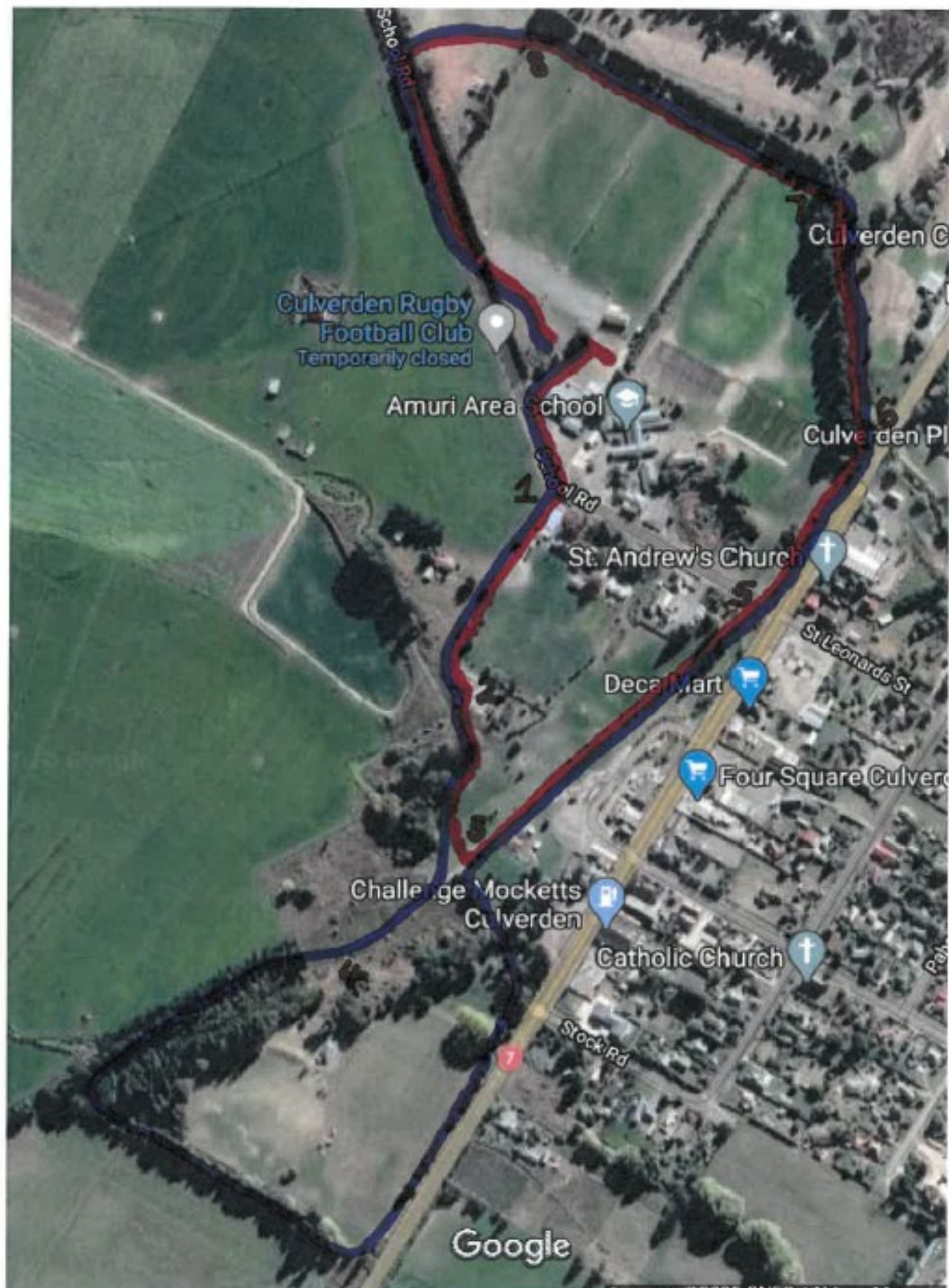
Come and support the students!!!!

Short Prize Giving at 3.00



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Secondary School – Cross Country Courses



Year 7 & 8 Course / Year 9 – 13 Fun Run

Year 9 – 13 Championship Course

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Primary School – Cross Country Courses



Year 1 & 2 Course



Year 3 & 4 Course



Year 5 & 6 Course







Ewan a nature lover

By SHELLEY TOPP

Forest and Bird's Kiwi Conservation Club has been connecting children to New Zealand's wildlife and wild places for more than 30 years.

The club now has more than 5000 members, including Ewan Dalmer, aged 13, of Waiau, who joined as a three-year-old.

"I started going along with my brother and sisters but now I like learning about different sorts of wildlife and what I can do to help," Ewan says.

"We have been to see and learn about little blue penguins and New Zealand falcons, and have been on overnight trips to places such as Lewis Pass.

"We meet people who look after our wildlife and special places, and play games to learn about things like predators." Ewan also enjoys seeing the native birds in the outdoor spaces they visit and reading the club's quarterly *Wild Things* magazine, aimed at readers aged 5 to 13.

Each issue contains environmental stories and photographs, plus projects for children and their families to help the environment.

Club members also get the opportunity to go on club adventures anywhere in New Zealand, club manager Sarah Satterthwaite says. In most places, volunteer co-ordinators arrange outings and gatherings to explore local beaches, forests and everywhere in between.

Some clubs also get involved in local conservation projects such as



Club enthusiast . . . Young conservationist Ewan Dalmer, aged 13, of Waiau, with his favourite tree, a kanuka growing on a roadside north of his home.

PHOTO: SUPPLIED

tree planting, creating lizard gardens or making nesting boxes for little blue penguins.

There are also nationwide challenges, projects, competitions and even chances to be a reporter on the club blog and maybe get published in *Wild Things*.

This month, the club marked its annual Be With A Tree initiative with a nationwide vote to find New Zealand's favourite tree. More than 1200 New Zealanders took

part in the vote, choosing the pohutukawa, with the kowhai second and kauri third.

Ewan says his favourite tree is a kanuka growing on a roadside north of Waiau, on the edge of the Dalmer's farm.

"I like its bark and its leaves. It is the only big native tree near us so it is a good place for birds like fantails, bellbirds and grey warblers."

To learn more, go to kcc.org.nz.



Tasty delights . . . Silvereyes feast on slices of melon in a Fernside garden. PHOTO: SHELLEY TOPP

National bird survey needs volunteers

Landcare Research is asking everyone to take part in the New Zealand Garden Bird Survey again this year.

The annual survey was started in 2007. It is New Zealand's longest-running citizen science project.

This year, the survey begins on June 27 and ends on July 5.

"The New Zealand Garden Bird Survey is vital because it tells us about the health of our environment," says Eric Spurr, a research associate in the wildlife, ecology and management team at Landcare Research.

"Birds are important indicators of the health of New Zealand's environment, and help us discover and learn

more about New Zealand garden birds.

"New Zealand has a number of native bird species that are either resident in domestic gardens year round or visit them in winter. Monitoring the population trends of bird species nationally is an enormous task, but one that is possible with the public's help."

The survey has the potential to alert authorities to changes in garden bird populations.

It takes only an hour observing birds in the home-owner's garden on any chosen day from June 27 to July 5.

To learn more, visit gardenbirds.org.nz or landcareresearch.co.nz.