

Amuri Area School



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Term 4, Week 5

W/E 13th November 2020

Football Tour

Last week I had the pleasure of taking a mixed Year 9 and 10 team on a four day football tour around the top of the South Island. The tour included games against Murchison Area School, Motueka High, Queen Charlotte College and Kaikoura High School.

First I would like to thank the hosting schools for the extraordinary welcome we received from Murchison for arranging a whole night of sporting competition then to Motueka for arranging our evening meal and Queen Charlotte for the stunning Mihi Whakatau welcome. I would also like to thank Shane Dwyer who gave up his valuable time and came along as parent support for the week.

I would also like to acknowledge the students who came along who were in every sense of the word, exemplary. They were a credit to the school and their parents and I could not have been more proud of them as the week progressed.

The tour ended with a 2 win/2 loss record against varied opposition

with Queen Charlotte College providing the strongest competition for us in what was in my opinion, our best game in spite of the losing score.



The rain was a factor, however, it always seemed to know when to stop just in time for kick off or whenever we wanted to do something outdoors. I have included some pictures in this newsletter.

Trail Ride

The rain was once again a factor here, however, a hardy team still managed to put the event on and I would like to thank the awesome PTA team and all the parents, students and staff who contributed to this day. I know setting up this course takes the

most part of a week and the behind the scenes planning is substantial to run such an event safely. This really is a community effort and is part of what makes it a special place to be.

HPSSA Athletics

You guessed it... rain was again in the picture with the event postponed on Monday! Our primary sports co-ordinator, Emily Shaw, puts a huge amount of effort into making this happen each year for the schools in our district and I would like to thank her for her time and energy. The weather did however behave and Wednesday was a great day of competition. Those students moving to the next stage of competition at Canterbury will be notified.

New Board member

I would like to welcome Wally Jamieson to the Board and thank him for volunteering to support our school into the future. I would also like to acknowledge Ben Frame who has stepped down from the Board and thank him for his service and expertise. We are truly fortunate to have a committed and capable Board at Amuri who have the interests of students at the forefront of their thinking.

Reading Together

This week we saw our latest group of graduates from the Reading Together programme receive their certificates from our Mayor Marie Black. Our Reading Recovery teacher Alison runs this four week course supported by other members of staff for parents from our school and from our contributing schools each year to help them to make the very most out of home reading time with their child. This is a powerful programme with proven positive outcomes and I would like to thank Alison for another great course completion. Congratulations to these parents on their completion and we look forward to seeing the very real positive outcomes that will be reflected in the reading skills of your children.

Long weekend

Show weekend is here so lets hope the weather forecast comes to fruition and we all get a chance to see some sunshine. Please also remember **school is closed on the 19th November** for the mandatory Ministry Teacher Only Day where the secondary staff will be working on the upcoming changes to NCEA and the primary staff have a comprehensive day of curriculum development. Our support staff are also using this day to upskill in their knowledge and understanding to support our students with learning difficulties.

Have a wonderful long weekend.

Kia Kitea Toikaka

James Griggs
Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

This is the final week of instruction for our Year 11-13 students before external exams which start on Monday. We wish the exam students every success and trust that the hard work and study they have done leading up to this will deliver expected results. At this point of the year we also congratulate and acknowledge “the NCEA class of 2020” especially those students who, despite the lockdown and associated challenges, showed real resilience by remaining focused on their learning goals. Perseverance has and will be rewarded, and you have also shown that challenges are there to overcome not give up at. Of course, some did not rise to the challenge and lost their way, but failure is a lesson as well and we hope students can learn from that.

Any students who are attending tutorials over the next couple of weeks will already know when these are. Please be aware that senior staff will be involved in Year 10 camp and relief cover during exam times, so do not just drop in and expect to be able to see a teacher. Requests for study assistance would need to be done in advance.

Year 10 head off to camp at Windy Point on Tuesday where Mr Cate and his team have a great programme organised for the three days so hopefully the weather is not as unpredictable as this week!

Year 9 will be business as usual up until the end of term and our expectation is that they will stay focussed and not squander learning opportunities for themselves or others. The upcoming NCEA changes will mean that consolidating and building on knowledge at every level is very important to ensure students are well prepared for success with NCEA which will have a greater external exam component than it does now.

All the best to the students who have completed their schooling and are moving onto further tertiary training, apprenticeships or employment. While the future employment situation in NZ is changing rapidly, there is no shortage of work out there for the willing. Remember that we learn important transferable skills from jobs that we do not like, and it is very rare we get to our ‘dream’ job without having to do some hard yards along the way. The employment market is dynamic and volatile, and we need to be adaptable and flexible to prepare for this.

To finish, I will include a few useful tips on how to get a job – nothing new, more a timely reminder.

HOW TO GET A JOB

There is no iron-clad way to secure yourself a job if you are in the 18-24 age bracket, but these suggestions are a good starting point.

- Make sure your CV is up to date. High school extracurricular activities look good and can show employability skills even if you do not have work experience
- Practice your interview skills with family and friends

- Take work experience if offered, have a positive attitude, and turn up punctually every day
- Show enthusiasm and initiative and be prepared to do the dull jobs first
- Link up with organisations working with young people in your area
- Learning is lifelong – no-one knows it all so be willing to take instruction and guidance
- CV drop, walk into premises and tell employers that you are keen to work and that you are looking for work
- Remember, you do not have to commit to a job forever, so give things a go.

Penny Mossman

Dates for your Diary

NOVEMBER '20	
16 th	NCEA Exams commence
16 th	Year 1-8 Firewise Visit
17 th - 19 th	Year 10 Camp – Windy Point
19 th	MOE mandated Teacher Only Day – School Closed
23 rd – 25 th	Year 5/6 Camp – Living Springs, Akaroa
25 th	BOT Meeting
27 th	Hamilton Assembly
30 th – 1 st	Kapa Haka Noho at Takahanga Marae
DECEMBER '20	
2 nd	CPS Athletics – Nga Puna Wai
9 th	Prizegiving – Last day of School
JANUARY 2021	
25 th	School Office re-opens
FEBRUARY 2021	
2 nd	Student Leaders and Years 1-8 Return
3 rd	Whole School Returns

Can all prizegiving cups be returned to reception ASAP, they do not need to be cleaned.





Roll of Honour

Brody Batchelor
Max Cater
Kirk de Ridder
Grace Johnston
Holly Jones
Gus McKenzie
Hash Mercado
Benji Mones-Cazon
Charlene Paragas
Aggie Rutherford
Jackson Schenkel
Oskar Schuurman
Hannah Sharplin
Laychan Sintes
Siena Wayne

1st Merit

Isla Blomfield
Jade Butters
Hannah Clegg
Fergus Davison
Kadmiel Delos Santos
Rachel Forbes
Regan Kay
Arabella Manifold
Lottie Smith

2nd Merit

Angela Berrios
Paige Brogden
Jade Butters
Tessa de Ridder
Kyla Domingo
Stella Dwyer
Clare Frame
Heath Habgood
Anita Mones-Cazon
Catalina Serrano
Jayden Terris

3rd Merit

Paige Brogden
Catalina Serrano

Amuri Primary Athletics Champs 2020 Correction

The results for the Year 6 Girls in the newsletter last week were incorrect and we sincerely apologise for this error. Here are the correct results:

Year 6

Girls

1 st	Angie Monez-Cazon	31pts
2 nd	Issy Williamson	29pts
3 rd	Sophie Ockwell	25pts

**Year 11-13 Science classes are continuing
with Dr Owens y de Novoa as follows:**

Yr 11 Science A

Tues 17 Nov 9am-12 noon in Rm 16
Wed 25 Nov 1 -3 pm in Rm 16
EXAM is on Fri 27 Nov at 9.30 am

12 Chemistry

Mon 16 Nov starting after Physics EXAM until
3 pm in Rm 16
Mon 23 Nov 9 am – 3 pm in Rm 16
EXAM is on Thurs 26 Nov at 9.30am

12 Biology

Thurs 26 Nov after Chemistry EXAM – 3pm
- venue TBA
EXAM is on Wed 2 Dec at 9.30 am

13 Chemistry

Mon 16 Nov 9 am – 3 pm in Rm 16
Wed 18 Nov 9 am – 3 pm in Rm 16
Thurs 26 Nov 9 am – 3 pm venue TBA
EXAM is on Fri 27 Nov at 2 pm

13 Biology

Mon 23 Nov after Calculus EXAM
– 3 pm in Rm 16
Tue 24 Nov 9 am – 1 pm in Rm 16
EXAM is on Tue 24 Nov at 2 pm

The Amuri Boxing Group would like to say a big thank you to Amuri Irrigation Co for their support. Without their funding for travel expenses to and from Amberley each week, our students would miss out on attending. We were eligible for funding from The Amuri Irrigation Community Fund.

Thank you again 😊



The Amuri Area School PTA would like to thank
Our amazing committee, parents, teachers, office staff and land owners for opening up their farms.
We couldn't hold these events without you!
Huge thanks to Simon Clisby leading his excellent team to set up and mark the course and keep safety No1 on the day.
Our sponsors DAIRYCOOL and DONAGHYS for your support.
But special mention must go to Andrew and Kelly Whittleson at the Culverden 4 Square. They generously donated a lot of the food etc we needed to run the BBQ. We appreciate such huge support.
What a great community we live in!

The Amuri Lions would like to invite you to join us on a new 4WD Tour of North Canterbury



When:
SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2020
Reschedule date Sunday 29th November 2020



Where:
Grampians Station, 420 Cascade Road, Culverden
Muster at 10am

REGISTRATION:
\$80/vehicle with all proceeds going to support local community projects.
Strictly limited numbers via online booking.
To register, go to:

https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=41434&fbclid=IwAR1K_2UTxCfc6_wloCZgpbVgtuacPmRNxqbgGWIZzd6-TjTwFTr3T0Rkvlw

Many thanks and looking forward to seeing you then!



Get a Summer job

**HANMER SPRINGS
CLEANERS REQUIRED**

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**APPROXIMATELY 20
HOURS A WEEK
START WHEN SCHOOL
FINISHES
HOURS TO SUIT**

EXPERIENCE NOT REQUIRED

Contact Christine Hall today
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 or 021 635 215



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SUMMER READING 2020/21

December 14th 2020 - January 29th 2021

Open to all ages from 0-109.

Challenge everyone in your family

This year we are delivering our programme either in a paper copy or with our AMAZING NEW web platform and tracker app Beanstack. As you read books and log your minutes, you are able to unlock badges and enter into our prize draws.

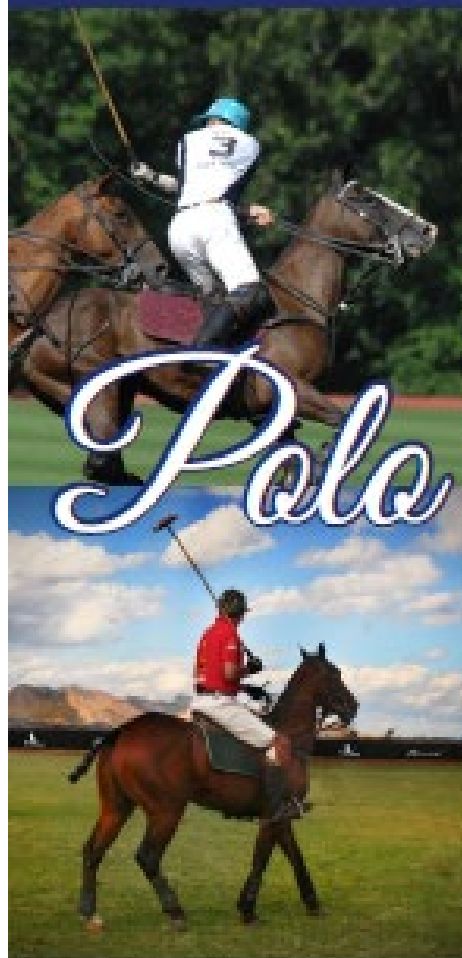
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Polo Open Day



**Take a relaxing drive in the country
and try something NEW!**

Watch, learn and play the beautiful game of Polo. Experience riding a horse, hitting a ball and learning the rules of this historic game.

FREE
Introductory
Lesson!

From **10am**
28th November 2020
at **Glenmark Polo, Omihi**

Make a day of it with friends and family, enjoying the beautiful Waipara Wine region.

FREE ENTRY - EVERYONE WELCOME!

For enquiries or to register please email SIPA Secretary Jess: jreld@russleygc.co.nz