



Kia ora koutou,

I hope that the start of year has gone well for you and your children. It is never easy getting back into the routine of school! It has been awesome to visit different parts of the school and see smiling faces and students who are engaged in the learning opportunities that are presented to them here at Amuri Area School. A good example of this was a visit to our Year 7/8 modules who had their first lesson for the year on Tuesday. In each of the five classes there was a vibrant hive of activity with students sewing, cooking, sanding, planning robots and creating animations.

One of our aspirations as a school is to "select pedagogies and programmes that are engaging, foster progress and develop curiosity" It is awesome to see this in action through the likes of the modules classes described above; the gateway and work experience pathways we provide, the field trips that students enjoy and in the everyday learning opportunities that our class teachers provide.

Thank you to those parents who have completed our junior (Year 1-8) surveys. These provide valuable information to us to consider as we start the year off and work with your children.



You may have seen some publicity about the Government's 100-day plan and some direct implications for education. The first is the 'phone away for the day' plan. This is a good opportunity for me to remind parents and whānau that this is something we already do at Amuri Area School. Some students bring phones for use on the bus; however, at school phones should be turned off and in bags. Please remind your children of this expectation and if you need to contact them during the day, please do so via the school office. There are some exceptions – for example, a teacher may ask a senior student to collect photographic evidence for an assessment. Specific permission will be given for this should the teacher require a student to use their phone to do so. You can read more about this by accessing www.education.govt.nz/school/digital-technology/cellphones/

We had a superb swimming sports day last Tuesday with lots of fun, competition and house spirit. Thanks to parents who came and supported this event and to

those who helped. A highlight was the final race of the day, a relay between Year 13, Parents, Staff, Police, Fire and Ambulance officers. The event finished in that order – though we acknowledge the emergency services who competed in their overalls! Our next events are the Primary Splashtacular today. Senior athletics next Wednesday 28th so come along and support the students and grab a coffee from Pams Coffee cart. In our next newsletter I will share some information about another 100 day initiative – an hour a day of reading, writing and maths.

A reminder that we have a Tipu Māia Kahui Ako teacher only day on Friday 15th March. School will be closed for instruction on that day with our staff travelling to join the other schools in our Community of Learning for the day.

All the best for the next two weeks.

Kia kitea toikaka

Matt Barlow
Principal

Strive Awards

Roll of Honour

Mac Langford
Owen Lewis

Congratulations to our very own Ms Helmore who competed in the Coast to Coast 2024. This is her 8th time! Legend...



Kia ora parents and whanau

A reminder for parents that school starts for Year 1-6 at 8:55am each day. The buses start arriving at 8:30am and there should be no students on site before then as it is a Health and Safety issue. Teachers are not available to supervise children before 8:30am so if you are bringing children to school, please wait until 8:30am before dropping them off at school.

We can't help but notice lunchboxes when we are on duty and we are pleased to notice that you are all doing your best to provide a healthy lunch for your children. We appreciate this for two reasons. Firstly, it helps the children to keep their concentration and thinking when they are fuelled with healthy food and therefore, learning comes much more easily to them. Secondly, we appreciate the fact that there is less rubbish in the playground. Packaged food items make up a large proportion of our rubbish. We would like to ask that when you are replacing lunchboxes, you consider some of the compartmentalised options that allow food items to be separated and put in without packaging. Thank you for your continued support in this area.

Swimming is coming very quickly to an end as we are already experiencing cooler overnight temperatures and that affects the pool temperature. As swimming is part of our curriculum and must be taught, we will continue until the water is too cold. We value swimming confidence and skills highly here at Amuri. Many of us are off farms and have many waterways around us and at the very least, we would like to be able to teach children how to float on their backs, so they have the skill if they do get into trouble in the water. We usually finish swimming in the first or second week in March and we will let you know when we are done. Please continue to send swimming things each day and communicate with your child's class teacher.

It was fantastic to see so many swimmers competing in our recent swimming sports. These sports were for length swimmers and above and were the avenue for qualifying for the Hurunui Zone for Year 3 to 8 or Country High Schools which is Year 7-13. Our very lucky Tapuae-o-Uenuku students get two opportunities to move forward to compete at a higher level.

Next week we have our Year 7 to 13 Senior School athletics on Wednesday, another opportunity for our Tapuae-o-Uenuku students to qualify for Country High Schools zone. These students also get an oppor-

tunity to participate in the Amuri Primary School athletics in Term 4 and their participation here qualifies them for Hurunui Primary School zones athletics (HPSSA) which are held in November.

Year 1 to 6 students are all putting their final touches on their show art ready for the Amuri Show on March 2nd. We have a theme again this year and you'll have to pop along to the shed to see our display. We look forward to 'wow-ing' you with our show art this year!

Ngā mihi nui

Kylee Habgood

Deputy Principal - Primary School

Dates for Your Diary

February

27th CCHS Swim Champs
28th Senior Athletics

March

1st Girls' Self Defence - Years 7/8
2nd Amuri Show - Rotherham
5th HPSSA Swimming - Hanmer Springs
6th HPSSA Swimming Postponement
6th Mitchell Assembly @ 2:00pm
6th-8th Year 9 Camp to Windy Point
7th Senior Athletics Postponement
8th-10th CSS Senior Volleyball Champs - TBC
13th CCHS Athletics
15th TOD - SCHOOL CLOSED
20th HPSSA Duathlon - Hanmer Springs
21st HPSSA Duathlon Postponement
21st-23rd SI Skoda MTB - Queenstown - TBC
24th-29th Year 12 Geography SIHC Trip
26th CSS Athletics Prelims
27th CPS Champs - Selwyn Aquatic Centre
27th CSS MTB Cross Country - TBC
27th Caverhill Assembly @ 2:00pm
28th CSS Athletics Finals
29th Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED

April

1st-2nd Easter - SCHOOL CLOSED
4th CSS Swim Champs at Jellie Park
5th-7th SISS Athletics - Timaru
7th-11th Year 12 OE trip - Marlborough Sounds
8th Years 3-6 Teeball/Volleyball - Scargill/Cheviot
9th-11th CASAFest @ AAS
10th Years 3-6 Teeball/Volleyball Postponement
12th End of Term 1
29th Term 2 begins

Secondary School News

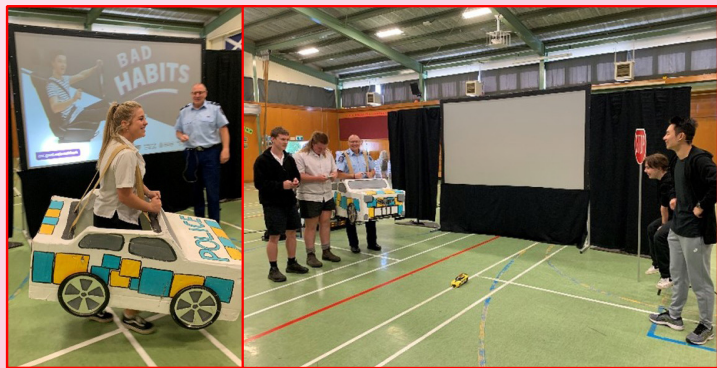
Tēnā koutou

For me it is a welcome back to 2024. Unfortunately an accident took me out of action for the first two weeks of this school year. A big thank you to all the staff in the secondary school who worked hard to ensure that on start up students received the support that was needed to sort their courses and timetables as quickly as possible.

Term 1 is shaping up to be full of rich learning both inside and outside of the classroom.

We have Year 9 camp coming up on 6th-8th March at Windy Point. More information will be shared with parents shortly.

Crash Bash a Ministry of Youth Development and Christchurch City Council funded travelling stage show, stopped by to present to our year 9 to 13 students today.



In 2024 we have selected an amazing group of students to be part of our Kairahi Student Leadership Team – Laura Cundy and Olivia Adcock (Head Students), Isla Bloomfield, Brody Marris, Hananiah Samera, Michaela Lamont, Catherine Paragas, Olivia Fergusson our (Prefects). They have already made a big impact with their presence at events across the school and their organization for upcoming fundraisers. Each of the leaders will be running their own community or school impact project across the year so watch this space... I look forward to sharing these with you.

A big thank you to our community businesses that are hosting some of our senior students one day a week for gateway work experience. It is a big undertaking to mentor a young person in the valuable skills of work efficacy alongside discipline specific skills. Giving a young adult an opportunity such as this has been proven to support work ready skills that see the young person succeed once they join the workforce after their schooling.

Our senior students will be starting their placements this week in industries ranging from agriculture and farming, retail service, early childhood education, hospitality, engineering, landscaping and construction.

A further opportunity to offer pathway choices to our students is through our dual enrollment programmes where students spend part of the week at another provider learning courses that we do not offer at Amuri. The numbers of students wanting to participate in these courses has risen over my short time at Amuri as many of our students seek trade qualifications as part of their career pathways. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our community members, Steve and Colin, who safely drive our students every week to town and back, leaving at 7:00am and returning some weeks by 5:00pm. Their contribution is essential to the continuing ability to offer these opportunities to our students.

We have an unprecedented number of Amuri and Hammer Year 7 and 8 students for modules on a Tuesday afternoon, so we have had to add a fifth class to ensure that the groups are at a safe number for the technology rooms. To cater for this, we have been very lucky to employ Mrs Sarah Black to undertake a soft materials option. Really looking forward to the outcomes that they produce, I hope to highlight these in upcoming newsletters.

Make sure you keep an eye on our Facebook page and note the dates in the school calendar for upcoming events as there is a lot still to come in Term 1.

Nicole Peterson

Deputy Principal - Secondary School



SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP Results - 2024

SENIOR GIRLS	1st	Laura Cundy	46 pts
	2nd	Isla Blomfield	44 pts
	3rd	Bianca Jamieson	28 pts

SENIOR BOYS	1st	Bob Thompson	70 pts
	2nd =	Ewan Dalmer	16 pts
	2nd =	Cash Ashford	16 pts

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	1st	Macey Batchelor	40 pts
	2nd	Ruby Glassey	16 pts
	3rd	Valerie Croft	8 pts

INTERMEDIATE BOYS	1st	Taine Lambert	30 pts
	2nd	Owen Lewis	8 pts
	3rd	Isaac Kelly	6 pts

UNDER 14 GIRLS	1st	Amelia Nelson	46 pts
	2nd	Amelia Saric	36 pts
	3rd	Alysha Hepi-Te Huia	32 pts

UNDER 14 BOYS	1st	Charlie Smith	50 pts
	2nd	Alex Shaw	40 pts
	3rd	Oliver Thomas	28 pts

UNDER 12 ½ GIRLS	1st	Emily Colombus	50 pts
	2nd	Paige Jopp	26 pts
	3rd	Ellie Thompson	21 pts

UNDER 12 ½ BOYS	1st	Paul Ryan	46 pts
	2nd	Jake Van der Heyden	28 pts
	3rd	Joel Barlow	20 pts

PRIMARY GIRLS	1st	Ashleigh Clegg	50 pts
	2nd	Harper Abernethy	32 pts

PRIMARY BOYS	1st	Kees Flapper	40 pts
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WHANAU POINTS

1st	Hamilton	2nd	Caverhill	3rd	Mitchell
	737 pts		631 pts		592 pts

RECORDS BROKEN

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
Over 15 Boys	50yds Ba	Bob Thompson	28.20
Over 15 Boys	50yds Br	Bob Thompson	31.22

GOLF

TOURNAMENT



**Amuri Area School PTA
Fundraiser**

**Sunday 10th of March
tee off 11:00am**

Amuri Golf Club

**12 Holes
Ambrose
teams of 4
\$100/team**

**BBQ, Canteen and Bar
available to purchase from
throughout the day**

Come for a fun day out – Crazy holes, mini competitions, and great spot prizes to be won!

Register your team at amuripta@gmail.com

ONE OF OUR MAIN FUNDRAISERS
OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT IS COMING
UP ON THE 10TH OF MARCH.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS
OF SPOT PRIZES TO MAKE THE DAY
EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL. ANY
DONATIONS OF GIFT ITEMS SUCH AS
CHOCOLATES, LOVELY TOILETRIES
OR VOUCHERS ETC WOULD BE
GREAT APPRECIATED

Playcentre

Just
for
Kids



Amuri A&P Show

DECORATED BIKE COMPETITION

2nd March 2024

Bring your bikes along
decorated and ready
to be judged at 10am.

Judges award more
points for bikes
decorated by children
themselves.

Three classes for
entries:

0-2 years
3-4 years
5+ years

Awesome prizes
to be won!

FORCE INFO: CAREERS ADVISOR EVENING



WEDNESDAY, 3RD APRIL 2024
WIGRAM AIRFORCE MUSEUM
6:30 - 8:30PM



Technology
Maintenance
Safety



We invite senior students to attend the Careers Transport Expo held at the
TMS Teletrac Navman | Technology | Safety | Maintenance Conference & Exhibition

March 13th 2024 | 9.30-11.30am
Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre

INSPIRING OUR FUTURE GENERATION

Come and explore the exciting opportunities and career pathways the
transport industry has to offer at the Careers Transport Expo

**DRIVER • MECHANIC • ENGINEER • HEALTH & SAFETY • LOGISTICS
DISPATCH • SERVICE TECHNICIAN • TECHNOLOGY**

Students will engage with industry experts, learn about new technologies and see first
hand how a career in the transport industry could be the right pathway for them.

Mark the date in your calendar and take advantage of this premier event
for the Transport Industry. **FREE FOR ALL TO ATTEND.**



Please register your interest by February 28th 2024 to:
bill.james@trucking.nz | 027 288 0811

Rotary



Rotary Club of Rangiora
Charitable Trust

2024 Applications for Outward Bound and Spirit of Adventure courses

The Rotary Club of Rangiora Charitable Trust is calling
for applications from young people aged 16 to 18 inter-
ested in taking part in either an 8-day Outward Bound
Course or a 10-day Spirit of Adventure voyage.

Those selected (normally one for each event) will have a
portion of the costs of the course/voyage met. The cost
of an 8-day Outward Bound course (ages 16-18) is \$3,500
and for a 10-day Spirit of Adventure voyage (ages 16-19) is
\$2,500. This funding is available for those wanting to go
on a course/voyage during 2024 or early 2025.

If you are interested in applying for one of these courses/
voyages you are asked to complete the application form
which is available from Alan Missen at:

awmissen@xtra.co.nz

**The closing date for applications is
Friday 1st March 2024.**



KAIKOURA ADVENTURE RACE 2024

Categories for all ages
3, 6, 12 & 48 hr events

South Island Secondary School Adventure
Racing Champs & open School events
hosted alongside 3, 6 & 12 hour

FOR ALL DETAILS AND TO REGISTER VISIT
www.KaikouraAdventureRace.com

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19-21
APRIL
2024

