

Amuri Area School



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*Raising Achievement; Realising Potential;
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**Term 4, Week 4
Week Ending 6th November 2020**

Dear Parents and Whanau

Last Tuesday we had a visit from the New Zealand Playhouse who performed 'Chilled' for us. This play was all about Antarctica and can best be described as a high energy performance! It was such a treat to have a live performance back in the school and it made us realise how much we have missed it. Our thanks go to the New Zealand Playhouse for being so accommodating. This was the fifth date we had booked them for the year, so it was great to finally have them in the school.

Last week I sent home a notice regarding class placement for Years 3-8 in 2021. Teachers of Years 2-5 are talking to their classes about what this might mean for them next year. While we listen to parent preferences we cannot promise these will be accommodated. Current teachers spend some time working on groupings to ensure the best for each of the students and then these are discussed with senior management. I want to assure all parents and whanau that this is a difficult job and one we take seriously.

Next year we will have two mixed classes of Year 3/4, two mixed classes of Year 5/6 and three mixed classes of Year 7/8. This means all children will move up a year in their learning progressions however some may be in the same room with the same teacher as this year. Others may move to another room with a new teacher. Classes are not sorted by academic ability (streamed). If your child stays in the same room as 2020, this is not in any way being 'held back' as both rooms will be running the same programme at multiple levels as they always would. We have large fluctuations during the

year (particularly during dairy changeover) within age groups therefore this is the best way to manage class sizes and provide consistency for students throughout the year. We take great care in creating our class groupings and once these are complete we will let you know what class your child will be in for 2021. If you have any questions related to this matter please contact me at school, 3158233.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Year 1-8 athletics day last Friday. It was a very well-run day, thanks to Mrs Shaw and all her organising. Results have been collated quickly as we are hosting the HPSSA (Hurunui Primary Schools Zone) this coming Monday and anyone from Amuri who will be representing the school will have taken a form home by now. Parents are very welcome to come along and join us on Monday.

It is great to see most of our students wearing their broad brimmed hats when they are outdoors, our teachers and support staff too! There has been a real effort from parents and whanau to ensure their children have hats – thank you! Please make sure those hats are named as it's hard to find yours when they are all the same!

Finally, we have had ICAS exams running this week. This is an opportunity offered to interested students to sit an independent skills-based assessment and is offered in areas such as English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Digitech. Mrs Ibbetson has been managing this process with help from Mrs Nicholls and Morag Godfrey-Grant. Thank you all very much for the extra opportunities you are providing for our learners.

Nga mihi nui
Kylee Habgood

Dates for your Diary

CPS	Canterbury Primary Schools
HPSSA	Hurunui Primary Schools Sports Association
NOVEMBER '20	
9 th	HPSSA Athletics
11 th	HPSSA Athletics – Postponement
12 th	Mitchell Assembly
13 th	Canterbury Anniversary – School Closed
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.



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

McKENZIE Joanna (Jo)
JAMIESON Wallace (Wally)

Signed
Melanie Phillips
Returning Officer

Roll of Honour Gus McKenzie

1st Merit

*Rachael Bell
Sofia Manifold
Bonnie MacDonald
Emerson Morgado
Ally Roberts
Pippa Ussher
Sofia Vidal*

2nd Merit

*Maddy Carr
William Dawson
Sofia Manifold
Kace Perry*

Amuri Primary Athletics Champs 2020

Age	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5 Year Olds	Isaac Colebrook	Lucy Cater	Tessa de Ridder
6 Year Olds	Noa Wilson	William Hamilton	Leighton Chinnery
7 Year Olds	Anita Mones-Cazon	Beau Glassey	Tom Jackson

Year 3

Girls			Boys	
1 st	Charlene Paragas	31pts	Jake Van der Heyden	24pts
2 nd	Molly Schuurman	30pts	Sam O'Neill	22pts
3 rd	Elyza Pehi	20pts	Finn Parmar	17pts

Year 4

Girls			Boys	
1 st	Georgie O'Neill	36pts	Benji Mones-Cazon	42pts
2 nd	Rylee Gavin	27pts	Archie McCone	28pts
3 rd	Stevie Sintes	21pts	Arthur Milne	26pts

Year 5

Girls			Boys	
1 st	Lillie Schuurman	30pts	Alex Shaw	33pts
2 nd	Gwen Manifold	18pts	Caleb Parmar	28pts
3 rd	Mackenna Williamson	17pts	Jack Cater	26pts

Year 6

Girls			Boys	
1 st	Issy Williamson	29pts	Hugh Shand	41pts
2 nd	Sophie Ockwell	25pts	Max Kinney	35pts
3 rd	Sophie Drummond	23pts	Jak Wilson	23pts

Year 7

Girls			Boys	
1 st	Kate Easton	29pts	Nicholas Kelly	27pts
2 nd	Valerie Paragas	28pts	George Flintoft	26pts
3 rd	Hollie Scarlet	22pts	Zedric Tabunar	18pts

Year 8

Girls			Boys	
1 st	Annie Francis	22pts	Gonzalo Vasquez-Jouannet	24pts
2 nd	Catalina Serrano	18pts	Fergus McCone	23pts
3 rd	Charlotte Williamson	17pts	Jack Kelly	18pts

HOUSE POINTS

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Caverhill	Mitchell	Hamilton
982 pts	890 pts	857 pts





Swing seat designed by Mr Anink and made by the Yr. 11 Carpentry students. Made using Macrocarpa and Pine. This is a very comfortable seat for 2 adults and would make a great Christmas gift. It is being sold the raise funds to purchase new equipment for the workshop. \$600.00



AMURI AREA SCHOOL

CRAIG PICKERING MEMORIAL

TRAILRIDE

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

SUITABLE FOR
24
WHEELERS*



Practically sponsored by

Sandford Downs, Korari Downs & Island Hills
828 Tekoa Road, Culverden
Signposted from Culverden & Balmoral Station Road at the Hurunui Bridge

Registration from 8.00am
Track Open 9:00am - 3:30pm

AMAZING VIEWS
Main Loop - Hill country farm tracks with multiple challenging enduros
Mini - Peewee circuit near carpark (parental supervision required)

Bikes & riding gear must be clean due to M.Bovis. Bikes & boots will be subject to a disinfectant spray when entering the track. Dirty bikes will be turned away.

COST
\$60 - Adult
\$30 - 16 & younger
Peewee Circuit only - FREE

ENTRY ON THE DAY
**Please advise in advance if side by side attending*

LUNCH
Lunch will be provided in Level 1 or less only.

COMPULSORY
Helmet, Boots & Spark Arrestor Muffler

Enquiries to: Fiona 027 260 2027 or Simon 022 319 8900




ICAS Concentration





Amuri St John – Monthly Catch Up



We had a very busy month in October with the ambulances travelling 9357 km, 71 jobs, 53 Medical and 18 accidents.

Exciting news for October is the automatic garage doors installed at the station. Thank you to the Area Committee for having these put in.

The Amuri school year 7 students, as part of their leadership service, came to the Station for the day and did an amazing job on the gardens around the volunteer house. Huge thank you to James Griggs and his team of students and parents for all the work done which included painting the fence, planting new shrubs and washing all 3 ambulances. This couldn't have happened without the kind donations from:
Amuri Lions Club for sponsoring the cost of the week.

Amuri Irrigation for the plants.

Goldpine for the timber.

Amuri Transport for delivering the timber.

Waiau Hardware for the paint.

Wilson family for the pea straw.

As always we are keen to meet anyone who would like to join our team. Please call me for a chat. Ann 0273272457





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.

To find out more visit your local library or check it out on our website <https://www.hurunui.govt.nz/library>