

Amuri Area School



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Nothing But The Best*

Raising Achievement; Realising Potential; Encouraging Excellence
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Tena Koutou Katoa

Area Schools Tournament in July

Congratulations to the 10 students who have qualified for the Top of the South representative teams heading to Whangarei in July. These students were chosen from some stiff competition over the weekend in Murchison and thanks to Ms Helmore and Wally Jamieson for transporting students back and forth. There was a bit of post trials COVID reported so please monitor for symptoms over the next few days if your child went away. Ms Helmore will be sending more information in the near future related to the tournament and fundraising.

PTA

Our PTA meeting will be held in the staffroom on Monday 23rd at 7pm. I know the team would love to see some new parents come along so please feel free to attend if you are able. Our PTA are pretty awesome here at Amuri and have supported the school with extensive additional fundraising and provide some valuable community events.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

These will occur in the last week of term and we will continue to offer the option of face to face or online bookings as this seemed to work well last year. The online booking system will open early in June.

Achiever of the Month

Congratulations to Issy Williamson who is our Achiever of the Month for May. Issy works hard in all she does and is one of just two people from Amuri who have advanced to the next round in the Otago Problem Solving challenge for Maths. She is entered in the Year 9/10 competition as a Year 8. This puts her in the top 15% nationally for this competition, which is already geared for the top students in each school.



Cross Country

This is scheduled to go ahead on Wednesday 25th May and parents/caregivers are welcome to come along for a 12.20pm start from the rugby grounds. There will be a coffee cart on the day.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

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James Griggs
Principal

Dates for Your diary

May

- 23rd PTA Meeting - School Staffroom at 7:00pm
- 24th PCT Challenge - Wainoni
- 25th Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00pm
AAS Cross Country @ 12:20pm
- 27th Year 7/8 Self Defence Course
Careers Expo - Christchurch
- 31st HPSSA Cross Country - Waikari
CSS Cross Country - Christchurch

June

- 2nd AAS Cross Country Postponement
- 3rd Year 7/8 Self Defence Course
CCHS Winter Tournament
- 6th Queens Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 7th Hamilton Assembly
- 14th-15th Year 12 Outdoor Education Trip
- 18th-19th SISS Swimming - Dunedin
- 22nd CPS Cross Country - Nga Puna Wai
NZDF Presentation
Tapuae-o-Uenuku Matariki Sleepover
- 24th Matariki Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 27th School Reports sent out
- 28th Matariki Dinner and Kapa Haka Performance
- 29th Mitchell Assembly

July

- 1st Mufti Day for Culverden Fire Brigade
- 3rd Amuri Rogaine
- 4th-6th Parent Teacher Interviews
- 8th End of Term 2
- 11th-13th SISS Netball Christchurch
- 11th-16th Area Schools Tournament - Whangarei
- 25th Start of Term 3

Senior School News

RYDA Road safety course was held on Wednesday at Hurunui College. All Year 12 and 13 students from Amuri joined students from Cheviot and Hurunui College and spent a day learning general road safety awareness, both as potential drivers and users of our roads. This was an extremely valuable learning experience and we thank Hurunui District Council for enabling this course to happen within the Hurunui district.



A reminder that there are a number of opportunities occurring in our community to widen our students' experiences. It is important that we get signed permission slips back as quickly as possible to enable smooth organisation.

Colder weather is starting to creep in and students are starting to wear multiple layers in an effort to stay warm and dry. Please can we request that these layers fit within the school uniform dress code.

Homework, Homework, Homework..... It does exist and is an important part of each child's learning.

I have found the guidance helpful at:

<https://www.learninglinks.org.au/homework/>

A guide for homework time

How much homework your little one is doing depends on their age. This time frame is just a guide and can change depending on class assignments and other curriculum-based assessments.

Kindergarten: no structured homework

Years 1-2: up to 15 minutes, 3-4 nights per week

Years 3-4: up to 30 minutes, 3-4 nights per week

Years 5-6: up to 40 minutes, 3-4 nights per week

Years 7-9: up to 2 hours, 3-4 nights per week

Years 10-12: up to 3 hours, 4-5 nights per week and on weekends.

It is essential to remember that children work a long day at school and it is absolutely essential that they have time for free play.

An important goal of education is to instil in children a love of learning. Homework can negate this if children come to see it as a necessary evil.

Feel free to email teachers and connect around homework tasks and expectations.

Nicole Peterson

Deputy Principal - Secondary

Dairy Changeover

Dairy changeover is coming up fast and as ever we ask for your support by letting us know who is coming and going to this area. The more we know, the better we can make plans and ensure our students are well looked after, be it coming into Amuri or moving on. Please contact the school office if you know of a family coming into the area that we may be unaware of.

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Primary School News

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Last Friday the primary team attended a writing course with Murray Gadd. Murray is a long term literacy lover who has written many literacy documents for teachers. It was a very informative day with Murray taking us through different lessons and approaches to teaching writing. He had a huge focus on motivation and engagement and we all came back to school feeling armed and ready with ideas. I've been lucky enough to see some of those ideas in action in our classrooms this week.

Next week, there is a Year 7/8 team heading to Wainoni to compete in the Physical Competency Test that the Police have to complete every two years. Teams from different schools have to complete the course in the fastest time possible. Good luck to our students heading off to represent Amuri! Wednesday is the school cross country and we are looking forward to being able to welcome our parents and whanau back into the school to watch. Year 6 will be doing some camp fundraising at the cross country and we have a coffee cart coming too. Please feel free to come along and support your children and encourage them to the finish line.

Under Orange level, we are able to have visitors back in the school and so we will be welcoming the Bible in Schools team back. They are hoping to start sometime in May. Your children will remain in or out of this optional activity, depending on your initial instructions. The alternative is a values-based programme run by the teachers. If you're unsure which option your child is in, please ask your child's teacher. Any changes must be made in writing to me on kylee@amuri.school.nz Orange level for parents simply means that you are able to go into the school grounds without a mask, but if you wish to enter the buildings, please sign in at the school office and wear a mask whilst indoors.



Ms Jamieson has welcomed Rhianna to her class to begin her school journey. Welcome Rhianna! And as the end of May approaches we are also saying farewell to some students who are moving to different parts of the country to continue their schooling. Best wishes to all who are heading off and we hope you have enjoyed your time at Amuri.

Hei konā

Kylee Habgood
Deputy Principal - Primary

ROLL OF HONOUR

Joe Hanna Barroz

Isla Blomfield

Jade Butters

Heider Carreon

Eden Colebrook

Sam Currie

Daniel Dowdy

Kyle Gardiner

Bella Godfrey-Grant

Billy Jones

Rhys Lewis

Maria Lim

DL Lopez

Vicente Moraga

Sophie Ockwell

Kaitlyn Palmer

Alena Paora

Charlene Paragas

Caleb Parmar

Kace Perry

Hank Reed

Hana Samera

Van Samera

King Tallar

Kaden Tily

Ava Wilson

Jak Wilson

Noa Wilson

1ST MERIT

Leighton Chinnery

James Clark

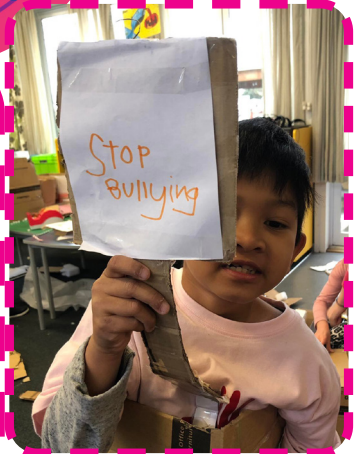
Grace Cundy

Lily Moke

Harriett Rutherford

Issy Williamson

Pink-Shirt Day snaps from the Primary School





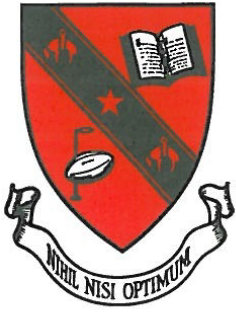
YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER

 **CROSS
COUNTRY**

**FRESH
Juice**



Come on out to Amuri Area School on **25 May**
and support the Year 6 camp fundraiser from
12:20 at the sports field.
We would love to see you there!



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20th May 2022

Dear Parents

Reading Together Workshop

We would really like you to consider taking part in our Reading Together workshop programme for parents. I am sure you will find it of great help for yourself and your child(ren), as you support their education. We all know how important reading is for children to succeed. One of the things that really helps children to become good readers is support from home. The Reading Together workshops will show you best how to do this. A huge number of parents nationwide have already attended these workshops and found the programme very helpful, indeed we have already run four very successful workshops here at Amuri Area School.

The programme consists of four workshops – each 1 hour and 15 minutes. To make the most of this opportunity it is important that you attend all of the workshops if you can.

These are the proposed dates:

Session 1 Wednesday 8th of June 7.00pm – 8.15pm (For parents only – light food provided) – In Te Kooti

Session 2 Wednesday 15th of June 7.00pm – 8.15pm (For parents and children – light food provided) – In the Library (We will discuss the time on the first evening and make it earlier if possible.)

Session 3 Wednesday 22nd of June 7.00pm – 8.15pm (For parents only – light food provided) In the Library

Session 4 Wednesday 29th of June 7.00pm – 8.15pm (For parents only light food provided) In the Library

The programme is **FREE!** We can even help with childcare costs if you need it and it will **REALLY** help your children to become much better readers. In particular, it helps children to **UNDERSTAND** what they are reading, and helps you to form strong bonds and make reading a positive family experience.

Please see <http://www.readingtogether.net.nz> for more information and the significant positive research on this programme. We are looking forward to your participation.

Please register by emailing kirsten@amuri.school.nz or phoning the school office. Should you need further information I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Kind regards

Kirsten Allison



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STOP BULLYING**

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FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

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