

Amuri Area School

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Kia ora

Congratulations to the Senior netball team who performed well in the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament in Timaru. They represented Amuri Area School with pride and finished 10th in their competition. A huge thank you to Cath Ferguson for coaching this team and accompanying them to the tournament. Also, to Shane and Bridget Adcock who were managers and to all those who supported them.

The 7-Aside day was a great success for our Year 4 to 8 students at Hurunui College – they really enjoyed competing in touch rugby, netball and football in the sunshine after two years of missing this event due to Covid. A big thank you to Phoebe Sopp for her organisation of our teams and transport and to all the staff / parents for their enthusiastic support and encouragement. Also thank you to the senior students who helped with refereeing and umpiring on the day.

On the same day the Year 1 to 3 students had a visit from the Waiau Junior school and enjoyed a programme of sport with them. Again, a very successful and enjoyable visit and a big thanks to Denise for organising this and to the parents who helped.

Congratulations to Bella Godfrey-Grant who has been selected for the Senior Representative Christchurch Music Festival Choir this year. This a significant achievement. Well done, Bella!

Congratulations also to the 12 students representing Amuri Area School in the massed choir at the Music Festival in November. They have their rehearsal on Monday next week. Thank you to Renet van der Merwe for organising this opportunity for our students this year. It is a great experience for them to sing in the Christchurch Town Hall.

Our Year 10 to 13 students have been sitting exams this week and we look forward to seeing positive results and our students learning from these in their preparation for the end of year exams.

Our Guidance Team met last week with the agencies we rely on to provide support for our students

when needed. We greatly appreciate the help we can tap into and the quality of the support we have in North Canterbury. We are very fortunate to have Liz Teulon leading the guidance team here at Amuri Area School and being supported by such able Teacher Aides.

I attended the Tipu Maia (our 13 school Kahui Ako) Principals' meeting last Friday where the Achievement Challenges for the group for the next three years were finalised. Common challenges in Literacy, Numeracy, Student Wellbeing and Cultural Identity will be chosen by individual schools based on data collected and monitored throughout the three years. We are looking forward to these challenges making a difference for our students as we work together as a group of schools. We appreciate the excellent work our Kahui Ako leaders are doing. Amuri Area School has two staff working in this area as Across School Leaders – Julia Steel and Gavin Cate. They are providing very positive leadership.

We are having a full school assembly on September 21st at 11.15am – the first one for this term. Parents are welcome to attend.

The Primary area is looking forward to two significant events in the next three weeks. Book Week is starting Monday Sept 19th with book character dress up day on the 22nd. Pet day is on Tuesday 27th – both events have been cancelled in the last two years because of Covid. It is great to have them back again.

I am continuing to thoroughly enjoy my time here at Amuri Area School – this school has a wonderful staff and friendly and helpful students who generally work well. I have been very impressed as I have visited a number of classes to observe lessons over the last two weeks - the positive learning atmosphere and the quality of the learning and the relationships is impressive, and we are so fortunate to have our teaching staff backed up by a wonderful supportive team.

Nga mihi
Bob Norrish
Acting Principal

Primary School News

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Firstly, I need to correct my Lions speech competition results from my last column. Lillie Schuurman (2nd) and Lexie Godfrey-Grant (3rd) in the Year 7 and 8 competition. I accidentally had them in the wrong order. Congratulations and apologies to both girls.

Yesterday a group of writers from Years 6-8 worked with Gail from the Young Writers School and were involved in a number of creative writing tasks. This opportunity comes with funding from the Hurunui District Council to help pay for the fees and we are grateful for their support. I look forward to sharing some of the student writing soon.

Here is the primary assembly roster for the remainder of the year.

Term 3

16 Sept - Room 7
23 Sept – Room 1
30 Sept - Room 6

Term 4

21 Oct – Room 3
28 Oct – Athletics
4 Nov – Room 1
11 Nov - Show Day
18 Nov – Room 2
25 Nov - Accord Day
2 Dec - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Pet Day plans are well underway. Please return your child's pet day confirmation slips to their class teacher by Friday 16th September. We need to know in advance how many of each animal are attending so we can create our pet areas for the day. I have had some parents ask if it is ok to present a project and not bring the pet (e.g a cat that will find the day too stressful) and that's fine, just please email me and let me know so our judges don't get confused!

We had a fantastic day at the 7-Aside competition at Hurunui College last week. Mr Norrish and I went down to see our teams in action and it was a great day. It was lovely to see our students representing the school with pride and enjoying being able to meet and interact with students from other schools. Thank you to Miss Sopp for arranging the logistics of getting us there and back safely! Whilst the Year 4-8 students were out, our Year 1-3 students hosted the junior room from Waiau School. Our younger students don't get out as much as our older ones, so they enjoyed the visit and having a special treat with the older students being away. Thanks to Mrs Johnson for arranging this to take place.

We have lots of things coming up before the end of the term, so please keep your eyes on the class Seesaw accounts to keep up to date with all the events!

Hei konā
Kylee Habgood
Deputy Principal - Primary

Senior School News

Kia Ora Everyone

Senior exams have been held all of this week under the supervision of our NZQA exam centre manager, Janet Moriarty. A big thank you to Janet for her organisation and administration of these exams. For our Year 10 students, it has been the first time that they have experienced exam conditions.

Teachers will now be busy over the next week marking the students' work to be able to provide constructive feedback both face to face in class and through our senior Term 3 reports that are due to go home in the last week of term.

Students are encouraged to listen and take constructive feedback on board, putting in place study plans to improve or sustain high grades in the official NZQA external exams which start in November.

A huge congratulations to Regan Kay, our senior school achiever of the month for September. Well done Regan for your continuing excellence in attitude and academic outcomes in all of your subjects.



Senior subject selection for 2023 has now closed. Thank you to all the parents and Whanau that had robust discussions at home around pathways and choices. I thoroughly enjoyed the discussions I had with students, who are incredibly articulate around their passions, career opportunities and where they feel their strengths are. This has helped a great deal in the process of creating a smorgasbord of subject opportunities that support student goals.

My advice to students in the senior school, who only have a limited number of teaching hours left for the year within their subjects is:

- Work out where you have gaps;
- Identify what you need to know;
- Plan your time to acquire what you need.

Well done for getting through exam week.....

Nicole Peterson
Deputy Principal - Secondary

2022 Hawarden-Waikari Lions Schools' Speech Contest Results for Year 7/8 Students

1st Bella Godfrey-Grant
2nd Lexie Godfrey-Grant
3rd Alysha Hepi-Te Huia
4th Eva Roberts
5th Gwen Manifold
6th Lillie Schuurman

Congratulations to all the speakers.
It was a wonderful competition!

Babies By Room 4

Babies don't walk,
they crawl.
They cry for cuddles,
not talk all the time.
Babies don't guzzle or gulp from glasses,
they suck and nibble their mother's nipple.
Babies don't wear undies under big clothes,
they wear nappies under small clothes.
Babies don't drive dangerous vehicles,
they play with red rattles.
They are bald but wear beanies,
not much hair to keep their heads warm.



*This poem we wrote as a class is inspired by
this poem we read:*

Spring Lambs

Spring lambs
don't waddle,
they wobble.
They say ba-a-a-a
in a squeaky squeal,
not in a raspy rumble.

Spring lambs
don't grab at grass
in big quick gulps.
They search and suck
their mothers' milk,
tails tweaking.

By Julia Wall



.... so this is what happens when
the receptionists go away to a
conference for a couple of days!!



The Filipino Salakot

The salakot is a symbol of Filipino identity. Salakot is made from natural resources of the Philippines. These are bamboo, palms and rattan leaves. Some salakot were coated in a resin to make them waterproof. Salakot are worn by farmers and fishermen to keep them dry and sheltered from the sun. These days you will find salakot worn by many people, not just farmers and fishermen.

At Amuri, last week, we celebrated the Filipino tradition by creating our very own salakot.

'nasiyahan kami' We had fun!

Kimberly, Marc Shein, Ysabella, Fil John and Martha Room 5/6



ROLL OF HONOUR

*Brodie Carr
Gus Clisby
Tim Del Mundo
Maria Dela Rosa
Bianca Dela Vega
Alanah Flintoft
Willow Harwood
George Jackson
Willow Macadam
Charles Paragas
Lachie Perry
Janae Tily*

1ST MERIT

*Safira Barroz
Julia Black
Jack Cater
William Cromie
Annabelle Cundy
Milly Dampier-Crossley
Tim Del Mundo
Bianca Dela Vega
Xaria Fawcett
Daniela Panganoron
Charlene Paragas
Valerie Paragas
Aggie Rutherford
Lillie Schuurman*

2ND MERIT

*Khean Garces
Lexie Godfrey-Grant
Cole Phillips
Hank Reed*

Dates for Your diary

September

13th-14th	Year 12 Outdoor Ed Trip
13th	Student Executive Meeting @ 1:15pm
14th	School Nurse on site for consultations
14th	Children's University Gowning Session
19th-20th	Year 11 Geography to Kaikoura
19th-23rd	Book Week - Years 1-8
20th	Author visit James Russell - Years 1-8
20th	Pat Buckley from HDC visit for Year 11-13
21st	11AgHort Field Trip
21st	Mitchell Assembly @ 11:15am
23rd	North Canterbury Kapa Haka Festival @ Ohoka
23rd	Years 12-13 Biology Trip to Orana Park
24th-30th	Year 12 Geography SIHC
27th	Pet Day - Years 1-6
27th-29th	Year 13 Outdoor Ed Cycle Tour
29th	Pet Day - Years 1-6 postponement
30th	Mufti Day - for Culverden St. John
30th	END OF TERM 3

October

17th	Start of Term 4
19th	Huxter Bike Race @ McLeans Island
20th	Senior Athletics
24th	Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
25th	Caverhill Assembly @ 11:15am
25th-28th	Year 8 Camp to Kaiteriteri
28th	Primary Athletics
31st	Primary Athletics postponement

November

4th	Firewise Visit for Year 1-2 students
7th	HPSSA Athletics @ Amuri
8th	Year 7-8 Cup Shield Cricket @ Mandeville
8th	Hamilton Assembly @ 12:15pm
8th	Student Executive Meeting @ 1:15pm
9th	HPSSA Athletics Postponement
11th	Canterbury Anniversary - SCHOOL CLOSED
17th	Mufti Day for the Blind Foundation
19th	Amuri Trail Ride

CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO DOMINIC BRETT

on being presented with the New Zealand Area School Excellence Award for 2022. This award is presented to the top three students in New Zealand Area Schools who exemplify academic, cultural or sporting excellence.

Dominic was a great role model for his peers, who worked consistently at a high level to gain the DUX award in 2021. He was also a fantastic whanau leader and supported many sporting and cultural activities through his years at Amuri. This award is a much deserved recognition of his achievements. Well done!





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Tickets limited to 500, winner will be drawn once all tickets are sold.

Proceeds will be used towards sand,
sandpit toys and break time resources
for the junior school

Please contact
Courtney Absalom on
0275557895 for further
details



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North Canterbury Primary Schools
3 Hour Mountain Bike Event



**RAKAHURI
BIKE BLAST**

MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2022

LOTS OF FUN! Ideal for first time event riders and those more experienced

LOCATION: Rakahuri MTB Trails, Rangiora

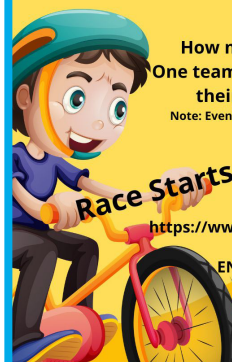
Enter your Team of 2 Riders in the following categories...

Years 5/6 - *Boys *Girls *Mixed

Years 7/8 - *Boys *Girls *Mixed

Don't miss out - Entries are limited

Entries Close 12 Nov 2022 - \$50 per team entry (or earlier if limit reached)



Race Starts 10:30am

3 HOUR TEAM EVENT

How many laps can your team do in the allocated TIME?

One team member is out on the course for a lap and then tags
their teammate who does the next one... and so on...

Note: Event start times, length & course may alter slightly depending on entries received

MORE INFO...

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<https://www.facebook.com/Rakahuri-Bike-Blast-MTB-312127336255595/>

ENTER HERE <https://forms.gle/HHkEC5DdkdjZpUxY7>

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**Rātā
Foundation**

**Together
Huronui**

**ARE THE
KIDS ALRIGHT?**

Together Huronui & Huronui Youth Present

26 Sept 7-9pm

Hawarden Community Hall
8 Horsley Down Rd,
Hawarden.

27 Sept, 7-9pm

Cheviot Hotel
43 Hall Street, Cheviot



This is a
**free
event**

Community Education
workshop with
Pat Buckley
highlighting current drug
use trends & dangers &
where to access support.

Pat will also be presenting to
the senior students at Cheviot
Area School & Huronui College.

For more information about Pat
amped4life.net.nz
Refreshments and a light supper will
follow Pat's presentation.

For enquires phone 03 314 8816 | huronui.govt.nz



**Tuahiwi Kā Matakura
O Ruataniwha 2022**

**North Canterbury Kapa Haka Celebration
Held at 261 Jacksons Road Ohoka**

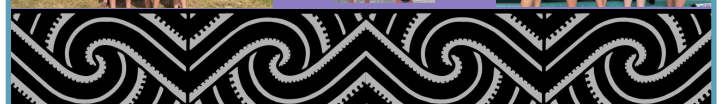
Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd September,

Tickets \$10 available from Tuahiwi School Office 03 313 8521 or
at a participating school office



Tuahiwi School
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Raffles up for grabs
Sausage Sizzle and bacon butties
Cake stall and other goodies for sale
CASH ONLY NO EFTPOS



Inter-Whanau Lunchtime Activity - Pavement Art



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The Principal
Amuri Area School
Culverden

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Dear James

Once again Hurunui District Council is pleased to offer the Secondary School Achievers Award to secondary students from Years 11 to 13.

The Award is to financially assist students who live in the Hurunui District to further their study at either secondary or tertiary level next year. The applicants need to be demonstrating an ability, attitude and determination to succeed in any field, and may need some financial assistance to help them achieve their goals.

As in other years all applications are to be made online and the form can be accessed on the Council website—

<https://www.hurunui.govt.nz/community/awards-and-funding/secondary-school-achievers-fund>

I would appreciate it if you could draw this funding to the attention of your Year 11 – 13 students.

Applications must have been received online by midday Monday 10 October 2022.

Yours sincerely

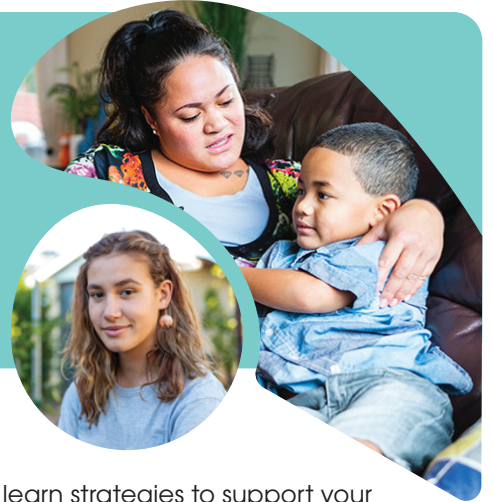
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Free webinar series

What's Going On for My Child or Teen?



Do you want to help your child or teen who may be exhibiting challenging behaviours or experiencing distress?

Join us for this series of free webinars, presented by expert facilitators to learn strategies to support your child or teen. Parents, caregivers, teachers, and those working with children can gain the confidence and tools to address a range of issues that may affect children and teens.

Attend the entire series or choose which webinars you'd like to attend.

1 The Importance of Self-Care and Self-Regulation

Wednesday 19 October, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Gain an understanding of the importance of looking after yourself first, and learn tips and tools for self-care. Facilitated by Mel Johns.

2 Strategies for Challenging Behaviour

Tuesday 25 October, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Explore what might drive challenging behaviour, and develop strategies that can be used when this behaviour arises. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher.

3 Anxiety in Children and Teens

Tuesday 1 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Develop your knowledge and understanding of anxiety in children and learn ways you can support them. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher

4 School Avoidance

Tuesday 8 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Explore the issue of children avoiding school, discover how this is often linked to anxiety, and gain tools to address school avoidance. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher. *(It is highly recommended that you also attend the session on anxiety as this is often a key driver of school avoidance).*

Supporting Children and Teens Through Big Emotions

5 Wednesday 16 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Gain an understanding of how you can support your child or teen who may be experiencing intense feelings. Facilitated by Sarah Drummond.

6 The Importance of Healthy Sleep Habits

Wednesday 23 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Explore the importance of sleep habits and learn ways to establish healthy routines. Facilitated by Ruth Troughton.

7 Supporting Children and Teens in a Digital World

Wednesday 30 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Consider the effects on children and teens living in a digital world and explore tools and strategies which can be used to have discussions about wellbeing and safety online. Facilitated by NetSafe.

Register at mherc.org.nz

For more information contact education@mherc.org.nz or 0800 424 399