

Term 3
Week
5 of 10

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Kia ora Koutou

There has been a significant buzz around the pool area in the last couple of weeks. The Board of Trustees and Swim Club have been collaborating to update the original pool filtration system. The company contracted to do this work saw our old system and were heard to say they had '...never seen anything quite like it before.' We understand the system was the original one from when the pool was first put in and must be nearing a special message from the King for 100 years. We now have a brand-new filter system installed and the finishing touches are being put on this ready for the swimming season this summer. There are plans for some more work to be completed around the pool by our Year 7 leadership group early next term.

Our Year 10-13 students are beginning to prepare for their derived grade exams which are here at school beginning Monday 4th of September. Following the exams, Mrs Peterson will be organising a career pathway evening where parents and whanau will be invited to bring their children in to discuss subject selection for 2024. Please watch for more information about this evening which will be towards the end of this term.

The 7-aside at Hurunui College is a well anticipated and looked forward to part of our primary zone calendar. Unfortunately the weather didn't play the game and it began to rain in Hawarden as the games got started and managed to shower most of the day. This did not dampen the enthusiasm of the students who showed real sportsmanship and had a great time, both during and between games! A huge thank you to our team of staff and parents who managed and supported teams in the chilly conditions and to Hurunui College for hosting the day. Also a shout-out to Tony for racing the gazebos down at the last minute.

Meanwhile here at school, our Year 1-3 students hosted Year 1-3 students from Waiau, Rotherham and Waikari Schools. A slightly modified timetable had to be arranged due to wet conditions but that certainly didn't stop the fun. It was fantastic to see our Amurians meeting and mixing with their peers from other schools. Thank you to Mrs Johnson for making this happen.

Sport is a huge part of our lives here at Amuri and we simply couldn't provide these opportunities without parent and whanau support. A huge thank you to our drivers, coaches, supporters and managers who give up their time for these students to compete in Christchurch competitions for both basketball and netball.

We have had senior boys and senior girls competing in social basketball on a Friday night for the last 10 weeks. Thanks to all the parents, carers and staff who have chauffeured our teams to various gyms in Christchurch. Our senior girls team plays Cashmere tonight in Christchurch and we wish the ladies and their coach, Mrs Wilson all the best for their last game. Our senior boys basketball team plays Hurunui College for first and second in their grade here at home tonight in the gym. Come on down and support them if you can. Good luck team!

We entered Senior A and B teams along with a Junior (Year 9-10) netball team who have been playing in the Wednesday afternoon sport competition at Hagley Park. Over the last 10 weeks they have competed against schools from Christchurch. A small group of students have also umpired for these teams, providing them with good experience of umpiring unknown teams.

We have confirmed cases of chicken pox in the Primary school and along with other winter ailments, both students and staff are being affected. Thank you to parents who are keeping their children at home when they are unwell.

Our Kapa Haka group attended the North Canterbury Kapa Haka festival yesterday in Rangiora. Thank you to the team of staff who accompanied the group and enjoyed the experience of performing alongside groups from other schools. Alix Bush has provided some brilliant photos of their performance to put in the newsletter. Thank you Alix!

A highlight for me this week was working in Te Kooti yesterday alongside Miss Paterson. We had Ms Campbell and her Year 10 Drama students come and work with our smallest Amurians and work on performing classic fairytales. We have some budding stage stars in our midst! It was a brilliant experience and it was enjoyed by everyone involved. Another great reason to be here doing what we do.

Have a great weekend.

Kylee Habgood
Deputy Principal - Primary

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Kia Ora Whanau

I hope this time of year finds you all well and warm. We have noticed a spike in absences related to sickness in the last few weeks. I encourage students in the senior secondary to make study plans around time away from school to ensure they make the most of their remaining learning time before exams kick in. A big thank you to the teachers and students for the continued learning and success that is occurring daily.

A big shout out to our Maths teachers for the organisation and oversight of Maths week last week which looked amazing.



Derived Grade Exams are scheduled to start on the 4th of September. These are our practice/mock exams in which we get really accurate data about how your child is progressing and what is needed to prepare for the final exams in November. Due to extenuating events in our recent past such as earthquakes and pandemics, our derived grade exams provide a grade that can be used in place of final exams in November if something were to happen to prohibit your child from being able to be physically present at their exams. So, they are important and students need to focus their energy into succeeding in these exams to the best of their ability.

Please note, students from Year 11 and upwards only attend their exams. There will be no scheduled classes being held during this week. If a student needs to stay at school to catch the school bus, the Library and Academy will be made available for study.

Year 9 and 10 will have normal timetabled classes for the week, except for Year 10 on Tuesday and Thursday where they will finish classes at the end of period 3 (12.20pm) have a 35 minute lunch break. Then sit a two hour exam under external conditions in our exam centre (Rugby Club rooms) from 1:00pm-3pm.

Pathway Planning and Option Selection for 2024

For 2023 we are trialling a new approach to our system of supporting our Akonga select pathways and options that support their abilities and passions.

Any students interested in attending a Pre-Trade course at ARA or NTA for 2024, should attend a workshop on the 21st August in the Academy from 1.30pm. We have

our Liaison from ARA coming to share information on courses and the application process for next year. This workshop is offered to Year 10 students moving to Year 11 in 2024 and above.

ARA also has a Dual Enrolment Whānau Information Evening next week on Thursday 24th August. Please register online if you are interested in attending.

Courses available in 2024

Beauty Therapy

Hairdressing

Cookery

Barista & Front of House Service

Construction

Carpentry

Electrical Services

Engineering

Automotive

Plumbing & Drain laying.

Spaces are limited, and students will need to apply using the application pack provided at the session and return with verified ID by the 28th of August to the front office. Selection will be based on numbers and students track record of behaviour, attendance and their willingness to succeed in given pathways.

In School Option selection for Year 10 to 13

The rationale of our change is to trial how we can have purposeful and meaningful conversations with our Akonga and Whanau about student progress currently in their learning and pathways available to them moving forward. In order to do this, we will be trialing the following timeline of process for this year.

I encourage all parents and whanau to start the discussions around course selection and pathways now and make the most of the information shared in the student reports that will be released by the 20th of September and then our Pathway expo on the evening of the 21st of September to discuss best next steps for success as well as pathways that will encourage your child to grow in 2024.

I will be sharing articles and information with our school community through our careerwise newsletters in the following weeks. Please feel free to email me if you would like to meet or receive a callback to discuss choices further.

Nicole Peterson

Deputy Principal - Secondary

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

4th - 8th September	Derived Grade Exams Year 10 - 13	6th Sept 2pm	Year 9 and 10 NCEA Assembly <i>(Parents & Whanau welcome to attend)</i>	13th September 2pm	Year 12 to 13 for 2024 Pathway Assembly <i>(Parents & Whanau welcome to attend)</i>	20th September	Mid Year Reports Sent Home for Y10 - 13 Option Selection process opens <i>Packs will be distributed in Form class and online</i>	21st September 3.30 - 7pm	Pathway discussion Expo <i>Recomended that all Whanau and students attend</i>	22nd September	Option selection closes <i>Forms due to form teachers</i>
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Primary School Assembly Schedule

Term 3

18 Aug (pp day for 7 aside) Singing
 25 Aug – Room 2
 1 Sept – Room 5
 8 Sept – Room 6
 15 Sept – Room 7 (Māori Language Week)
 22 Sept – Room 2

Term 4

13 Oct - Room 4
 20 Oct - Singing
 27 Oct – Primary Athletics
 3 Nov - Room 7
 10 Nov - Room 6
 17 Nov - Show Weekend
 24 Nov – Room 1
 1 Dec – Terako (Leavers Assembly)

Piano Lessons with Andrea

Andrea currently has lesson times available. If you would like your child to learn the piano, please get in touch with Andrea either by

Phone: 020 4035 8805 or
 Email: hooperandrea4@gmail.com



Dates for Your Diary

August

- 23rd Mitchell Assembly @ 9:00am
Student Executive Meeting @ 1:10pm
25th Ethics Olympiad Training Day
Mufti Day for Daffodil Day - Gold coin
donation with proceeds to Cancer Society
27th-1st SISS Senior Netball Tournament, Invercargill
30th Mitchell Assembly @ 9:00am

September

- 4th-8th Senior Derived Grade Exams
11th Year 11Ag trip
12th Ethics Olympiad Junior
13th Choir rehearsal at Haeata Community Hall
14th Caverhill Assembly @ 11:20am
20th Student Executive Meeting @ 1:10pm
22nd End of Term 3

October

- 4th-7th NZ MTB Champs
9th Start of Term 4
9th-11th Year 6 Camp to Living Springs
11th Student Executive Meeting at 1:10pm
16th-19th Year 8 Camp to Kaiteriteri
18th Board of Trustees Meeting
23rd Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
26th Hamilton Assembly @ 2:00pm
27th Primary Athletics
30th Primary Athletics Postponement

Roll of Honour

Brodie Carr | Heider Carreon
Scott Gardiner | Caleb Green
Max Jackson | Bee Jamieson
Sam O'Neill | Neil Samera
Anki Van der Merwe | Jak Wilson

1st Merit

Heider Carreon | Gus Clisby
Kate Easton | Kyle Gardiner
Scott Gardiner | Emily Harris
Max Jackson | Tom Jackson
Bee Jamieson | Pia Mercado
Rommie Murie | Sam O'Neill
Marc Shein Quevedo | Namash Rana
Georgia Roberts | Hannah Sharplin
Tamika Van de Wiel | Jackson Wilkes
Jack Wilson

2nd Merit

Lucy Cater | Hannah Clegg
Tazmin Emsley | William Hamilton
Emily Harris | Alysha Hepi-Te Huia
Biddie Johnson | Harriett Rutherford
Charlotte Snowling

3rd Merit

Isabella Godfrey-Grant

Showcasing Art by our Senior Students



Photography collage, 2022
Kara Easton

Term 3 Happenings so far

On Monday the Year 12 and 13 English classes went down to the Court Theatre to see the play, 'the Appleton Ladies' Potato Race'. The play was based on a true story set in a rural Australian town. After the play the students took part in a question and answer forum with the director, costume and set designers and the actors.

Claire McCarthy



Year 1-3 students from Rotherham, Waikarī and Waiaua visit



North Canterbury Kapa Haka Festival

On Thursday 17 August, our Kapa Haka rōpū travelled to Rangiora for the North Canterbury Kapa Haka Festival. We got dressed and had a practice at school before we headed to Rangiora. When we arrived, we had lunch outside in the sunshine. The schools we watched perform were Tuahiwi, Amberley, Omihi, West Eyreton, Ashgrove and Loburn. Our favourite performance to watch was Tuahiwi School.

Before our performance, Alex and Alysha spoke to the MC and answered some questions in Te Reo Māori. We were very proud of them having the confidence to do this. They also entered a pukana challenge with tamariki from other schools. Molly entered a waiata challenge where she had to sing solo. These tamariki did our school proud.

Our Kapa Haka performance was fantastic. We performed Ko Wai Tēnei, Ngā kano, E minaka ana, Rona, Amuri e, Ko te kura ō Amuri, Tahu Pōtiki and Pahiwi. Many spectators commented that we sang beautifully, had nice song choices and flash uniforms. We presented ourselves well on stage and did the school proud with our top notch behaviour.

Our kaiako were so pleased with us that they bought us all an ice-block at the end of the day. We loved travelling to and from Rangiora with our friends and performing for our whānau and other spectators. We look forward to our next performance. Thanks to the whānau who helped with transport, applying lipstick, sorting uniforms and looking after us all. We are truly grateful for the love and support.

Ka mau te wehi!

From the Amuri Area School Kapa Haka rōpū



HPSSA 7-Aside Tournament at Hurnui College



AAS Maths Week



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NEW SEASON ABOUT TO START REGISTRATION DAY SAT 19th AUGUST 2PM*

COME & SEE WHAT BMX IS ALL ABOUT

Local Club Details

NORTH CANTERBURY (RANGIORA)
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/northcanterbury/bmx>
Ashley Picnic Grounds, Milton Avenue, Rangiora

NORTH AVON CHRISTCHURCH (BEXLEY)
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/nacbm>
Bexley Reserve, Pages Road, Bexley
CHRISTCHURCH CITY (HORNBY)
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/chchbm>
Kyle Park, Waterloo Road, Hornby

BMX

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* FOR BACK UP RAIN DATES PLEASE CHECK FACEBOOK

AMURI AREA SCHOOL PTA CALF SCHEME 2023

The Calf Scheme we run every year is our No. 1 fundraiser for our school. Every year, thanks to your generous support, we raise in excess of \$30,000.00. All money raised goes to classroom resources, school excursions or any other needs within the school.

If you are keen to donate to this years' scheme, please let us know and we will get tags to you.

If you would rather make a monetary donation, as any donation is greatly appreciated, please donate through online banking using your surname and first name as reference, code CALF. Our bank account number is 03-1582-0069597-00.

If you are after a tag or two or need any further information, please contact Vicky Hamilton on 021-134-1793 or Fiona Dwyer on 027-260-2027. Please note that you will need to ensure all donated stock are NAIT tagged.

Thank you to FarmSource, Livestock Exchange and Amuri Transport for sponsoring this scheme.



FIVE STAGS SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIE Fri 29 SEPT



Three mummies from the underworld go to present-day London in search of an old ring belonging to an Ancient Egyptian Royal Family that was stolen by ambitious archaeologist Lord Carnaby. The mummies end up in hilarious situations as they try to get to grips with life in the 21st century.

FREE ENTRY – MOVIE sponsored by The Five Stags

Where: **The Five Stags @ 4pm**
Limited numbers – don't miss out!
To reserve your place phone
Keith: 0274 933 958

This film is rated

PG

PG means that anyone can view the film but parental guidance is recommended for younger viewers.

THIS FILM IS SHOWN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF:



HARCOURTS GOLD SPITFIRE

Art Competition

THREE GROUPS:

- Years 1 - 4, Years 5 - 8 and Years 9 - 10

PRIZES FOR EACH GROUP:

- 1st Prize: one award, \$300 voucher
- 2nd Prize: up to two awards, \$200 voucher each
- 3rd Prize: up to three awards, \$100 voucher each
- Highly commended: up to 10 awards

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

- 5 pm, 6th October 2023



For essential details, please scan the QR code below



Artwork to be sent to Harcourts Gold Spitfire Office
Unit 12, 544 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch Airport,
Christchurch 8053
CONTACT: 03 662 9222

Harcourts gold



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THE LIBRARY
TICKETS \$15

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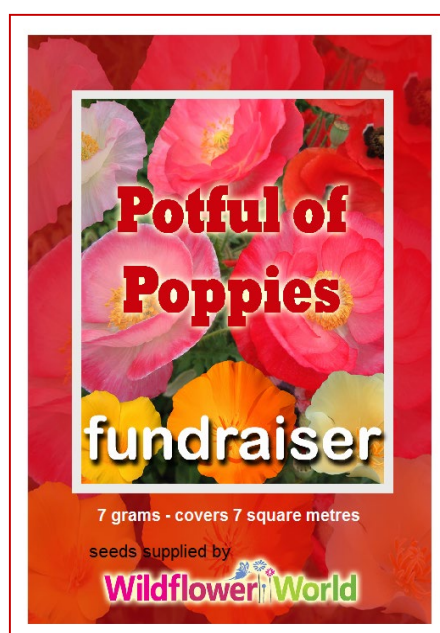
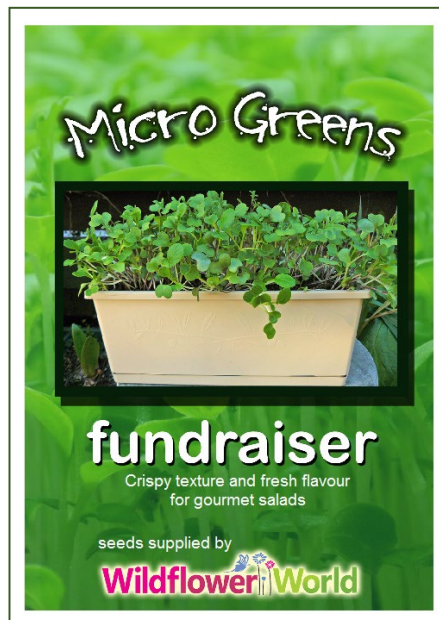
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TICKETS \$15

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Fund Raising for Year 13 Geography

Here is a great opportunity to purchase seeds to show your support. Seeds are easy to sow, fun to grow and will reward you with gorgeous flowers year after year.

We have some great choices - why not try them all. Prices are less than normal retail and our organisation will make 40% profit on all sales. Growing information is included on each packet of seeds.

To order please return this form with your payment no later than **31st August 2023**

Delivery will be on or after **8th September 2023**

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. All enquiries to **Melissa Greenwood – 027-517-7783**

Seed Order Form 2023

Name: _____
Address: _____
Ph: _____



Seed Type	Price	Number	Total
Wildflower Bee Friendly Mix – 10 grams Plant wildflower seeds, the ultimate in colourful low maintenance gardening, in your garden to provide essential nutrition for bees and other pollinating insects. Covers 10m ² . Height: 20-60 cm	\$10.00		
Vege Medley Mix – 1200 Seeds Eat Healthy and save money with our mix of 6 healthy option vege staples. Our mix includes Broccoli (Di Cicco), Kale (Red Russian), Cabbage (Golden Acre, Lettuce (Iceberg), Broccoli (Romanesco), & Spinach (Hybrid #7).	\$7.00		
My First Flower Garden – 7 grams This easy-care wildflower seed mix is great for the first-time gardener, loaded with low maintenance easy care varieties. It's so easy! The perfect children's mix. Covers 7m ²	\$7.00		
Crazy Cosmos – 500 Seeds This mix of dazzling cosmos will blast bright crazy colour into your garden throughout Summer and Autumn.	\$6.20		
Micro Greens – 10 grams 'Micro Greens' is a term used for vegetables that are harvested at small seedling stage. They are a nutritious and tasty addition to salads. They can be grown any time of year, even inside during the winter.	\$7.20		
Sweet Pea – Summer Rainbow Mix – 20 seeds A colourful and fragrant mix of climbing sweet peas. Plant against a fence or trellis. Height up to 2 metres.	\$5.20		
Sunflowers – 20 seeds Sunflowers are a great way to add colour to your garden, and they're easy to grow and care for.	\$5.00		
Potful of Poppies – 7 grams A combination of different types of poppies that can be grown together to give an amazing colourful and easy to grow display. Three wildflower species have also been included to harmonise and blend. Height 40-80cm. Covers 7m ²	\$7.00		
GRAND TOTAL			\$



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