

# Amuri Area School



*Kia Kitea Toikaka  
Nothing But The Best*

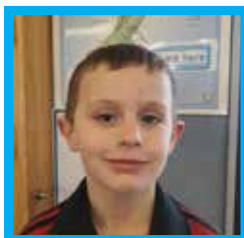
*Raising Achievement; Realising Potential; Encouraging Excellence*

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## Tena Koutou Katoa

### Achiever of the Month

This month the award and congratulations goes to William Hamilton. There are many ways to show achievement and commitment to school and William exhibits many of them. His engagement and enthusiasm in Kapa Haka is second to none and in class he works to the very best of his ability. His picture will take pride and place of the wall as you come onto school grounds and he has gained valuable points for his house at the end of the year. Well done William.



### BYOD

We are trying to make this process a little easier for parents and have entered into an arrangement with PB Tech to supply BYOD devices that meet our specifications at Government Prices to our students. There is no compulsion to use them and you can at times get some great deals straight off the shelf in stores, however these prices are pretty competitive and worth considering if you are looking at this for next year. The link is below:-

[https://www.pbtech.co.nz/education/byod/amuri-area-school?qr=pb\\_byod](https://www.pbtech.co.nz/education/byod/amuri-area-school?qr=pb_byod)

### Peter Pan

Only a few short weeks to go until our production of Peter Pan so save the dates, 18th and 19th June! Our last production sold out so do not delay when tickets are released to ensure that you don't miss out.

### NCEA Changes

A very productive day this week as we worked through the upcoming changes to

NCEA. One of the major changes to come is a change in the Literacy and Numeracy requirements where all students in the country will be required to take a standardised test in order to achieve at any level of NCEA. The plan is for this to be fully implemented in 2023 meaning our current Year 9 will be the first group to face this requirement. The Primary team also had a great day receiving training in the 'Pause Breath Smile' programme to support our wellbeing initiatives. Next week after school we will be receiving whole school development in recognising and responding to family violence.

### Sports!

Good luck to our students heading to the Area Schools trials this weekend. We look forward to seeing how many make it through. Also weather permitting our school Cross Country will set off on Wednesday at 12.20 pm.

Have a great weekend

James Griggs  
Principal

## Roll of Honour

*Jack Cater  
Hannah Clegg  
Hailey Esperat  
Maria Lim  
DL Lopez  
Harper MacDonald  
Alex Shaw  
James Van Arendonk*

# Junior School News

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

It has been a great start to Term 2 and we're just as excited as anyone to see a bit of rain. Hats are no longer compulsory for outdoor play in Term 2, so please keep them at home until Term 4.

It is almost June 1st 'Gypsy Day' and this may mean there will be some disruption to classes with children leaving the school as well as those arriving. If you are employing new



staff, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible to let us know they are coming. This helps us to be prepared and plan for bigger numbers that may arrive.

Tekoa students will be working on Lexia this term. This is an online alphabet, phonics and spelling program that we use with all our Year 1-6 students. These students will be able to use their logins at school and at home. There have been some updates to the program which now has more levels to complete so all students will be involved during the year. We encourage parents to allow children some time at home to work on this within the family rules that you have around using devices.

We have had several new students join our syndicate in the last month. We welcome Shay in Room 1 and her big brother Kees in Room 2. Mitchell and Jayden have joined ESW7/8 and Janae has turned 5 and is beginning her school career in Room 1. Welcome to our new Amurians!

In June we have two visiting performances. The first performance is on June 1st and is called 'Be Bright, Eat Right.' This is for all Year 1-8 students and the cost for this will be kindly covered by the PTA with our grateful thanks. The second performance is El Gregoe, a well-known magician. He is visiting on June 21st with his show 'What you can be.' This is specifically for Year 1-6 students.

The lost property box is overflowing on the primary side. If you're missing something, please pop in and have a look. Now the start of the term is here, all remaining non uniform items will be packed up and donated to a charity shop. Please remember to name all uniform items as it is very hard to return things that aren't named.

Nga mihi nui  
Kylee Habgood

Some of our students helping to beautify our environment as part of the United Nations Sustainable Development goals



## Dental Care

As you know the, Community Dental Service comes to the school annually and ensures that each student is checked and their oral health maintained. But did you know that this only goes up until Year 8? From Year 9 they will then be referred by the Community Dental Team to a clinic nearby (Rangiora/Kaiapoi) so that their care can then be managed through their high school years.



But it remains FREE!!! So make sure you all make the most of this while they are free until age 18 and support your children's oral health to prevent poor oral hygiene, decay and infections. Living with poor dental health can be debilitating and can have huge impacts on your child's health and learning.

The only costs from here will be your time in getting to these clinics. Rural living can be a challenge with this, but if you need advice or help, the team will be only too happy to support you. Contact them to check in if you need to or are new to the area on 0800 846 983 or email [commndental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commndental@cdhb.health.nz)

To enrol a teenager in free dental care, contact a free family dentist. If you need more information you can contact the Adolescent Oral Health Coordinator, 0800 825 583 or [freedentalcare@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:freedentalcare@cdhb.health.nz)

Yours in Good Health  
Mischa Clouston, School Nurse



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## May

16th - 17th NZ Area Schools Trials, Rangiora  
 19th North Canterbury Careers Expo, Rangiora  
**19th Amuri Cross Country @ 12:20pm**  
 22nd - 24th Otago University Open Days  
 23rd - 27th Year 12 Outdoor Ed, Marlborough Sounds  
 26th Year 7/8 Debating Team, Ashgrove

## June

1st Year 1-6 Be Bright Eat Right  
 1st CSS Cross Country, Hagley Park  
 2nd HPSSA Cross Country - Waikari  
 4th CCHS Indoor Tournament, Christchurch  
 4th HPSSA Cross Country - Postponement  
 4th - 9th Year 13 Social Science Trip to Rotorua  
 7th Queens Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED  
 9th Mitchell Assembly @ 10:00am  
 14th - 15th Year 11 Geography West Coast trip  
 16th Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00pm  
 18th - 19th School Production - PETER PAN  
 21st El Grego Magic Show for Year 1-6  
 23rd CPS Cross Country - Halswell  
 30th CPS Cross Country - Postponement

## July

1st Level 3 Chemistry trip to UC  
 1st Caverhill Assembly @ 10:00am  
 5th - 7th Parent Teacher Interviews  
 9th End of Term 2  
 18th - 21st NZAS Tournament - Dunedin  
 26th Start of Term 3

ICAS : International Competitions and Assessments for Schools  
 HPSSA : Hurunui Primary Schools Sports Association  
 CCHS : Canterbury Country High Schools  
 CPS : Canterbury Primary Schools  
 TOSI : Top of South Island  
 SISS : South Island Secondary Schools  
 CSS : Canterbury Secondary Schools  
 NZAS : New Zealand Area Schools



## ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

The Hawarden Karate Club is training at Amuri Area School in the Community Room on Sundays, starting 16th May, from 9:00am to 11:00am. Enquiries to Russell 027-766-5683.

## Sustainability unit in Year 10 Social Studies

Girls made some food parcels for anyone who was in need or was short of some food in their lunches.

Boys picked up some litter around the school, rugby fields and town creek to help preserve life forms in the creeks and make the school community look tidy and to recycle any waste they found.



**FOOD BANK**  
 CANTERBURY & DISTRICT

In Social Studies we have been looking at the United Nation's Sustainable Development goals and looking at ways students can be socially active to support one of these goals. Two students came up with a plan to donate cans to the Foodbank. So, next week we will be asking students to donate a can to support this. **This is not compulsory.** Participating form classes will go into a draw for prizes.

# YOUTH week®

**Where?**  
Amuri Area School

**When?**  
Saturday 15th May 1pm - 8.30pm

**What?**

- Ki o Rahi Competition-enter a team
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Free BBQ
- Movie
- Music and more!

**"TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER"**



Youth Week supported and funded by:



To register you and your team contact: [hyp@hutan.govt.nz](mailto:hyp@hutan.govt.nz) or phone/text: 027 808 6579 or Rebecca 027 5800 0582. Find us on Facebook and Instagram.

## MATHS CRAFT new zealand

explore, educate, create  
Sunday 23 May 2021



**The Christchurch Maths Craft Day: celebrating connections between maths and craft.**

- Fold an origami octahedron
- Knit a mathematical knot
- Crochet a Möbius strip
- Colour a Latin square
- Flex a hexahexaflexagon

Plus, public talks by mathematicians, and exhibits from the Teece Museum.



Free entry, no booking necessary.

For more info visit [mathscraftnz.org](http://mathscraftnz.org)  
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**10am-5pm in The Great Hall at The Arts Centre**  
*Suitable for adults and children*




## 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY TUG OF WAR AND COMMUNITY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 23 MAY 2021  
AT SEFTON SCHOOL






**GATES OPEN 10AM**  
Food stalls, face painting, bake sale, gumboot throw, bouncy castle, truck pull, Pedalmania crazy bikes, raffle tickets & Seftonian kids battle.

Plus enter a team of 8 for the Tug of War and you could be in to win the grand prize of \$1,000 for the Hellers Trophy Pull or \$1,000 for the Mixed Pull. Entry fee \$100. Entries due 18 May.

**FREE ENTRY FOR SPECTATORS**  
Free childrens entertainment, eftpos available.

Come along to support Sefton School & the local community for this much anticipated annual event.

See [www.seftontugofwar.co.nz](http://www.seftontugofwar.co.nz) for event details or to register a team.



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blended families • parenting alone • anxiety

... and anything else you're struggling with



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