

Term 2
Week
7 of 10

Amuri Area School

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Kia ora Koutou

We have reached the end of another busy week! There has been a lot happening across different parts of the school with students involved in all sorts of opportunities. Of particular note, we had a group of young leaders at the iSport Youth Leadership day a couple of weeks ago where they listened to Richie McCaw, Dan Carter, Dame Valerie Adams, Dame Sophie Pascoe and Moses McKay encourage them to lead with character. The same week our Primary whānau leaders were at the National Young Leaders day in Christchurch.

I want to acknowledge all of those who were in the cast and worked behind the scenes to put on High School Musical. This was an outstanding production and it was awesome to see how the whole show came together. My thanks to Roz Kelly, Director, Charlotte Campbell who oversaw the production from the staff, Adrian Black, Tony Stanton and Eve Reihana who worked on the stage and set and Nicole Peterson who made costumes. There are many others who also gave their time to make the show happen, congratulations to everyone involved.

Our school value for this term is EXCELLENCE. Mitchell House led our assembly this week and highlighted a number of excellent achievements. They interviewed members of the cast of High School Musical, along with Bob Thompson who recently competed successfully at the Div2 Swimming Nationals. These achievements are noteworthy and highlight excellence. At the assembly I also shared a story about the rugby team I played in during my 5th form year at high school. We lost our first game 144-0, our second 125-0, third 94-0...and so the season continued until our last game where the mighty 5 C's won 23-21. If you look purely at results, it would be hard to describe our season as anything close to excellent; however, if we look at the growth, effort, determination and perseverance of the team it can be described as excellent. I encourage all of our students to look for excellence in as many ways as possible, not just in results. Every student has the potential to be excellent in some way!

We have had a number of students away over the last two weeks due to illness. Could we please ask that if your child is unwell, please do not send them

to school. Coughs, colds and other illnesses can spread quickly in the school environment.

Please ensure that you check the School App or Facebook for regular updates from the school. In particular, we will be using this to communicate plans around the industrial action that is continuing in the education sector at present.

Lastly, we have been excited to see the fruits of the student proposal for a warmer winter jersey option. Orders have been coming in thick and fast and the tops look great. This is a wonderful example of students using the Student Council to highlight an issue and work with the school community to find a great solution.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Kia kitea toikaka

Matt Barlow
Principal

Dates for Your Diary

June

12th	Yr 11Ag trip to Eudunda, Mousepoint Rd
13th	Yr 12Physics field trip to UC
16th	Yr 12/13 Ag trip to Hossack Downs
18th-19th	Yr 12 OE overnight tramp
19th	Community Volleyball Event
20th-21st	Yr 12/13 Overnight tramp
21st	CPS Cross Country
21st	NZ Playhouse Visit - Year 1-6 @ 11:00am
23rd	Caverhill Assembly @ 2:00pm
26th	Tekoa trip to Kaikoura
27th-29th	Parent Teacher Interviews
30th	End of Term 2

July

2nd-7th	NZ Area Schools Tournament - Rangiora
17th	Term 3 Begins
21st	Kapa Haka Matariki Performance and Dinner
25th	Yr 1-4 Cricket sessions with Liam

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Secondary School News

Term 2 is well underway and as well as learning in curriculum areas, assessments being completed and many events outside the classroom, senior students are starting to explore ideas around future pathways in education and career opportunities. We had a great turnout of students who attended the North Canterbury Careers Expo two weeks ago at Rangiora High School. A big thank you to all of those that were involved in organising the event for Hurunui and Waimakariri youth.



Amuri Area School was invited to attend the i-Sport Foundation Youth Leadership day in Christchurch. A group of 11 students who are involved in sports for school and the community spent a day listening to some of our sporting heroes. Richie McCaw, Dan Carter, Sophie Pascoe and Dame Valerie Adams spoke about how to lead with character. There were strong messages imparted about the importance of values in sport.



It is wonderful to see our students arriving at school warm now that it is cooling down, in their new windbreakers. They look really smart. Thank you for

the ongoing support around uniform adherence. We have noticed a marked improvement in dress and attitude of students. We will continue to impart learning around the importance of our school values.

A – Amuri stands for:
S – Self Discipline
P – Pride
I – Integrity
R – Respect
E – Excellence

There has been a range of sickness working its way through the school which is normal for the beginning of winter months. However, with NCEA it is important to remember the rules for NZQA assessments. Please inform the school of sickness, make contact with the teacher about missed assessments and try and rearrange, if this is not possible then a sick note or evidence of Covid will be required to meet NZQA processes. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Peterson
Deputy Principal - Secondary

BOOK AMNESTY

We are having a two-week book amnesty for lost and misplaced reading books. In the last two terms a large number of our instructional reading books have gone missing. We would request that all families have a search at home for any school books. If any books are found please return them to school.

Primary School News

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Jump for June is underway, thanks to Mrs Voice. Some of our students from Year 7/8 were going over to the primary side at lunchtimes to support our Year 1-6 students with some skipping games. There is a fundraising option which has gone home with each of our students. More information can be found at <https://www.jumpingjune.co.nz/>

Now that the winter has arrived, please support our team in making sure your children are wearing the correct uniform. If you're having difficulty finding a suitable option, please come in and speak to your child's teacher or to me, as we are happy to support where we can. There are a growing number of students who are arriving in Year 1-6 with no second layer. Please ensure they have one as some days are too cold for students to be outside during breaks with only one layer. A black or red polyprop top can be worn under the school polo top, or a jersey can be purchased through the office or at Mainland Uniforms. We have just been told this week that the Merino jersey option supplied at Mainland Uniforms is out of stock, with no set date for the arrival of a new order. Some students find the other wool option too itchy and prefer a plain red polar fleece which would also be suitable in the colder months. The school jacket is also there although you may find that it's not warm enough for the colder mornings on its own. Currently Year 7/8 students have the polyprop top option as well and the thicker school jacket.

The primary assemblies for the remainder of the term are listed below.

Term 2

9 Jun – Room 2

16 Jun – Room 1

23 Jun – Full School Assembly (Caverhill) 2pm

30 Jun – Room 5

A huge and warm welcome to the following students...

Clíodhna – Year 8

Niraj – Year 7

Abby, Caleb and Dayton - Year 6

Anki and Chester in Year 5

Allan and Zoe – Year 3

Matt and Sophie – Year 1

Welcome to Amuri everyone!



Warmest congratulations to Lexie Godfrey-Grant in Year 8 who received a highly commended award in the recent Write On magazine writing competition. The theme of the entry was 'Memories and Milestones' and Lexie submitted her piece called 'The Catacombs of Paris'.

The Catacombs of Paris

Alexandrina Godfrey-Grant



The river Styx drip, drip, drips past me as I descend.
Stagnant air swirls around my head.
Broken memories dive into my consciousness,
Lost souls swoop around my mind.
Songs of woe echo, echo, echo...

Intrepid skulls glance at me,
Recollections scatter when my sober brain reaches for them.
Dystopian pasts of tragic anguish haunt me.
Untold stories flutter by, out of my reach.
Steps of mist swirl around me.
Wisps of souls straining up, up, up.

My fingers are so close.
A broken roller-coaster of emotions envelops me, so close.
Hades skulks in.
Walls erupt in chaos,
Immersing me in misery.

Ngā mihi nui
Kylee Habgood
Deputy Principal - Primary



**GUM
BOY
FRIDAY**

We were lucky to have had a visit from past student, Mason Simpson today. He is travelling the country in a TUK-TUK raising money for I AM HOPE. What a legend !!

**1200kms
For a good cause**



Roll of Honour

Nilo Ackermann Ffrench | Isla Blomfield

Maddison Carr | Bonnie Collins

Lucas Collins | William Dawson

Rylee Gavin | Holly Jones

Jonty O'Neill | Alena Paora

Ziggy Paora | Georgia Roberts

Chance Rogers | Lillie Schuurman

Blake Scott | Noa Wilson

1st Merit

Jorja Bush | Jamie Cannell

Hannah Clegg | Eden Colebrook

Valerie Croft | Annabelle Cundy

Laura Cundy | Ella Dawson

Aizelle Dela Rosa | Chloe Dela Vega

Jamie Gardiner | Madi Gavin

Jazmin Goodman-Lloyd

Ashton Goodman-Wallace

Biddie Johnson | Tori Kelly

Peyton Langfod | Ryley Lauder

Kaleo Matete | Charlene Paragas

Yenzil Rana | Eva Roberts

Aggie Rutherford | Charlotte Snowling

Tayla Spiers-Coburn | Kaden Tily

Lucy Whittleston | Elliette Williamson

2nd Merit

Alex Shaw

Update on Industrial Action – Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parents / Caregivers

The purpose of this communication is to provide an update on the current circumstances surrounding industrial action by members of the Primary (NZEI) and Secondary (PPTA) Teacher's Unions.

The majority of NZEI members have recently voted to **accept** their latest offer from the Ministry of Education. This means that we will not see any further industrial action from members of this union.

The majority of PPTA members have recently voted to **reject** their latest offer from the Ministry of Education. This means that industrial action will continue for members of this union.

The industrial action includes the following:

- **Relief Ban** – members will not provide relief cover during their timetabled non-contact periods.
- **Work outside of school hours** – members will not work outside of 8:30am – 4:30pm
- **NCEA Change Programme ban** – Members who are not part of the pilots will not undertake any work related to preparation for the proposed NCEA changes.
- **Rostering Home** – On the days outlined below, teachers will not teach or supervise the named year levels:

Please note this is a new roster that applies for the last 3 weeks of Term 2.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8 12-16 June	Years 11 & 12	Years 9 & 13	Years 10 & 11	Years 12 & 13
9 19-23 June	Years 9 & 10	Years 11 & 12	Years 9 & 13	Years 10 & 11
10 26-30 June	Years 12 & 13	Years 9 & 10	Years 11 & 12	Year 9 & 13

Important note about the Literacy Common Assessment Activity (CAA) for 11 Students:

This is scheduled for Wednesday 14th June (Week 8). The assessment will go ahead as planned, despite the fact that Year 11 students are down to be rostered home. The CAA **will not be offered on another day** so Year 11 students must attend if they are sitting the assessment. Parents are welcome to collect their students after the completion of the assessment activity; however, the school will also provide a reliever to supervise any students who need to remain at school to access the buses.

Please note that some pre-arranged field trips will continue as planned, individual teachers will communicate the details of their trips with students and whānau.

As with the previous plan for rostering, please contact the office if your child needs supervision on the rostered day.

We will continue to update you with any changes or reminders via our school Facebook page and the School App.

We understand that this action is creating challenges and are endeavouring to be as clear in our communication to you as possible. It is my intention to communicate with the PPTA to outline that the current industrial action is inequitably impacting Amuri students due to the nature of our senior timetable structure. It is also important to note that the PPTA is a nationwide organisation and that not all members will have voted in favour of the current industrial action.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate these circumstances.

Matt Barlow
Principal

everyone invited!



Amuri
Community
Volleyball
Tournament
Monday
19th June
2023

To sign up, email
sophia@amuri.school.nz
by 16/06/23 or see
Ms. Helmore or Sophia
at school

Staff vs. Students
at 4:30pm
Parents vs. Students
at 6pm



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



The green fingers club have been busy this week planting vegetables in their new vegepods, which were kindly donated by the PTA. Thank you so much!



HPSSA Cross Country

35 students from Amuri Area School travelled to Scargill Domain on Monday 22nd May for the HPSSA Cross Country. All runners did extremely well, with a number of students placing in the top 3 for their age group. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support on the day and especially to those who helped as marshals.

A big congratulations to the top 6 placing students in Years 5-8 who have qualified for the CPS Cross Country in June. This event will be held at Ngā Puna Wai in Christchurch.

Year 4 Boys

Riley Van der Heyden – 2nd
William Hamilton – 9th
Kees Flapper – 11th
Isaac Colebrook – 16th

Year 4 Girls

Harriett Rutherford – 3rd=
Lucy Cater – 12th
Milah Campion – 13th
Ashley Espiritu – 15th

Year 5 Boys

Tom Jackson – 9th
Leighton Chinnery – 13th
William Dawson – 14th

Year 5 Girls

Ashleigh Clegg – 9th
Harper Abernethy – 13th
Maddy Carr – 14th
Lily Black – 15th

Year 6 Boys

Jake Van der Heyden – 1st
Sam Currie – 3rd
Jackson Schenkel – 7th
Sam O'Neill – 8th

Year 6 Girls

Molly Schuurman – 6th
Kaitlyn Palmer – 11th
Molly Mxkenzie – 12th
Sarina Woodhouse – 13th

Year 7 Boys

Quinn Anderson – 3rd
Michael Anngow – 10th
Ollie Thomas – 11th

Year 7 Girls

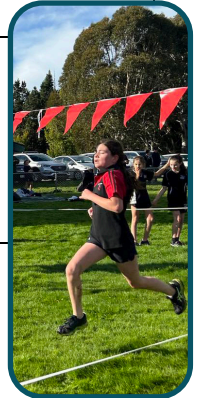
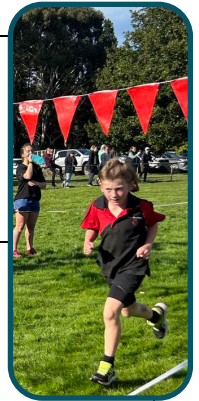
Tori Kelly – 3rd
Hannah Clegg – 9th
Issy Pinckney – 11th
Rylee Gavin – 12th

Year 8 Boys

Alex Shaw – 1st
Connor Harrison – 7th

Year 8 Girls

Lily Neppelenbroek – 1st
Gwen Manifold – 2nd
Lillie Schuurman – 4th





Amuri Area School will be participating in ICAS again this year, equipping teachers and parents with powerful insights to improve learning and reward academic excellence. ICAS assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment.

The assessments are now fully online and sittings will be in August and September. The following subjects are available this year:

- ICAS Science – Years 5-11**
- ICAS Digital Technologies – Years 5-8**
- ICAS English – Years 5-11**
- ICAS Mathematics – Years 5-11**
- ICAS Spelling Bee – Years 5-8**
- ICAS Writing – Years 5-11**

The cost for each assessment is \$18.40. Supervised practice sessions and the assessments themselves will take place during the school day.

Should you wish to enrol your child in one or more assessments, please visit

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

and enter our unique school code XHF403 to make a direct payment to ICAS Assessments
Entries must be received and paid for by Friday 7 July 2023.

For more information please email Karen Nicholls at karen@amuri.school.nz or see unsw.global/icas.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP Results - 2023

OVER 15 GIRLS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Bianca Jamieson (16.40min) Angela Barrois Meg Habgood
OVER 15 BOYS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Max Jackson (12.46min) Bob Thompson Ewan Dalmer
UNDER 15 GIRLS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Zoe Bailey (15.40min) Macey Batchelor Maddy Bell
UNDER 15 BOYS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Tom Pearson (13.50min) George Flintoft Owen Lewis
YEAR 7 & 8 GIRLS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Lily Nepplenbroek (15.45min) Tori Kelly Lillie Schuurman
YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Alex Shaw Quinn Anderson Michael Anngow
YEAR 5 & 6 GIRLS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Molly Schuurman Kaitlyn Palmer Ashleigh Clegg
YEAR 5 & 6 BOYS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Jake Van der Hayden Sam Currie Sam O'Neill
YEAR 3 & 4 GIRLS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Harriett Rutherford Biddie Johnson Milah Campion
YEAR 3 & 4 BOYS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Riley Van der Hayden William Hamilton Isaac Colebrook
YEAR 2 GIRLS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Greta Reed Rihanna King Gehansa Jayasuriya
YEAR 2 BOYS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Rhyder Absalom Charles Paragas Dylan Brogden
YEAR 1 GIRLS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Peyton Langford Claudia Davison Jia Dancel
YEAR 1 BOYS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Cooper Nevins Riley Lauder Ashton Goodman-Wallace

WHANAU POINTS

Caverhill

837


Mitchell

779

Hamilton

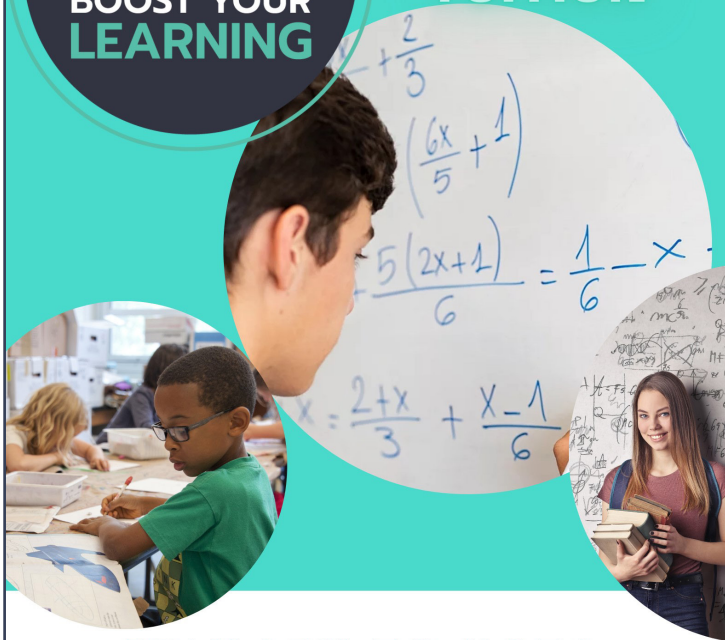
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3pm Sunday 18th June 2023

Hanmer Springs Memorial Hall

IAN FLEMING'S
**CHITTY CHITTY
BANG BANG**



Contact amuriplayersinc@gmail.com for an audition pack

