

Amuri Area School



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Term 3, Week 9
Week Ending 18th September 2020

Tēnā Koutou

This week I had the opportunity along with two other staff members to attend part of the Wellbeing in Education conference in Christchurch. This was, as I understand it, one of very few such events that have happened under Level 2 conditions with bubbles of 100 distributed throughout the town hall and the majority of presentations coming through to a big screen for each group. Although such an event has limitations and will always be a second best option to the norm, it was great to see it actually happen with a focus on what we could do rather than simply cancelling. With Covid on the horizon for some time to come, these are the attitudes and approaches that will see us thrive and adapt and I for one am of the opinion that we need to look for opportunities and feasible strategies to do, rather than excuses to not do at all.

One point of interest from the day for me was the use of coaching strategies within a wellbeing context and how these can be used to set tangible wellbeing goals for individuals to aspire to. Another key point was some excellent research around student's self-awareness of personal culture with the group showing the greatest deficit being Pakeha children. Mrs Mossman is there with the team for day two and I look forward to seeing what comes from that to inform our wellbeing plan. Next week is of course the final week of term. It is great to be able to have a full term with all our students on site. Over the term break

there will be the usual flurry of activity as our power upgrade is finalised and the new basketball court on the senior side is built in. The squash club are also busy with their renovations so if you are around the school, please take note of any hazard signs and areas that have been fenced off.

If you are booking holidays, it may help to note the start date for 2021 is Tuesday 2nd February for Year 1-8 and student leaders with all senior students returning on the 3rd. This later start date gives us a later finish in 2021 on the 16th December.

With the likely lifting of restrictions next week, our prizegiving is once again a possibility. Lock in Wednesday the 9th December for an 11am start!

A busy final week sees Year 7 and 8 head off to the Airforce Museum and Godley Heads to complete their WW2 topic and the geographers head off on an exciting South Island exploration.

Uniforms have improved this week so thank you for your support. It is great to see our students looking smart each day. Please call and chat to the office if you are still unsure what can and cannot be worn.

A reminder please that Year 12 and 13 students should not be going home on study leave unless they have specific permission from Mrs Mossman to do so. We are committed to providing extra tuition for our students right up to the end of the year, if required, to make up for any lost time and **IF** students make the most of these opportunities, they will overcome any disadvantage before the end of the year.

Maori language week has been a positive one throughout the country with over a million New Zealanders taking part in the Maori language moment this week. It is worth noting that Te Reo Maori became an official language of New Zealand only in 1987, some 147 years AFTER the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi where protection of language, culture and ways of being were guaranteed. My son asked me over dinner this week if the Maori language

was (in his words) dead! The upsurge in people learning and communicating in Maori in recent years would suggest otherwise, however, we certainly have a long way to go and to have something so unique, so specific to our country with such depth of culture and tradition, must surely be a Taonga (treasure) to cherish.

School Uniform

We have noticed there are some unacceptable interpretations of our uniform, namely students arriving wearing tights and leggings and monogrammed track pants.

Our uniform policy states the following items are acceptable for the bottom half.

**Plain black Skort
Plain Black Skirt
Plain Black Dress Short
Plain Black Dress Trouser
School Kilt**

With the term break coming, it is a good time to get to town and purchase any missing items. Please ensure your child is in correct uniform as we will not be accepting leggings and/or tights as a suitable bottom half.

Have a great weekend.

Nga Mihi

James Griggs
Principal

Tony and his new toy!!



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The exam week for Year 10 and NCEA students ran smoothly last week and the results will already be known. I was impressed with the way Year 10 approached both their exams and the formality of the conditions required, this will be one less thing to worry about in 2021. It is still disappointing seeing some students leaving exams early – this tends to result in poorer grades and suggests a lack of revision. Hopefully, this is a problem that will be rectified before the end of term exams if success is to be guaranteed.

Reports for our Year 11-13 students will be out at the end of next week with information on progress and next steps. At this stage of the year it is important that revision and practice must be a regular part of a planned study routine which needs to continue during the upcoming break. It is at this stage of the year that reality bites for some, the reality being that Year 12 is a big step up from Year 11 and the level of self-management and self-discipline required increases considerably. It also follows that Year 13 is another big step again so a minimalistic approach and lack of self-discipline will not make for success at these levels.

Thank you to parents, students and families who have read and acted on the recent reminders regarding appropriate uniform – it is lovely to see skirts reappear and tights disappear.

Next week our Year 12 Geography students head off on their much-awaited South Island field trip, with so much being cancelled due to Covid it is great to see an event actually able to go ahead. A big thanks to Mrs Greenwood for organising this and to the parent assistants on the trip for their time and support.

As this is my last column before the end of term, we wish all our students a welcome and restful break. This is an opportunity to refresh ready for the last term which is always a very busy one – again a reminder to NCEA students to keep the learning 'motor' idling, not switched off! For those of you taking the opportunity to travel within NZ - enjoy and travel safely.

Penny Mossman

Roll of Honour

Mateo Jamieson
Molly Jones
Billy McElroy

1st Merit

Aizelle Dela Rosa
Sophie Drummond
Kyle Gardiner
Ruby Glassey
Emily Greenwood
Tom Jackson
Ella Lauder
Bella Newall
Van Samera
Irish Supan
Kaden Tily

Congratulations to Irish Supan for answering 1,021 questions during the Education Perfect Maths Championships 2020. She earned 638 points, placing her in the top 20% of 107,000 competitors from around the world.

Do you know me? I'm homesick
☹️ Come and get me from the
school office.



Spring brought in some unexpected
visitors to the library this week!!



2020 GENERAL ELECTION AND REFERENDUMS

YOU CAN VOTE AT OUR SCHOOL ON:

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

10am - 4pm

or

ELECTION DAY

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

9am - 7pm



Dates for your Diary

CPS	Canterbury Primary Schools
HPSSA	Hurunui Primary Schools Sports Association
SEPTEMBER '20	
18 th – 25 th	Year 12/13 Geography Trip – South Island
21 st	Yr 7/8 Trip to Godley Head Gun Emplacements
21 st	Amuri Careers Tourism Day
24 th	Years 11-13 Reports sent
25 th	End of Term 3
OCTOBER '20	
12 th	Start of Term 4
15 th	CPS Swimming Champs at Selwyn Aquatic
15 th	National Shake It Out drill
19 th – 21 st	Year 7 Leadership Programme
19 th – 22 nd	Year 8 Camp – Raincliff
22 nd	Year 7 to Adrenalin Forest
28 th	BOT Meeting
29 th	125 th Anniversary Committee Meeting
30 th	Primary Athletics
30 th	Hurunui Winter Semi-Formal – TBC
NOVEMBER '20	
2 nd	Primary Athletics – Postponement
3 rd – 6 th	Year 9-10 Football Tour – Marlborough
5 th	HPSSA Sports Coordinators Meeting
6 th	Christchurch Schools' Music Festival
9 th	HPSSA Athletics
11 th	HPSSA Athletics – Postponement
17 th - 19 th	Year 10 Camp – Windy Point
23 rd – 25 th	Year 5/6 Camp – Living Springs
25 th	BOT Meeting
30 th – 1 st	Kapa Haka Noho at Takahanga Marae
DECEMBER '20	
2 nd	CPS Athletics – Nga Puna Wai
9 th	Prizegiving – Last day of School
JANUARY 2021	
25 th	School Office re-opens
FEBRUARY 2021	
2 nd	Student Leaders and Years 1-8 return
3 rd	Whole School Returns



HURUNUI GARDEN FESTIVAL

29th Oct – 1st Nov 2020

Tickets available at hurunui.gardenfestival.com

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AMBERLEY RELLIE CHALLENGE

Are you in Year 1-8?

Grab your aunty, uncle, oma, koro, mum or dad and book now for this fantastic family event.



**Kura Torotorua
Amberley
School**

Sunday 20th September
Amberley Domain
10am – 1pm

\$40 per team of 2
T-shirts. Spot prizes.
Food stalls.

www.eventbrite.co.nz

 

AMURI AREA SCHOOL PTA CALF SCHEME 2020

Our 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 Allflex and Amuri Transport for sponsoring this scheme.



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EXCLUSIVE TO CANTERBURY VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS





EACH ORIGINAL
ARTWORK

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SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITY

\$3,000

APPLY ONLINE

Applications close 16 October 2020
thecreatorsroom.co.nz/pages/apply



- Entries open to Year 11, 12 & 13 Visual Arts Students
- Answer a quick questionnaire about your work online
- Upload photos or pdfs of your proudest work/s
- No limit to the number of works submitted per student
- Submissions can also include folios from previous years

North Canterbury
Basketball Association

Register
now!

Holiday Camp

Wednesday 30th September
Thursday 1st October

Year 4,5&6 9am - 12pm
Year 7,8&9 12.30pm - 3.30pm
New Life Gym

FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION VISIT
northcanterbury.basketball



Te Kooti are looking for donations
of excess soil to build vege gardens
on the junior school. If
you can help out, please
let Denise Johnson know,
denisej@amuri.school.nz





SUITABLE FOR
2&4
WHEELERS*

AMURI AREA SCHOOL

CRAIG PICKERING MEMORIAL

TRAILRIDE

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

Sandford Downs, Korari Downs & Island Hills
828 Tekoa Road, Culverden

*Signposted from Culverden &
Balmoral Station Road at the Hurunui Bridge*

Registration from 8.00am
Track Open 9:00am - 3:30pm

AMAZING VIEWS

**Main Loop - Hill country farm tracks
with multiple challenging enduros**

Mini - Peewee circuit near carpark
(parental supervision required)

*Bikes & riding gear must be clean due to
M. Bovis. Bikes & boots will be subject to a
disinfectant spray when entering the track.
Dirty bikes will be turned away.*

COST

\$60 - Adult

\$30 - 16 & younger

Peewee Circuit only - FREE

ENTRY ON THE DAY

**Please advise in advance if side by side attending*

LUNCH

Lunch will be provided in Level 1 or less only.

COMPULSORY

Helmet, Boots & Spark Arrestor Muffler

**Enquiries to: Fiona 027 260 2027
or Simon 022 319 8900**

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Key Dates

Startup

- Monday 25th January Office Opens
- Thursday 28th January SMT Planning Day
- Friday 29th SMT/SCT/WSL and New Staff Induction
- Monday 1st Feb All staff Teacher Only Day

Term 1

- Tuesday 2nd Feb 1-8 Students and School Leaders
- Wednesday 3rd Feb All students return
- Monday 8th February Waitangi day Observed
- Monday 8th March Community of Learning Hui Day
- Friday 2nd April Good Friday
- Monday 5th April Easter Monday
- Tuesday 6th April Easter Tuesday
- Term 1 Ends Friday 16th April

Term 2

- Term 2 Begins Monday 3rd May
- Thursday 13th May teacher only day (accord day 2)
- Queens Birthday Monday 7th June
- End term 2 Friday 9th July

Term 3

- Term 3 Begins Monday 26th July
- Tuesday 10th August Teacher Only Day (Accord Day 3)
- End of Term 3 Friday 1st October

Term 4

- Term 4 Monday 18th October
- Labour Day Monday 25th October
- Show Day Friday 12th November
- Thursday 25th November Teacher Only Day (accord day 4)
- End of term 4 / Prizegiving Thursday 16th December

- Term 1= 98 HD 11 Weeks
- Term 2= 98 HD 10 Weeks
- Term 3= 100 HD 10 Weeks
- Term 4= 84 HD 9 Weeks

2021

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MOE Accord Days

No school Counts as Open for Instruction

Staff Only Days

No School Closed for Instruction

Term Breaks

Public Holiday