

Amuri Area School



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*Raising Achievement: Realising Potential:
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Term 4 - Week 1
Week Ending 16th October 2020

Tēnā Koutou

Welcome back to Term FOUR!

An action-packed term ahead with an awful lot to cram into just 8½ short weeks. Please note the dates below!

- ✓ Monday 26th October Labour Day
- ✓ Friday 13th November Show Day
- ✓ Thursday 19th MOE mandated Teacher only day
- ✓ Wednesday 9th December Prizegiving at 11am and last day of Term 4

The teacher only day on the 19th November is set by the Ministry of Education and has created a couple of overlaps for us, so please note that:-

- All exams scheduled on the 19th November will go ahead as normal. Buses will still run!
- This is also the final day of Year 10 camp and they will be returning in time for buses at 3pm.

I am pleased to welcome Kirsten Allison into our team. Kirsten has now taken over the reigns in Room 3 on the primary side and we are so pleased to have her here at Amuri. I

would like to take this moment to thank Robyn Davidson for her hard work over the past three terms in this room. What started as cover for study leave turned into a much longer commitment and we thank Robyn for her time and energy. Robyn will still be in from time to time in a relieving capacity.

Our electrical upgrade has been completed over the term break which is a relief as we look forward to a future with the lights staying on as and when requested! The team from Texco are making steady progress on the new basketball court on the senior side. Once again, I ask you take care when on school grounds outside of school hours around this work site.

Next week we see Year 8 students heading off to Raincliff for what looks to be a wonderful camp experience. Our Year 7 students will take part in the Amuri Lions 4-day leadership and service programme. Starting the week with a presentation from Hollie Woodhouse, otherwise known as the adventurous Kiwi. See <https://www.holliewoodhouse.com/> for more information on Hollie and her exploits.

A reminder please that under Level 1 our approach to sickness remains unchanged. If your child is sick, keep them home. If a member of your household is directed to get a Covid test then all children in the family must stay home until the result is through. If in doubt, seek professional medical advice.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kia Kitea Toikaka

James Griggs

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to the final term of what has been a less than usual year. On a very positive front, students are progressing well with their learning and for our students, very little should or has been lost because of the earlier lockdown.

Term 4 is always a very busy term with completing the work for this year and forward planning in preparation for the next. With NCEA exams starting on Monday November 16th I would just like to confirm the study leave and exam arrangements for the Year 11-13 students:

- ❖ Exam leave starts at 3.05pm Thursday 12th November
- ❖ Many students will be returning to complete internal assessments across a range of subjects, times and dates will have been advised to the students
- ❖ Some teachers are offering exam tutorials prior to their exam but again students will be aware of these
- ❖ Students attending exams and/or completing work at school from Monday 16th are able to wear mufti (smart casual please)
- ❖ Buses will run for exam students on the scheduled TOD Thursday 19th November
- ❖ Staff will be available to help students however, it is best to arrange in advance as the teacher required may be on a camp or providing relief cover and not be available
- ❖ Students who have completed all their courses and have no exams do not need to be at school until prizegiving.

Study leave is not the time to start studying – the successful students will already have a meaningful study plan well underway. This gives students time to do a little 'top up' before and between exams.

It was great to see photos of and hear very positive stories from the Year 12 Geography field trip during the last week of Term 3. The students are now using the valuable data and research to complete the standard they have been studying. On a lighter note some of the new hair styles acquired were interesting!!

Already we have some of our students who have completed courses out gaining work experience across a range of areas that will hopefully lead to

longer term career options. The initiative shown for finding jobs / opportunities, the enthusiasm to work and be independent, and the understanding that the only job where you start at the top is digging a hole, can give us great confidence for the future.

Penny Mossman

Roll of Honour

*Sam Al Rousan
Angela Berrios
Regan Clark
Laura Cundy
Karla De Vera
Hailey Edwards
Luke Hill
Nathan Kay
Becky Minson
Rosie Mones-Cazon
Emily Van Arendonk
James Wallace
Olivia Whittleston*

1st Merit

*Sam Al Rousan
Laura Cundy
Karla De Vera
Nathan Kay
Becky Minson
Rosie Mones-Cazon*

Results for the Year 5/6 Camp Fundraising Raffle

Congratulations to:

**Dean Anink
Hannah Wilkes
Chester Barroz**

You can collect your prizes from the School Office.

Thank you to
Damian
Schuurman,
James Griggs
and Charlotte
Campbell for
drawing this
raffle.



**A note from our Wonderful
Bus Drivers who take care
of your children very
seriously!!**

**THEY ASK THAT ALL
CHANGES GO THROUGH
THE OFFICE!**

**This gives the driver complete
clarity as to where students get
dropped off.**

**The drivers say to me "Imagine if
I got it wrong" (The student made
their own arrangements).**

**This applies to changes within
their normal bus run. Some of the
bus runs are very long.**

Thank you

Liz Teulon

Bus Controller

Dates for your Diary

CPS	Canterbury Primary Schools
HPSSA	Hurunui Primary Schools Sports Association
OCTOBER '20	
19 th – 21 st	Year 7 Leadership Programme
19 th – 22 nd	Year 8 Camp – Raincliff
22 nd	Year 7 to Adrenalin Forest
26 th	LABOUR DAY – School Closed
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
8 th	Craig Pickering Memorial Trail Ride
9 th	HPSSA Athletics
11 th	HPSSA Athletics – Postponement
13 th	Canterbury Anniversary – School Closed
16 th	NCEA Exams commence
17 th - 19 th	Year 10 Camp – Windy Point
19 th	MOE mandated Teacher Only Day – School Closed
23 rd – 25 th	Year 5/6 Camp – Living Springs, Akaroa
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



North Canterbury Basketball and Canterbury Country Cricket have collaborated to hold a "Raising a Champion" evening to debunk the myths of what some coaches and parents believe is the way to future sporting success for their child/children.

We talk about the word 'champion.' This does not have to mean you must be the winner or the best at something. To be a champion is to be the best version of yourself and this is the message we will be getting across throughout the evening.

Come along for an informative, and interactive evening

Thursday 22nd October

Rangiora RSA

7-8:30pm

Register your interest in attending [here](#)

Cheers
George

Calling Year 5-8 Students

If you are interested in having a fun game of non-competitive tennis on a Monday after school, please give Carolina Burgos a call on 027-217-8177

Year 9 Art - Landscape Painting



Bella Manifold



Laura Cundy



Jennifer Harford



Michaela Lamont

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.



SUITABLE FOR
24
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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PERFORMANCE FIRST

DAIRYCOOL
AGRI REFRIGERATION

You're invited!

Come and support the Amuri Primary Athletics Champs

Friday 30th Oct (pp Monday 2nd)
 Students wear uniform or House colours
 Amuri Senior Field (Gym for high jump)

YEAR 3-8 PROGRAMME

	Shotput	Discus	High Jump (boys/girls)	Long Jump (Pit 1)	50/60m (Yr 3-6) 80/100m (Yr 7-8)	1000 (Yr 3-6) 1200m (Yr 7-8)
9.30-10.15	5	6	7	8	3	4
10.15-11.00	4	5	6	7	8	3
11.00-11.15	BREAK 1					
11.15-12.00	3	4	5	6	7	8
12.00-12.40	8	3	4	5	6	7
12.40-1.20	7	8	3	4	5	6
1.20-1.50	BREAK 2					
1.50-2.30	6	7	8	3	4	5
2.30 – 3.00	3 x House relays – Year 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8 – eight runners total for each relay (4 boys, 4 girls)					

YEAR 0-2 PROGRAMME

	High Jump	Sprint (50/80m)	Long Jump (Pit 2)	Tennis Ball	Soft Discus	Egg + Spoon	Rest (toilet)
11:00	5yr	6yr	7yr				
11:15			6yr			7yr	5yr
11:30			5yr	7yr	6yr		
11:45				5yr	7yr	6yr	
12:00 1.20	LUNCH TIME						
1:20	7yr	5yr		6yr			
1:35	6yr	7yr				5yr	
1:50					5yr		6+7yr
2:05	Sack races – 5 year olds, then 6 year olds, then 7 year olds, then parents						



Programming Contest 4 Girls

Who:

The Contest is designed for year 10 Girls. Girls compete in teams of 2, using Python.

When:

November 17 2020 – an all-day event

Where:

- The University of Auckland: Contact Yu-Cheng Tu - yu-cheng.tu@auckland.ac.nz
- University of Canterbury: Contact Tim Bell - tim.bell@canterbury.ac.nz
- University of Otago: Contact Claudia Ott – claudia.ott@otago.ac.nz
- Victoria University of Wellington: Contact Pravin Vaz - pravin.vaz@vuw.ac.nz

Preparation:

Students with or without prior programming experience, but who are recognised by their teachers or peers as logical problem solvers, are the girls who will love this experience. You can sign up through your teacher. You will be given free online learning accounts to learn Python in advance of the event. You will also be sent some problems of similar difficulty to the contest to practice on.

On the day:

Students will be given an opportunity to practice with the software to submit their solutions, be given lunch and then sit the contest for 2 hours.

Why:



We, the organisers, would like to get you involved in our Olympiad in Informatics summer camp. The top (2) teams at each site will be invited to a 6-day programming camp in January.

Left: A technology challenge one evening after a day in the labs at summer camp 2020.

Contact: Your teacher, the contact at your closest university (above) or Margot Phillipps - margot.phillipps@gmail.com

October 2020

Reading Together Workshop

Dear Parents

Amuri Area School



Following on from our three very popular Reading Together Course we would really like you to consider taking part in our **Reading Together** workshop programme for parents. I am sure you will find it of great help for yourself and your child(ren), as you support their education. We all know how important reading is for children to succeed. One of the things that really helps children to become good readers is support from home. The **Reading Together** workshops will show you best how to do this. A huge number of parents nationwide have already attended these workshops and found the programme very helpful, indeed we have already run three very successful workshops here at Amuri Area School.

The programme consists of **four** workshops – each 1 hour and 15 minutes. **To make the most of this opportunity it is important that you attend all of the workshops if you can.**

These are the *proposed* dates:

Session 1 Wednesday 21st October 7.00-8.15 (For parents only – light food provided) – In Te Kooti

Session 2 Wednesday 28th October* 7.00-8.15 (For parents and children – light food provided) IN THE LIBRARY *We will discuss the time for this on the first evening and make it earlier if possible.

Session 3 Wednesday 4th November 7.00 -8.15 (For parents only – light food provided) - In the library

Session 4 Wednesday 11th November 7.00 – 8.00 (For parents only - light food provided) – in the library

The programme is **FREE!** We can even help with childcare costs if you need it and it will REALLY help your children to become much better readers. In particular, it helps children to UNDERSTAND what they are reading, and helps you to form strong bonds and make reading a positive family experience.

Please see <https://www.readingtogether.net.nz> for more information and the significant positive research on this programme. We are looking forward to your participation.

Please register by e.mailing alison@amuri.school.nz or phoning 0276443374. Should you need further information I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours faithfully

Alison Nimmo
Reading Together Co-ordinator