

# Amuri Area School



*Kia Kitea Toikaka  
Nothing But The Best*

*Raising Achievement; Realising Potential;  
Encouraging Excellence*

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**Term 4, Week 3**  
**Week Ending 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Tēnā Koutou

## Achievers of the Month

With so many nominations from our teaching staff this month, it was difficult to choose a winner and impossible to select just one, so this month our achievers of the month are:-



### Maddy Carr

Maddy has made fantastic progress with her reading, working hard with Ms Nimmo, moving from PM Benchmark Level 5 (Red) to Level 15 (Orange). She has achieved

this since early Term 3.

As a result of her reading achievements, Maddy's writing is showing great improvements too.

and



### Angela Berrios

Angela is a student who is dedicated to learning, both at school and in her own time. She arrived in New Zealand with little knowledge of English and is now speaking

to her teachers on a voluntary basis and completing significant extra work through Our Learning Village lessons. These lessons are reinforced by a lot of exercises to complete in Angela's own time and they always are.

## Board Student Representative

On Wednesday this week Rachael Dalmer attended her last Board meeting as the student representative. Having a student voice within the governance of the school is incredibly important and valuable to our continued growth and to allow the Board to understand aspects of school life from the perspective of the student body. I would like to thank Rachael for her significant input this year and welcome Esme Hewitt as our new Board Student Representative for 2021.

## Primary Athletics and Senior Dance

As I write this newsletter, the weather is looking fine for our Primary Athletics and we look forward to bringing you the results in next week's newsletter. The Senior Dance is also finally ON!!! We are looking forward to a great evening in Hanmer Springs on Saturday night and thanks to Mrs Greenwood for hanging in there and making this happen in spite of numerous attempts and cancellations.

## Trail Ride

This is all go for Sunday 8th November. A great day out for all. Please see the ad for more details in this newsletter and we would love to see you there on the day. If you would like to volunteer to help the PTA on the day, please contact the office and we will pass on your details.

The basketball court is well underway and we look forward to seeing some asphalt being laid in the near future. I will be away for most of next week with the Year 9 and 10 Soccer team, so please direct any enquiries to Penny Mossman in my absence.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Nga Mihi Nui.

James Griggs  
Principal

# SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

All NCEA students entered to sit external exams have now been given their exam admission slips which has the standards they are sitting, plus the time and date of the exams. Included with the admission slip is a separate handout with the rules and instructions for candidates sitting external exams. For Year 12 and 13 students these are not new, but it is still good to familiarise yourself with them. Year 11 students need to read these carefully, although our mock exams at the end of Term 3 ran under the same conditions.

A reminder that students can wear mufti when attending exams – please make sure it is appropriate and comfortable for a 3-hour formal exam period.

Many of our senior students are still involved with internal assessments and resubmissions and for some, completion of this work to the required standard will make a difference between achieving and not achieving their NCEA level. We would like to acknowledge those numbers of students who have demonstrated the resilience, motivation, grit, and self-managing skills required to be very successful in what has been a challenging year. The reality is life will always have challenges beyond our immediate control and while we cannot change any of these, we can change the approach we take to adverse situations. Our success as a country will be in the hands of those who make things happen, not those who wait for things to happen.

Next week Mr Griggs and Mr Dwyer will be away with the Year 9/10 soccer tour. The team have been enthusiastically practising and are really looking forward to this great opportunity – we wish them every success for their games and time away.

It is always important for students to remember that being part of a team representing the school is not only dependant on being selected, but also demonstrating that you are modelling the values of the school on a consistent basis while at school. Red Slips and behaviour issues will cause these opportunities to be lost – simply bad decisions have consequences and

while mistakes are part of learning, some mistakes can easily be avoided with a clear focus on self-managing and being the best you can be.

As we move into Week 4 next week, there is still much to do and get through before the end of term for all our class Levels 9-13, so we encourage everyone to use their time wisely and productively and stay on task to ensure they are in the best position for the next level of study in 2021.

Congratulations to Angela Berrios, our Secondary Achiever of the Month. We are very fortunate to have an outstanding and well recognised ESOL support system running at school for our migrant students to enable them to integrate successfully into our schooling system.

Penny Mossman



## *1<sup>st</sup> Merit*

*Jack Cater*

*Daniel Drummond*

*Lilly Frame*

*Rosie Johnston*

*Maria Lim*

*DL Lopez*

*Billie McElroy*

*Emerson Morgado*

*Andre Morillos*

*Alex Shaw*

*Sophia Vidal*

*Lucy Whittleston*

*Mackenna Williamson*

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Merit*

*Lucy Cater*

*Ben Langford*

# EXAM TIME IS FAST APPROACHING

## TIPS ON STUDYING AND EXAM PREPARATION

**It's staying brighter for longer and starting to feel like summer ... it must be getting close to exam time!**

Before you start panicking, look at these tips and make the most of your study leave.

- 1 A few weeks out from your exams, draw up a study timetable that lists what you're going to study, when. Be as specific as possible by breaking each subject up into topics you need to study. This helps you to get straight into study each day knowing what you're going to do.
- 2 Mixing it up is good. If you stick to one subject for too long your brain can switch off, so schedule some algebra after novel studies, for example. If possible, mix up the place where you study to keep things interesting. Have a number of quiet, distraction-free spots and move between them.
- 3 Don't spend time revising stuff you already know. If you don't understand something, ask for help or go online and see if you can find the answers.
- 4 There are many ways to revise, including drawing mind maps or diagrams, making notes, answering past exam or practice questions, writing cue cards, asking someone to test you, highlighting important words or ideas, putting key-word posters on your bedroom wall or ceiling, or writing skeleton essays. Find a combination that works for you.
- 5 Making notes is a great way to memorise a lot of information. (The aim is to move the information out of our short-term memory and into our long-term memory.) You'll recall your notes better if you write them out by hand rather than typing them. Reading your study notes aloud can help the information stick because you're processing your notes audibly as well as visually.
- 6 Take short frequent breaks. Research shows that shorter 25–30-minute study sessions work best because your concentration levels are higher. At the very least, aim to break every 50 minutes for 10 minutes.
- 7 Look at plenty of past exams and exemplars. These are available at [www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualificationsstandards/qualifications/ncea/subjects](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualificationsstandards/qualifications/ncea/subjects)

- 8 Mornings are a good time for note taking as you're feeling fresh. Before bed is a good time to look over your notes and commit them to memory. (Your brain processes new memories while you're asleep.)
- 9 Make the most of your study time by minimising distractions. Leave your phone in another room and shun all social media. Switch off the wi-fi if you don't need it for study.
- 10 Drink plenty of water and eat healthy snacks to keep your brain humming.
- 11 Make sure it's not all work and no play. People who find the right balance between study and leisure are the ones who get the top marks. Exercise in particular is really important as it increases your heart rate and makes your blood circulate faster. This supplies more oxygen to your brain, which increases productivity and reduces tiredness and stress. Fresh air helps too.

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**Super Star Cricket will start for all kids aged 5 to 8 next Wednesday the 4th of November at 1.30 pm.**

**Meet at the Primary side Tennis Courts.**

**Any questions email to [mkelly@kelly.co.nz](mailto:mkelly@kelly.co.nz)**



## Dates for your Diary

CPS	Canterbury Primary Schools
HPSSA	Hurunui Primary Schools Sports Association
<b>NOVEMBER '20</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9-10 Football Tour – Marlborough
5 <sup>th</sup>	HPSSA Sports Coordinators Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch Schools' Music Festival
8 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Pickering Memorial Trail Ride
9 <sup>th</sup>	HPSSA Athletics
11 <sup>th</sup>	HPSSA Athletics – Postponement
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mitchell Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup>	Canterbury Anniversary – School Closed
16 <sup>th</sup>	NCEA Exams commence
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1-8 Firewise Visist
17 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Camp – Windy Point
19 <sup>th</sup>	MOE mandated Teacher Only Day – School Closed
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Camp – Living Springs, Akaroa
25 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Meeting
27 <sup>th</sup>	Hamilton Assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kapa Haka Noho at Takahanga Marae
<b>DECEMBER '20</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	CPS Athletics – Nga Puna Wai
9 <sup>th</sup>	Prizegiving – Last day of School
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup>	School Office re-opens
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Student Leaders and Years 1-8 Return
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whole School Returns

## Canterbury Swimming Champs

On the 15th October, a small but dedicated group of Amuri students attended the rescheduled Canterbury Swimming Champs at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre and performed admirably.

Congratulations to these competitors;

### Grace Cundy

11th Girls 50m Open Butterfly

### Sophie Ockwell

16th Yr 6 Girls 50m Freestyle

### Bob Thompson

7th Yr 8 Boys 50m Breaststroke (Finals)

### Alexis Sandall

6th Yr 8 Girls 50m Breaststroke (Finals)

13th Yr 8 Girls 50m Backstroke



## Cancer Society North Canterbury

# Recycle Runway

Pre-loved fashion event

Saturday 21st November 2020  
Rangiora Town Hall

Tickets available at <https://events.humanitix.com/recycle-runway-rangiora>  
Tickets include a drink on arrival, canapes and a tote bag to fill with your clothing purchases made from the pop-up shop during the evening.

Still seeking donated clothing and accessories. Please contact Tiff on 021-139 4909 or [tiffany.wafer@cancercwc.org.nz](mailto:tiffany.wafer@cancercwc.org.nz) to arrange pickup or delivery of your donated items or for information about the event.

Clothing  
Wanted

Tickets \$45.00  
Early Bird  
Special \$40.00  
to 31st October

**Cancer Society**  
Te Kahui Matepukupuku  
o Aotearoa







Years 1~6 were entertained by the NZ Playhouse cast of “CHILLED” learning about life in Antarctica.







Presents

## Tony Christiansen

**Where:** Omihi, North Canterbury

**When:** Tuesday 17th November, starting at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm

**Venue:** Omihi Community Hall, 9 Reeces Road, Omihi, Canterbury

**Tickets: FREE** via <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/eventlist/tony>

**Tony is a world-leading motivational and inspirational speaker.**

Tony is humorous, bold and straight talking as he shares his story.

He has no legs, the result of a horrific train accident when he was 9 years old, yet has a remarkable life.

Tony encourages his audience to set their own challenges, rather than accept the limitations imposed by their own attitudes and other people's perceptions.

<http://www.rural-support.org.nz>;

**0800 787 254, 0800 RURAL HELP**



WHEELERS  
24  
SUITABLE FOR

# 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 Levels 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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# THE 7 SKILLS EMPLOYERS WANT

## PRESENT YOURSELF IN YOUR BEST LIGHT

Have you ever wondered, 'What is that magical power some people have that gets them a job?' The answer isn't magical – the key is that these job seekers demonstrate they have the employability skills employers are looking for.

The world of work is rapidly changing. While new jobs will be created in the future, others will disappear or become automated.

Employers seek workers who have the skills, confidence and the ability to adapt to new technologies and other market opportunities.

The good news is that you will have many of these skills already.

These skills can be learned in daily life by doing work experience or volunteer work, playing sport, helping your whānau, taking up a hobby or taking part in school and community activities.

### WHAT ARE EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS?

Employability skills, or soft skills, are the personal qualities and attitudes you have that make you ready for work, such as getting to work on time or following instructions.

Employers tell us they need young people to be work-ready – if you have the right attitude, the technical skills can be taught.

### SEVEN EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS EMPLOYERS WANT

Employability skills include:

1. **POSITIVE ATTITUDE:** A positive attitude is not just about being bubbly. It means showing that you'll happily do the work asked of you, and you'll stay upbeat when the work gets hard.
2. **COMMUNICATION:** Good communication skills are when you follow instructions well and ask questions when you're confused. Being able to explain things clearly is a bonus for employers.
3. **TEAMWORK:** Playing or working well with others is not just a bonus on the rugby ground or during that science project, it's something employers value.
4. **SELF-MANAGEMENT:** Getting to work on time and dressed appropriately is just one part of selfmanagement. Not getting angry at others when you're frustrated and managing stress are top skills that will get you a job.
5. **WILLINGNESS TO LEARN:** Learning doesn't stop once you leave school. Employers want to know that you can learn new technologies or new skills. Being keen to learn is a good bet for getting a job.
6. **THINKING SKILLS:** Employers rate thinking skills the highest when looking at your CV. Do you like to solve problems? Can you make a good decision? Do you think before you act?
7. **RESILIENCE:** Have you got grit? When something knocks you down, do you get back up again? This is resilience. Employers need you to have this skill to cope when things go wrong at work.

### SHOW OFF YOUR EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS ON YOUR CV

Include employability skills in the skills list, work history, interests and achievement sections of your CV to wow employers.

- **SKILLS LIST** Bullet point up to five employability skills on your CV, with an example of how you got them.
- **WORK HISTORY** List volunteer work or paid work experience in your work history in a way that showcases your skills.
- **INTERESTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS SECTIONS** What you do in your spare time is a powerful indicator to employers of your range of skills.

Remember, if you can show these skills on your CV, you are on the right track to getting an employer interested in hiring you.







## PHILLIS METI 3 TIMES WORLD LONG DRIVE CHAMPION EXHIBITION

**THURSDAY | 29 OCTOBER | 12.30 - 2.30PM**

EXHIBITION 12.30 - 12.45PM  
FUN GAMES 12.45 - 2.30PM

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20**



**HANMER SPRINGS GOLF CLUB**  
133 ARGELINS ROAD HANMER SPRINGS



**FAMILY  
FRIENDLY**

**ENTRY - GOLD COIN DONATION**

## HURUNUI 2021 Youth

**YOU  
MATTER  
TO US.**

**RECRUITMENT ROADSHOW!**

**CALLING ALL HURUNUI DISTRICT 12-24 YEAR OLDS...  
APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!**

We're recruiting for new members to join our HYP and HVC crews for 2021! Come along to find out what the hype is all about and why young people love being part of our team!

*Your...*  
**OPPORTUNITIES  
SUCCESS  
LEGACY!**

**FREE  
Inflatables**

Hang out with us in our amazing youth space, we've lined up with lots of inflatable fun (Vertical Bungee, Gladiator Duel and Bumper Balls), free BBQ and more!

**WHERE • WHEN?**

**Hurunui College:**

Tuesday 10th November, 6pm - 8.30pm

**Cheviot Area School:**

Wednesday 11th November, 6pm - 8.30pm

**Amuri Area School:**

Thursday 12th November, 6pm - 8.30pm

*Yes  
enjoy!*

For more information contact: [hyp@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:hyp@hurunui.govt.nz) or phone/text Ward 027 808 6579 or Rebecca 027 1800 0582. Find us on facebook and instagram.

**HYP**

*Ohoka School invites you to*

**KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN**

# SAFE ONLINE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE OHOKA SCHOOL PTA,  
FUNDING EXTRA RESOURCES FOR OUR TAMARIKI

FEATURING  
CYBER SAFETY EXPERT

**JOHN  
PARSONS**

**WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER**  
**7PM ONWARDS**  
**OHOKA EVENTS CENTRE**  
JACKSONS ROAD, OHOKA

**ABOUT THE WORKSHOP**  
CYBERCRIME IS A VERY REAL ISSUE FACING FAMILIES IN NEW ZEALAND, BUT THERE ARE EASY PRACTICAL STEPS TO REDUCE RISK. JOHN WILL LOOK AT ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH INAPPROPRIATE USE OF COMPUTERS, MOBILE PHONES AND THE INTERNET. DEBATE AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION ARE ENCOURAGED AND PARENTS WILL LEAVE WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT HELPS THEM RELATE TO AND BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND SCHOOL.



**TICKETS \$25** **EVENTBRITE.COM**  
SEARCH: OHOKA PTA



**FREE**

**YOU  
MATTER  
TO US.**

*You're invited to our...*  
**Community Roadshow**  
a family friendly event!

Join the community team for a fun filled evening of inflatables, music and BBQ dinner!

**Where and when?**

- 1 **Tuesday 10 November | 6pm - 8.30pm**  
Hurunui College, 2 Tenterden Street
- 2 **Wednesday 11 November | 6pm - 8.30pm**  
Cheviot Area School, 36 Hall Street
- 3 **Thursday 12 November | 6pm - 8.30pm**  
Amuri Area School, 8 School Road

**We can help you with...**

Advice around budgeting, maintaining community connection, business support, work and employment opportunities. Community initiatives that you may need support with. Also...come and meet our HYP community.

*Spread kindness and connection, not fear and disconnection after COVID*

For more information contact:  
[community@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:community@hurunui.govt.nz) or call 03 314 8816

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