

Term 1

Week

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Amuri Area School

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Kia ora Koutou

Nau mai hoki mai ki te tau hou – Welcome to the new year!

I trust that all in our school community have had a safe and enjoyable summer holiday break. The weather has certainly been hot and dry and I hope this hasn't had too great an impact for members of our community.

Our staff started the year with a visit to Takahanga Marae on our teacher only day. This was a great way to start the year together and it was interesting to hear about the history of the marae and local area. It has been good to continue to build our relationship with Ngati Kuri who are our local runanga. A particular highlight for me was to visit their small museum with archaeological artefacts on display.

Congratulations to all of our senior students who gained NCEA at various levels. It was great to see such a large number who achieved and this is testament to their hard work as well as the support that our wonderful teachers have given them, the individualised programmes we have the ability to provide here at Amuri Area School. We will celebrate these achievements a little later this term.

This year we are working towards the strategic aspirations that we communicated to families last year. All that we do will aim to fulfil these aspirations in some way. They come under four key statements:

1. We know our learners;
2. We grow our learners;
3. We connect our learners to time, people and place;
4. Success is within reach for all.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new students and their whānau. It is great to have you all join the Amuri Area School community. I hope that you quickly make connections and settle into a great year of opportunities ahead.

Lastly, could I please remind parents that if your child is being dropped to school late or picked up early for any reason, please ensure that you sign them in / out at the office before they head off to class or they leave site.

Kia kitea toikaka

Matt Barlow
Principal

Dates for Your Diary

February

13th	Swimming Sports
14th-16th	Life Education Trust Visit - Years 1-8
16th	Girls' Self Defence - Years 7-8
20th	Swimming Sports Postponement
21st	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5:30pm
23rd	Girls' Self Defence - Years 7/8
23rd	Crash Bash - Year 10-13
23rd	Primary Splashtacular @ 1:00pm - Years 1-6
27th	CCHS Swim Champs
27th	Primary Splashtacular Postponement
28th	Senior Athletics

March

1st	Girls' Self Defence - Years 7/8
4th-6th	Year 9 Camp to Windy Point
5th	HPSSA Swimming - Hanmer Springs
6th	HPSSA Swimming Postponement
6th	Mitchell Assembly @ 2:00pm
7th	Senior Athletics Postponement
8th-10th	CSS Senior Volleyball Champs - TBC
13th	CCHS Athletics
14th-15th	Year 7 Camp - Hanmer Springs
15th	TOD - SCHOOL CLOSED
20th	HPSSA Duathlon - Hanmer Springs
21st	HPSSA Duathlon Postponement
21st-23rd	SI Skoda MTB - Queenstown - TBC
24th-29th	Year 12 Geography SIHC Trip
26th	CSS Athletics Prelims
27th	CPS Champs - Selwyn Aquatic Centre
27th	CSS MTB Cross Country - TBC
27th	Caverhill Assembly @ 2:00pm
28th	CSS Athletics Finals
29th	Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED

April

1st-2nd	Easter - SCHOOL CLOSED
4th	CSS Swim Champs at Jellie Park
5th-7th	SISS Athletics - Timaru
7th-11th	Year 12 OE trip - Marlborough Sounds
8th	Years 3-6 Teeball/Volleyball - Scargill/Cheviot
9th-11th	CASAfest @ AAS
10th	Years 3-6 Teeball/Volleyball Postponement
12th	End of Term 1
29th	Term 2 begins

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Primary School News

Kia ora parents and whanau

Welcome back to school for another exciting year!

There are a number of new students in our primary syndicate. Firstly I'd like to welcome all our new Year 7 students from our feeder schools. Frank, Noah, Henry, Cassarla-Marie, Arnika-Lee, Miah, Jimmy, Page J, Akeila, Yohan, Emily, Paige B who have all joined Tapuae-o-Uenuku hub. In Year 1-6 we have welcomed Zion, Leighannah, Luke, Peyton, Sipora, Isobel and James into Room 1 with Ms Jamieson. They are all beginning their school journey in Te Kooti hub. Nicky and his brother Kauri have arrived at Amuri from Christchurch, and Yushra has arrived into Culverden from the Phillippines. We also have a group of new entrants about to start school visits ready for entry into school in March. Welcome to all our new Amurians!

A reminder for parents that school starts for Year 1-6 at 8:55am each day. The buses start arriving from 8:30am and there should be no students on site before then as it is a Health and Safety issue. Teachers are not available to supervise children before 8:30am so if you are bringing children to school, please wait until 8:30am before dropping them off at school.

Year 1 to 6 primary assemblies will start after the Amuri Show, as will Bible in Schools. We have swimming and show art, along with standardised testing of Year 3 to 8 students all happening in the next few weeks and our timetables are crammed full. Next week we are expecting Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education trailer from Wednesday through to

Friday. Harold is always a hit with all ages, even the big kids! Female Tapuae-o-Uenuku students will be undertaking self-defence lessons beginning next Friday. There are three sessions, one per week scheduled, thank you to Mrs Shaw for organising this. And of course, Tuesday is our school swimming sports where all students who can swim a length of any stroke will be competing to gain qualification for HPSSA and CSS events, along with the much sought after whanau points to kick off this year's whanau points competition! We are planning the Primary Splashtacular event for Friday the 23rd of February, this is for all our Year 1 to 6 students and is a showcase of water confidence and swimming skills.

Returning to school can be a time of anxiety and stress for some children and therefore for their families as well. I came across this article recently and it answered a lot of questions I get asked frequently. If you are interested, it's well worth a read.

<https://parentingplace.nz/resources/back-to-school-survival-guide>

It is a pleasure to see all the smiling faces back at school ready for another whirlwind of a year.

Ngā mihi nui
Kylee Habgood
Deputy Principal - Primary

Room 1 today, with six more enrolments to come this term.



To enable you to access your students reports this year, you will need to download the following app:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS TO ACCESS THE PARENT PORTAL (MUSAC EDGE)

1. Google - Edge Caregiver login:



2. Type in your email address (you should have registered this with us) and press FORGOT PASSWORD.
3. A link will be sent to your email, follow those instructions. Once you have done this log out of Edge online.
4. Download the MUSAC Edge app from the app store on to your mobile phone.
5. Login to the downloaded app with the email address and password you just set up on the online version.
6. Enter a 4-digit pin (which you make up, if it asks for one).

If you do not have any information showing, you will need to register your email address with us. Please send an email to office@amuri.school.nz with the words EDGE in the subject line and we will add it to our SMS programme. We will send you a brief email once we have loaded it. (If it still doesn't work, try deleting the app and reloading it.)



The app is then ready to go!!

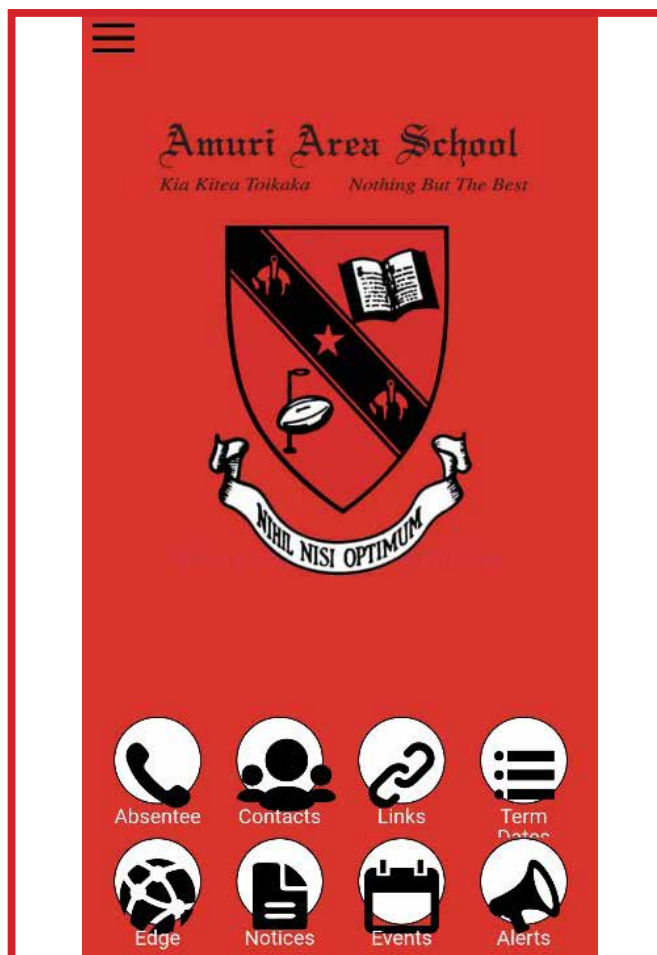
School Docs Login Details for School Policies and Procedures

1. Visit the website <http://amuri.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
Enter the username (amuri) and password (area)

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH HAPPENINGS IN THE SCHOOL BY THE FOLLOWING:



Amuri Area School



Amuri Area School has a School App. Go to the App Store on your Android device, find School Apps then search Amuri Area School to download.

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

A close-up photograph of a golf club head, specifically a driver, resting on a green grassy surface next to a white golf ball. The club head is dark-colored with some silver accents. The background is a blurred green field.

**Amuri Area School PTA
Fundraiser
Sunday 10th of March
tee off 11:00am
Amuri Golf Club**

**12 Holes
Ambrose
teams of 4
\$100/team**

**BBQ, Canteen and Bar
available to purchase from
throughout the day**

Come for a fun day out – Crazy holes, mini competitions, and great spot prizes to be won!

Register your team at amuripta@gmail.com

SPCA Animals	Original Photo	Artwork	Student Creators
<p><u>Nellie</u></p> <p>Female Kune Kune</p> <p>Approx. 7 months old</p>			
<p><u>Turbo</u></p> <p>Turtle (Adopted 😊)</p>			
<p><u>Goldie</u></p> <p>Female Goat</p> <p>Adult (>1yr < 4yr)</p>			
<p><u>Grey</u></p> <p>Male Budgie</p> <p>10 months old</p>			
<p><u>MacKenzie</u></p> <p>Female Mini Lop</p> <p>Approx. 9 months</p>			



TUNING IN TO KIDS

A FREE six-session programme for parents & caregivers
of children aged 4-12 years

Presented by Community Wellbeing
North Canterbury Trust

Proudly supported by **mainpower**

LEARN HOW TO

Help your child understand and manage their emotions,
develop resilience and strengthen your relationship with them.



WHERE AND WHEN

LOCATION: Online

TIME: 7pm - 9pm

DATES: Wednesdays

21 & 28 February

6, 13, 20 & 27 March



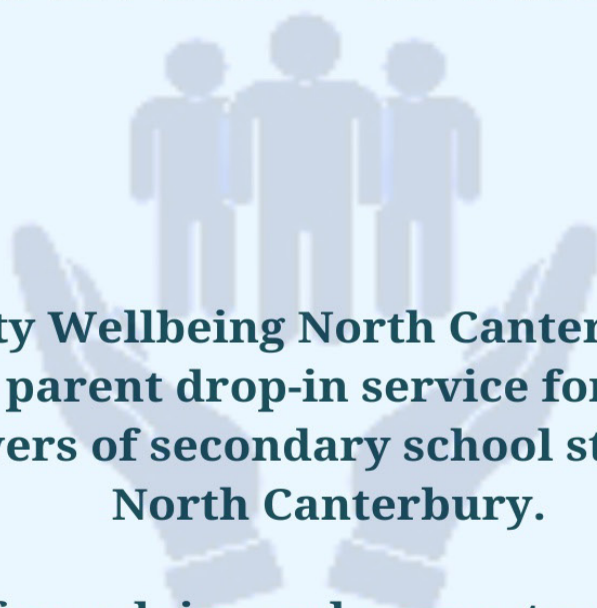
Please note you are required
to attend all six sessions.

HOW TO REGISTER

To register or find out more email: info@wellbeingnc.org.nz



PARENT DROP-IN SERVICE



Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust is offering a parent drop-in service for parents and caregivers of secondary school students in North Canterbury.

You can get free advice and support around wellbeing and mental health for your rangatahi/young person.

This may include:

- Sleep, eating, self harm
- Anxiety and low mood
- Gaming, alcohol and drug use
- Grief, loss or change
- Navigating mental health services or how to access support

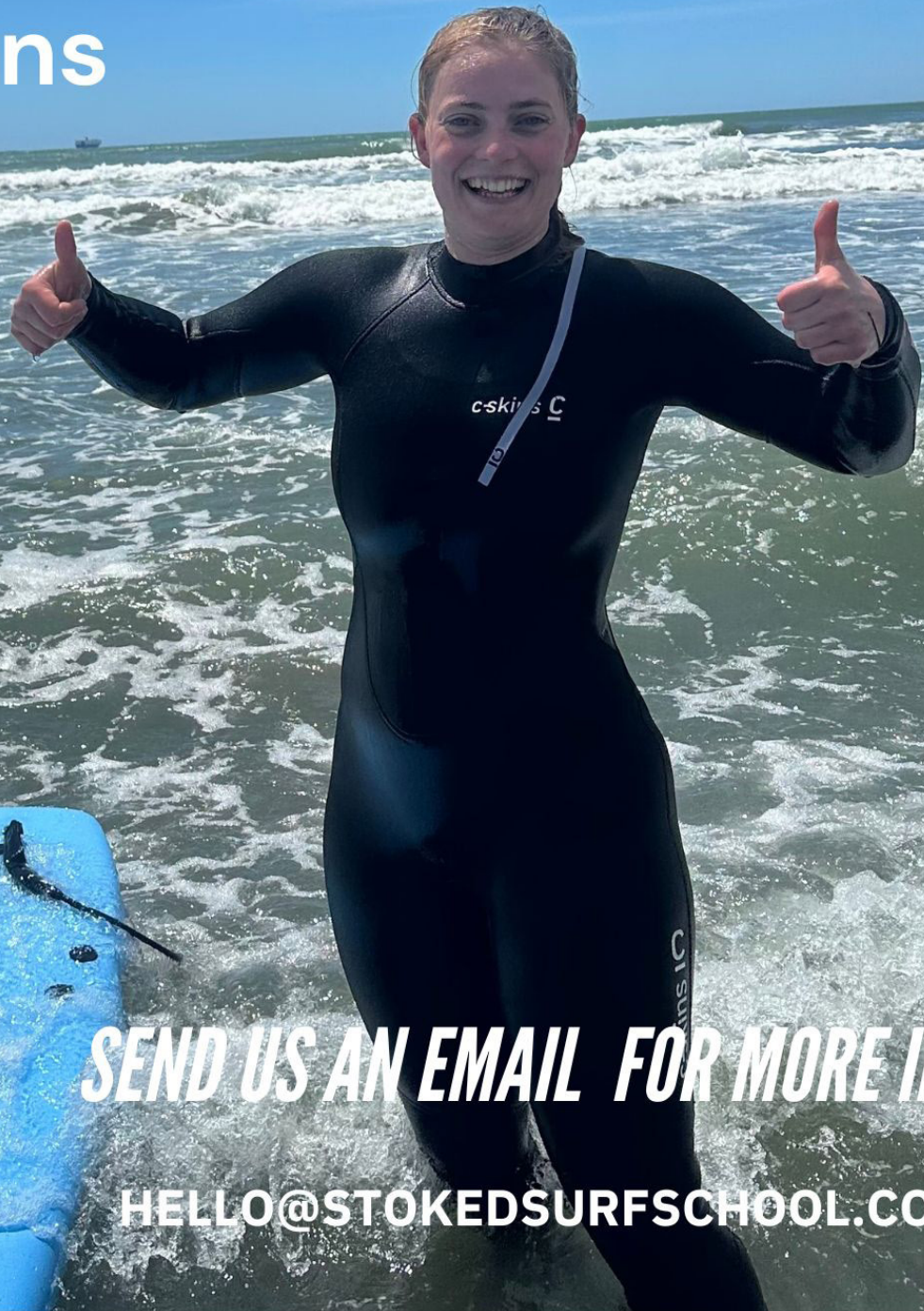
If you'd like to make an appointment or have a confidential chat please call Community Wellbeing on 03 310 6375.

Parent drop-in appointments can take place at the Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust office in Rangiora, or via video call, if that suits you better.

STOKED - GIVE SURFING A GO !



**After school and weekend
lessons**



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HELLO@STOKEDSURFSCHOOL.CO.NZ



KAIKOURA ADVENTURE RACE 2024

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3, 6, 12 & 48 hr events

South Island Secondary School Adventure
Racing Champs & open School events
hosted alongside 3, 6 & 12 hour

FOR ALL DETAILS AND TO REGISTER VISIT
www.KaikouraAdventureRace.com

 /KaikouraAdventureRace

19-21
APRIL
2024



2024 Applications for Outward Bound and Spirit of Adventure courses

The Rotary Club of Rangiora Charitable Trust is calling for applications from young people aged 16 to 18 interested in taking part in either an 8-day Outward Bound Course or a 10-day Spirit of Adventure voyage.

Those selected (normally one for each event) will have a portion of the costs of the course/voyage met. The cost of an 8-day Outward Bound course (ages 16-18) is \$3,500 and for a 10-day Spirit of Adventure voyage (ages 16-19) is \$2,500. This funding is available for those wanting to go on a course/voyage during 2024 or early 2025.

If you are interested in applying for one of these courses/voyages you are asked to complete the application form which is available from Alan Missen at:

awmissen@xtra.co.nz.

The closing date for applications is Friday 1st March 2024.



We invite senior students to attend the Careers Transport Expo held at the TMS Teletrac Navman | Technology | Safety | Maintenance Conference & Exhibition

March 13th 2024 | 9.30-11.30am
Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre

INSPIRING OUR FUTURE GENERATION

Come and explore the exciting opportunities and career pathways the transport industry has to offer at the Careers Transport Expo

**DRIVER • MECHANIC • ENGINEER • HEALTH & SAFETY • LOGISTICS
DISPATCH • SERVICE TECHNICIAN • TECHNOLOGY**

Students will engage with industry experts, learn about new technologies and see first hand how a career in the transport industry could be the right pathway for them.

Mark the date in your calendar and take advantage of this premier event for the Transport Industry. **FREE FOR ALL TO ATTEND.**



Please register your interest by February 28th 2024 to:
bill.james@trucking.nz | 027 288 0811

Number One Shoes + Hannahs

Design Gumboot Friday's next limited edition gumboot

www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootdesigncomp

Name: _____

Contact No: _____

Age: _____

Email: _____



Post entries to - I Am Hope, 135 Dominion Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland 1024 or scan and email to michaiah@iamhope.org.nz.
All entries must be received no later than 9pm on 28th February 2024.

Kia Ora,

We are running a gumboot design competition in collaboration with Number 1 Shoes and Hannahs, with the winning design being used as our limited edition gumboot for this year's Gumboot Friday campaign. For a budding designer or artist they will get to see their creation come to life and for sale at stores around New Zealand - raising funds for free counselling sessions through Gumboot Friday.

Please see details and entry form at the following link: <https://www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootdesigncomp>