

Term 3
Week
7 of 10

Amuri Area School

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Kia ora Koutou

What an amazing week of fine weather we are having! It is nice to be gaining a little more light and warmth with each passing day as we roll into Spring.

In the Week 3 newsletter I shared a one-page diagram which had an outline of our draft strategic plan. We really value your input as a school community and I invite parents / caregivers to drop in on either Monday or Tuesday afternoon / evening to hear more about this. Details are in the newsletter about these engagement sessions. Please note that there are several options within the proposed times and there is no need to attend all of the sessions. A reminder to that you are welcome to email any thoughts or questions you have to me using the following email address:

principal@amuri.school.nz.

I would like to wish all of the senior students the very best for their derived grade exams which will be sat next week. These exams provide an opportunity to check where learning is at as well as serve as a back-up should anything impact the external exams scheduled for November. I encourage each senior student to study hard and give their best effort in these exams.

While it was a few weeks ago, I want to acknowledge the staff who ran our annual maths week. It was awesome to see the amazing entries and I congratulate all entrants alongside those who received places. The week was well organised and provided an opportunity for students to both explore and excel!

It was wonderful to hear about the way our students represented the school at both the North Canterbury Kapa Haka Festival and the Hurunui 7-side tournament during week 5. These events help to provide a rich learning environment where students can experience opportunities and excel in skills that sit outside of the classroom environment. It has also been great hearing updates from our senior netball team who are currently at the SISS tournament in Invercargill. My thanks also to those staff and parents who helped with these events.

Last week I was able to attend the New Zealand Area School's Conference in Rotorua. There were a range of wonderful speakers and workshops.

The theme was 'Challenge and Change: Ka mate kāinga tahi, ka ora kāinga rua.' There are several meanings linked to this whakatauki including, 'if one door closes, another will open' or 'if something does not bring benefit the first time around, it will the next.' It was a good reminder of the fact that challenge and change can feel overwhelming but with perseverance, positive things can come. There is certainly a lot of challenge and change in the educational environment and we are working to ensure that these things bring positive outcomes for each and every learner and their whānau here at Amuri Area School.

All the best for the next few weeks!

Kia kitea toikaka

Matt Barlow
Principal

Dates for Your Diary

September

4th-8th	Senior Derived Grade Exams
11th	Year 11 Ag trip
12th	Ethics Olympiad Junior
13th	Choir rehearsal at Haeata Community Hall
14th	Caverhill Assembly @ 11:20am
16th-23rd	Year 13 Geography trip to Gold Coast, Aust.
19th	Children's University gown fitting
20th	Student Executive Meeting @ 1:10pm
22nd	End of Term 3

October

4th-7th	NZ MTB Champs
9th	Start of Term 4
9th-11th	Year 6 Camp to Living Springs
11th	Student Executive Meeting at 1:10pm
16th-19th	Year 8 Camp to Kaiteriteri
18th	Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00pm
23rd	Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
26th	Hamilton Assembly @ 2:00pm
27th	Primary Athletics
30th	Primary Athletics Postponement

November

1st	Senior study leave begins
3rd	Christchurch Choir Festival at the Town Hall
6th	HPSSA Athletics

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Kia ora parents and whanau

It's been a much quieter fortnight since the last newsletter. We are all enjoying the warmer temperatures and looking forward to the grass getting dry enough to play on again.

I was having a reflective moment this week and on Tuesday between 10:00am and 10:30am, I went into every teaching space for Years 1-8 and took a snapshot of each staff member in action. I wanted to highlight the dedication of our teaching team and support staff and the work they do with the students here at Amuri. We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated team in our kura.

Next Friday I am taking a group of Year 8 students to a podcast writing workshop in Rangiora. They will be writing the podcast at the workshop and then once written, we book a recording session at Plains FM. The podcast will be recorded and go to air on Plains FM. I will be advertising this on our Facebook page when the time has been confirmed, so please watch out for this! The students taking part are very excited to think their family and friends will be able to hear their work broadcast live on the radio!

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

Term 3

1 Sept – Room 5

8 Sept – Room 6

15 Sept – Room 7 (Māori Language Week)

22 Sept – Room 1

Term 4

13 Oct - Room 4

20 Oct - Singing

27 Oct – Primary Athletics

3 Nov - Room 7

10 Nov - Room 6

17 Nov - Show Weekend

24 Nov – Room 2

1 Dec – Terako (Leavers Assembly)

We are beginning to plan for 2024 and I have been looking at class numbers to ensure we have

enough staffing for our students. One thing that helps me enormously is having enrolment forms for students who are starting school in 2024. Our new entrant visit programme starts at least three weeks before the student's birthday, so the earlier we know the better prepared we can be. Like last year, we will be having at least one visit day with all children who will be turning 5 over the December, January and early February period. This is going to be on Tuesday 5th of December. If you know of anyone who has a child intending to start school in 2024, encourage them to come and pick up an enrolment form. Janine has these available at the school office.

A warm welcome to Freddy who is our newest Amurian. Freddy recently turned 5 and joined Ms Jamieson and the students in Room 1.

Happy school days Freddy!

Ngā mihi nui

Kylee Habgood

Deputy Principal - Primary



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: 6.30 - 8.30pm

DATES: Tuesdays
10, 17, 24 & 31 October
7 & 14 November



Please note you are required
to attend all six sessions.

HOW TO REGISTER

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

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Kia Ora Whanau

It has been fantastic to be back at school this week after my time away recovering from knee surgery. I have definitely missed the positive interactions that I always have on a daily basis with our awesome students. Being back for such a short time has just reinforced to me how our students are the embodiment of our school values.

The end of the term is fast approaching and the remaining weeks are jammed packed with vital learning opportunities. We have our derived grade exams starting next week on the 4th of September for Years 10-13. Please note that all students are required to wear school uniform to exams and workshops. Students from Years 11-13 are not required to be at school if they do not have an exam or workshop, however, they are more than welcome to use the Academy or the Library for study.

The derived grade exams are incredibly important, not only do they provide a benchmark on achievement to date, but they also produce a backup grade for students if they are unable to sit the externals in November. I hope that all of our senior students are working diligently on a study plan to ensure that they put their best effort forward in all of their exams.

In the weeks following the exams teachers will be writing reports to reflect what each student needs to do between now and the end of the year to maintain or improve on their grades. As a school, we will also be running career and pathway assemblies to prepare the students around making subject selection choices for 2024.

Please note that as part of the process around making subject selections, we would like to invite parents and whanau to attend a subject pathway evening in the Gym on 21st September. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents to discuss with teachers the best possible choices for the following year.

There will be two sessions available: 3.30pm-5:00pm and 5.30pm-7:00pm. Each session will start with an overview of the requirements of NCEA amid the changes being introduced next year and then families are encouraged to move around the various displays and discuss with teachers the best pathway choices available to their child. The option selection process will re-

quire each student to hand in a completed option form, co-signed by their parents and the subject teachers. Options will need to be handed in no later than the last day of term.

Congratulations to Alex Palmer for gaining his restricted licence this week with the support of the mentor driving organised by HDC.



Nicole Peterson
Deputy Principal - Secondary



AAS Strategic Plan Presentations

Dear parents / caregivers

We warmly invite you to drop into school at one of the following times next week to hear about and engage with the draft Amuri Area School strategic plan and learn about the changes that are happening in the education space which are informing this plan.

Session Times:

Monday 4th September: 4:00pm – 5:30pm and 7:00pm – 8:30pm

(presentations will start at 4:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:00pm and 7:45pm)

Tuesday 5th September: 7:00 – 8:30pm

(presentations will start at 7:00 and 7:45pm)

Each session will have a short presentation and the opportunity for you to ask questions and to share your thoughts about our strategic direction as a school for the next 2 – 3 years. The sessions are repeated so you do not need to attend all of the sessions, just choose a time that suits you! These sessions will be held in the Community Rooms and light refreshments will be available.

I look forward to seeing you there,

Matt Barlow
Principal

Roll of Honour

Noah Bartlett | Baylea Black

Kiana Carter | George Croft

Kadmiel Delos Santos

Sophie Downes-Diack

Hank Dugmore | Kassy Frias

Beau Glassey | Zoe Green

Willow Harwood | Michaela Lamont

Cole Phillips | Paul Ryan

Bryce Scarlet

1st Merit

Rachael Bell | Tom Black

Isla Blomfield | Kenzie Colebrook

Thomas Croft | Mikaela Easton

Beau Glassey | Willow Harwood

George Jackson | Michaela Lamont

Becky Minson | Ruby Moke

Kurt Ogena | Ziggy Paora

Lachie Perry | Cole Phillips

Paul Ryan | Lillie Schuurman

Miley Scott | Lottie Smith

Noa Wilson | Marco Yukich

2nd Merit

Michael Anngow | Aizelle Dela Rosa

Emily Fenemor-Halsey | Mac Langford

Maria Lim | Charlene Paragas

Charlotte Schenkel | Molly Schuurman

James Van Arendonk

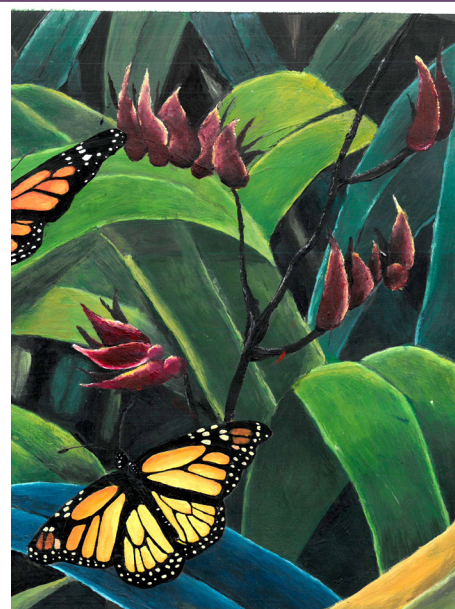
Showcasing Art by our Senior Students



by Catherine Paragas



by Hayley Fisher



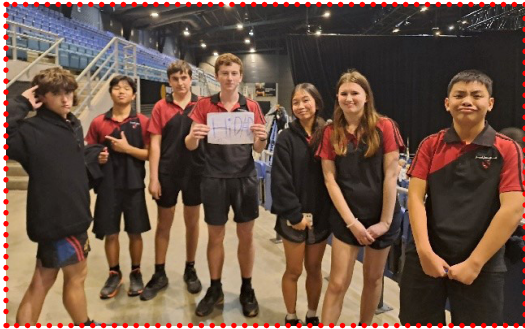
by Maddie Wayne

2023 Cantamaths Competition

Year 9 & 10 Cantamaths competition at the Wolfbrook Arena 2023

Congratulations to Owen, Van, Emerson and Sophia of Year 9 who scored 35 points. Well done to Charlotte, James, Jakob and Van for the Year 10 team who scored 20 points. Many thanks to Jan Roberts from our community who coached both teams; to Mrs Turner and Mr Logan who took the teams there and back on the night; and to the parents who waited at school until late to collect them.

Mrs Ibbetson Secondary Maths HELA



Huxster Mountain Bike Race

Entries for this event are now open for Year 5-6 and Year 7-8 students.
Info can be found via this link <https://www.huxster.org.nz/>

There are two dates this year
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October

Years 5 & 6 students must enter as a team of 2, Years 7 & 8 students can enter either as a team or as an individual.

Please email Phoebe if your child is keen to enter.
phoebe@amuri.school.nz

Derived Grade Exam Timetable September 4th - 8th 2023 - FINAL

Time	MON	Venue	Staff SPRV	TUES	Venue	Staff SPRV	WEDS	Venue	Staff SPRV	THURS	Venue	Staff SPRV	FRI	Venue	Staff SPRV
1 (9 - 10)	11 HIST 11GEO 12ENG 13CALC	RCB	MRJ	11ENG 12/ 13AGH 12 / 13 HIST	RCB	MRJ	11SCI 11AGH 12 / 13 BIO	RCB	MRJ	11 MAT 13 ENG L2 BUS	RCB	MRJ	12 / 13 GEO 11ECO/ 12 ECO/ 13ECO 11ART - Rm19	RCB	MRJ
2 (10 - 11)															
3 (11 - 12)															
Break															
4 (1 - 2)	L 2 Accounting 11HOSP 12 / 13 CHEM 12/13 PHY	RCB	MRJ	10ENG 12 CHEM Clash	RCB	MRJ	12/13 MAT	RCB	MRJ	10 SCI	RCB	MRJ	Clashes /Illness etc	RCB	MRJ
5 (2 - 3)															
ALT	L1 PE 11/12/13 DVC	ACAD	PEN	12/13 DES	18	GHT				12 / 13 PHOTO & PAINT	RCB	MRJ	SMPD CARP ART		

All Year 10 Exams Tues & Thurs 1 - 3pm - Finish classes end of P3, Lunch 12.20 till 12.50 arrive at RCB for 12.55 entry

Y11 - 13 Students not in exam can study in the library or Academy if it is free or not onsite. Not to disturb.

ALT = Workshops where students are expected to attend



A half hour in time snap shots



Year 10 Art - German Expressionism Unit

Influenced by wood-block prints from the 1930s, where those artists focussed on depicting the raw emotion felt rather than a true likeness. A bold, brash style highlighting the suffering during the depression years and the horrors of war in WW2.



The Year 10 artists initially used a self-portrait to then create their own lino-cut print in the style of the German Expressionists.



AMURI BASKETBALL ACADEMY 2023

28th Sept and 29th Sept 2023

Academy Fee
1 day \$ 20
2 days \$35

WHAT TO EXPECT -

- SKILL DEVELOPMENT
- EXPERT COACHING
- SMALL CLASS SIZE (MAX 12)
- COMPETITION AND EXPOSURE
- PERSONALISED TRAINING PLANS

28th Sept -

**Year 7/8 - 9:00am-10:30am
& 10:45am-12:15pm**

**Year 9/13 - 1pm-2:30pm &
3pm-4:30pm**

29th Sept-

**Year 7/8 - 9:00am-10:30am
& 10:45am-12:15pm**

**Year 9/13 - 1pm-2:30pm &
3pm-4:30pm**

**See the sports notice board for more
information about the academy**

Email - Hunterarchbold06@gmail.com

**with your name and time you want to
secure a slot!**

**12 slots per session so be
quick!**

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BOOK FAIR

**September 2023 - Thursday 28th 5pm to 9pm,
Friday 29th 9am to 7:30pm, Saturday 30th 9am to 5pm**

Rangiora A&P Showgrounds, 158 Ashley Street

Help us to do this again by donating books, magazines, dvds, cds, puzzles & records.

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