

Amuri Area School

*Kia Kitea Toikaka
Nothing But The Best*

Raising Achievement; Realising Potential; Encouraging Excellence
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Kia ora koutou

It has been a busy start to the term with lots of events and activities. It has been awesome to see students making the most of the opportunities that they have to learn in a wide variety of contexts. This week I received samples of persuasive writing from the students in Room 2. Their task was to convince me that I had made the right choice in coming to Amuri. I was delighted to read all of their ideas including these from Ziggy and Baylea "Because all of the students are friendly and help each other and work in a team;" and "because we are welcoming and nice and caring." Comments like these were a common theme in the writing samples and it is wonderful to know that our students feel a sense of belonging here.

I am delighted to announce that Regan Clark and Mateo Jamieson have been selected as our head students for 2023. Regan and Mateo both bring a wide range of skills and a heart for the school community to the role. They will be supported by a group of other leaders including Meg Habgood, Clare Frame, Myla Roberts and Sam Bush. It is amazing to have such wonderful leaders within our school community.

I want to give a special mention to our Year 7 students who spent time last week completing some community service. It is always a good thing to look for ways that we can support, encourage and give to others and the students happily did this through the work that they completed.

It was a privilege to spend time with a group of Year 9 and 10 students on the sports exchange with Murchison, Collingwood and Tapawera Area Schools. I was impressed with the way our students interacted with those from the other schools where I again observed positive and friendly connections.

I want to extend my thanks to staff who have been organising camps, trips and events over the past few weeks. These events make

school a vibrant and enjoyable place to be for our students.

Lastly, it has been great to meet many of you as parents over the last few weeks. Thanks for dropping by to introduce yourselves at events like the Junior and Senior Athletics. I'm sure I will meet more of you in the time ahead.

All the best to our Senior Students who start external exams on Monday.

Ka kitea toikaka

Noho ora mai, nā

Mr Matt Barlow
Tumuaki – Principal



Our Silver Medallists in the International Ethics Olympiad

Our students attending the Christchurch Festival Choir Performance



Primary School News

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

We are well into our athletics programme for the term with our Year 7 and 8 taking part in the Senior Athletics sports last week. This qualifies them for Country High Schools zone events which have different entry requirements to the primary school zone events. This week we had our Primary athletics sports on Monday, and it was fantastic to see so many parents back on school grounds during school hours! Thank you for your support! We had an outstanding day and Miss Sopp is currently working on the list of qualifiers who will represent the school at the Hurunui Primary School Zones event held here on Monday the 7th of November. Notification should be coming home very soon.

Year 8 camp was on last week and they experienced a great four days away in the beautiful Abel Tasman at Kaiteriteri. They also experienced most weather conditions on camp, making for a memorable experience! Thank you to our parent helper team and to Miss Sopp and Ms Campbell for their work leading the campers. Mrs Shaw and Year 7 took part in leadership activities including guest speakers on leadership, team building activities and a day giving back to the community. Our pool fence looks fabulous, well done!

**Primary Assembly Roster
Term 4
4 Nov – Room 1
11 Nov - Show Day
18 Nov –Room 2
25 Nov - Accord Day
2 Dec- Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

We have had our staffing allowance confirmed for 2023, and due to numbers we will have the following classes.

Year 7/8 x 3 classes taught by Miss Sopp, Ms Campbell, Mrs Shaw

Year 5/6 x 3 classes taught by Mrs Moke, Miss Paterson and Miss Garthwaite

Year 3/4 x 2 classes taught by Mrs Johnson and Miss Allison

Year 1/2 x 1 class taught by Mrs Van der Merwe

Year 1 x 1 class taught by Ms Jamieson

Students will find out what classes they are in on Monday 5th of December.

Welcome to Tazmin in Room 5 and Ashley in Room 3 who have recently started with us. We hope you will enjoy your time at Amuri!

Hei konā

Kylee Habgood - Deputy Principal - Primary

Senior School News

Kia Ora Whanau

Preparations are underway for end of year NZQA exams, which officially start on Monday. The Amuri exam centre is at the Rugby Club rooms adjacent to the school. Students sitting exams are encouraged to read through the information that was handed out and come prepared with pens etc in a plastic transparent bag. Remember you must have your exam entry slip on hand to enter the exam.

A big farewell to our Year 13 students, who have set a benchmark for the years to follow with a non-destructive and lighthearted prank day. I am still finding items in my office covered in tinfoil. You will be missed Year 13's of 2022, it has been a pleasure working with you on various leadership projects throughout the year.

A big congratulations to all the candidates who put their names and entered the process for head student 2023. All candidates were outstanding and had much to offer the school in terms of skills, knowledge and passion for change. I look forward to 2023 with anticipation in what the Year 13 cohort will bring to Amuri area school.

Good luck to the Year 8-10 students that are heading off to compete in the rural games at the Canterbury A & P show on Wednesday 9th. They will be competing against other schools in the Canterbury region through completing practical tasks based on agriculture practices.

We also have the Year 10 camp planning underway, with more information to come on what that will entail.

Year 7 and 8 students are still working in module groups with their peers from Hanmer Primary and we are currently in our fourth rotation for the year. Further to this we will be running a transition day on the 5th December, where peer mentors from Year 10 will run activities with the 2023 Year 9 cohort from all schools to start the process of creating a positive learning culture within the peer groups, ready for 2023.

To all senior students, good luck for your external exams, remember to do your best.

Nicole Peterson

Deputy Principal - Secondary

ROLL OF HONOUR

James Anngow | Claudia Davison
Chloe Dela Vega | Sarah Forbes
Nathan Kay | Sam O'Neill

Lottie Smith

1ST MERIT

Dylan Brogden | Deegan DeVree
Emily Fenemor-Halsey | Sarah Forbes
Wally Johns | Nathan Kay
Archie McCone | Lee Palmer
Ziggy Paora | Lachie Perry
Georgia Roberts | Campbell Smith
Emma Whittleston | Sachi Wilkes
Ava Wilson | Jessica Youngman

2ND MERIT

Joe Hanna Barroz | Aizelle Dela Rosa
Ruby Glassey | William Hamilton
Myla Roberts | Alex Shaw
Charlotte Snowling | Kaden Tiley
Jake van Der Heyden

Dates for Your diary November

7th	HPSSA Athletics @ Amuri
7th	NCEA Exams begin - Years 11-13
8th	Hamilton Assembly @ 12:15pm
8th	Student Executive Meeting @ 1:15pm
8th	Science Leadership Day at ARA
8th	Te Koa trip to Christchurch
9th	HPSSA Athletics Postponement
9th	Farm Skills Competition at Amuri A&P Show
11th	Canterbury Anniversary - SCHOOL CLOSED
16th	Year 7-8 Cup Shield Cricket @ Mandeville
17th	Mufti Day for the Blind Foundation
19th	Amuri Trail Ride
21st	Children's University Graduation
21st-23rd	Year 10 camp to Windy Point
23rd	Mitchell Assembly
25th	MOE Accord Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
28th	MOE Accord Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
30th	CPS Athletics at Nga Puna Wai

December

5th	Year 1-9 Transition Day
7th	School reports sent out
9th	Stig at the Library - Years 1-6
13th	Prizegiving and end of School - See you 2023!

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Changes to the School Donations Scheme

The BOT have decided to opt into this scheme from the beginning of 2023. They believe it will be more financially beneficial to students, and parents will no longer be asked to make a school donation. **Please note that there are exceptions for camps and overnight trips.** More information on this scheme can be found on the ministry website: <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/fees-charges-and-donations/>

Parents must send any feedback to Matt via email principal@amuri.school.nz no later than 10 November 2022.

Kind regards

Adam Williamson
Board Chair Person
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Piano Lessons with Andrea

Andrea currently has two lesson times available on a Wednesday.

If you would like your child to learn the piano, please get in touch with Andrea either by

phone 020 4035 8805 or email hooperandrea4@gmail.com

MARC KELLY
— GOLF COACHING —

CERTIFIED PGA PROFESSIONAL

- Video Lessons
- Sky track launch monitor
- Individual Lessons
- Group Clinics
- Kid's clinics
- Relaxed coaching style

Amuri Golf Club
02041421244

KID'S TERM 4 PROGRAM

Kids Term 4 program starts week 3, Thursday 3rd November. This is a 6 week program with lessons at 330pm to 430pm each Thursday. After the great success of the holiday clinics we are hoping to get more young people into the game. Ages from 6 to 18 welcome. Price is \$190 per student. Message on 02041421244 to book.

INSPIRE CHURCH AMBERLEY INITIATIVE
Supported by Amberley Lions and Hurunui District Council

Hurunui Community Christmas Dinner

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER 2022
11.30AM - 2.30PM
AMBERLEY DOMAIN, DOUGLAS ROAD, AMBERLEY

RSVP for Catering by 1 December 2022
Text 027 210 2917 or phone 03 314 8123
Transport available on request

**\$5 PER ADULT - \$10 PER FAMILY
ALL WELCOME**

ATHLETICS
NEW ZEALAND

**RUN, JUMP OR THROW?
GIVE IT A GO!**

Find your local club at athletics.org.nz

Thanks to our partners **douglas** **GO Media**

Year 7 Leadership

Year 7's have been excellent young leaders this week - practicing leadership skills in team challenges with Activity Hammer on Tuesday, listening intently to leadership lessons from presenters on Wednesday (thanks to Mr Barlow, Mr Field and Mr McCone) and giving back to their community with fence painting on Thursday (Thanks Eve and Adam for helping!). We are very grateful to the Amuri Lions for sponsoring our week's activities.



LIVELY LIVING SPRINGS

Monday, 17 October, was the start of Room 7's Year 6 camp to Living Springs. We said goodbye to our parents and piled into the school vans ready for an exciting adventure. On our way we stopped at Margaret Mahy Playground for a quick play and morning tea. Then it was time to set off again and we arrived at the campsite on top of the hill in Banks Peninsula which offered breath-taking views over the bays with Lyttleton Harbour in the distance.

Our first activity was orienteering where we were split up into groups of 3 or 4 and we got to explore the wider campus, learn to read a map, complete the course, and race our classmates. "It was fun and competitive" says Zac Broom. Afterwards Ruma Whitu enjoyed a delicious lunch. Next up was another action-packed activity - adventure stream! This was a thrilling experience where all students challenged themselves to complete the journey down the rocky stream. Lots of people slipped and fell into the water and got soaked. "It was sketchy abseiling down those rocks, but funny when people slipped and got wet" says Arlie Marris. A swim in the warm pool was well deserved to relax. We worked up a great appetite after an eventful day and enjoyed dinner followed by quiz night and chocolate cake to celebrate Zac's birthday. What an epic first day!



The next day we woke up and had breakfast. "It was scrumptious" says Brody Batchelor. After that we had the time of our lives shooting each other with arrows in archery tag. The adults got involved as well of course. "It was the best activity of the camp" says James Hamilton. Reuben, Zac, Archie, and Arthur volunteered as human archery targets to get us warmed up for the game. "It was fun being a human target" said Reuben Chinnery. "But it was also painful" added Arthur Milne. Everyone had a bunch of fun.



During the bush walk, we kept our ears and eyes open for native birds and we got to see Taea the Kahikatea, the biggest native tree to New Zealand. At 65 metres tall, it was huge! We were astounded by the size of it. After some tasty nachos we were refuelled for the next activity: indoor bouldering wall. This was great fun as we got to try different difficulty levels. "It was good because I enjoyed going 'around the world' along the wall." said Anna-belle Cundy. The boys and some brave girls decided to tackle the slip 'n slide. "It was cold, wet and fun." describes Archie McCone. We had to rush to the shower before tabletop escape room. Sir Matt (our parent helper) assisted his team to victory. We entered the night circled around a bonfire where we got to make our own smoores, play charades and tell our own made-up stories in front of the rest of the group. Namash's story was the scariest and most intriguing. We then prepared for our last activity of the night: spotlight. "It was good fun, but the boys sabotaged our position" mentioned Daniela Panganoron. A good night's rest awaited us very soon thereafter.

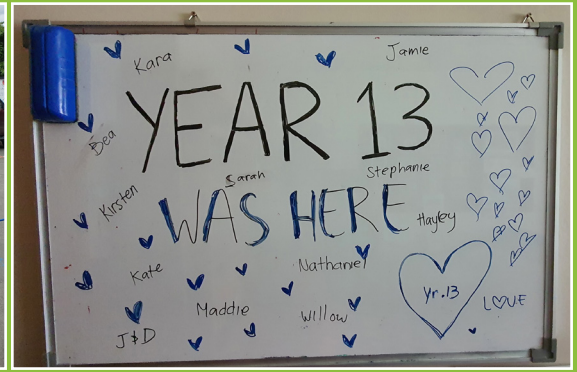


The final day of camp came too soon. It was time to pack our bags and clean up our sleeping quarters. The last activity couldn't have come sooner. We all went for one last walk to the zipline area. "I liked going fast and looking at the view. It was my favourite part," said Ashlyn Abernethy. We ended our time at Living Springs with some mini golf, jumping on the trampoline, dodgeball, and a journey down a steep hill on the monorail. Ms Garthwaite had a go and screamed her lungs out. We didn't want to go back but our parents were missing us. Room 7 and the parent helpers had a blast at Living Springs camp.

By Michael Anngow and Room 7



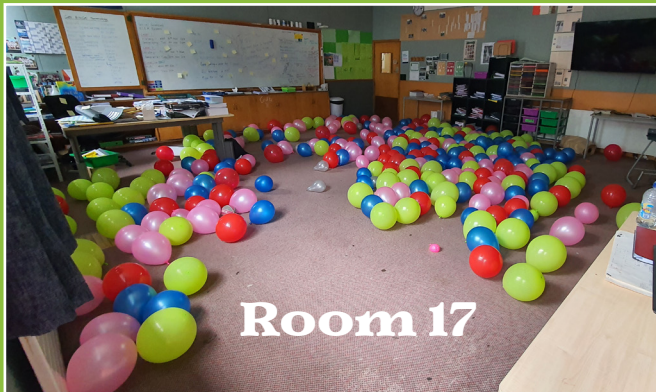
Our Year 13 students have left a lasting memory at the school on their last day of 2022!!



Staffroom



Room 20



Room 17



Room 21



H Block Corridor



H Block corridor



Room 22



Mr Barlow's office



Tony's truck



Room 18



Room 15



Ms Peterson's Office





Amuri Primary Athletics Champs 2022

Room	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Room 1	Jessica Youngman Gus Clisby	Maria Dela Rosa Wally Johns	Greta Reed Dylan Brogden
Room 2	Chloe Dela Vega Jonty O'Neill	Biddie Johnson Neil Samera	Liv Whittleston George Jackson

Year 3 Girls			Year 3 Boys		
1 st	Lucy Cater	42pts	Riley Van der Heyden		46pts
2 nd	Milah Campion	30pts	William Hamilton		40pts
3 rd	Chloe Parmar & Harriett Rutherford	29pts	Ben Langford		35pts
Year 4 Girls			Year 4 Boys		
1 st	Ashleigh Clegg	40pts	Beau Glassey		46pts
2 nd	Harper Absalom	30pts	Tom Jackson		36pts
3 rd	Ella Lauder	29pts	Noa Wilson		30pts
Year 5 Girls			Year 5 Boys		
1 st	Charlene Paragas	47pts	Jake Van der Heyden		45pts
2 nd	Ella Dawson	31pts	Sam Currie		32pts
3 rd	Molly Mckenzie	24pts	Sam O'Neill		26pts
Year 6 Girls			Year 6 Boys		
1 st	Rylee Gavin	42pts	Arthur Milne		43pts
2 nd	Georgie O'Neill	41pts	Archie McCone		37pts
3 rd	Hannah Clegg	31pts	James Hamilton		28pts
Year 7 Girls			Year 7 Boys		
1 st	Lily Neppelenbroek	34pts	Alex Shaw		38pts
2 nd	Charlotte Snowling	30pts	Caleb Parmar		36pts
3 rd	Alysha Hepi-Te Huia	26pts	George Thompson		23pts
Year 8 Girls			Year 8 Boys		
1 st	Ruby Glassey	39pts	Owen Lewis		42pts
2 nd	Sophie Ockwell & Zoe Bailey	33pts	Van Samera & Zac Barbara		30pts
3 rd	Nathalia Ferrer	30pts	Max McCone		25pts

HOUSE POINTS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Mitchell	Hamilton	Caverhill
1089	1082	1061



2022 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Exams available digitally shown in blue

Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 7 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
	2.00 pm	Chinese Chinese (Mandarin)	Media Studies	Dance	Calculus
Tue 8 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Te Reo Rangatira Cook Islands Māori	Drama
Wed 9 Nov	9.30 am	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics		Biology
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Thu 10 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics		Making Music Japanese	Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Korean	Drama	Samoan	Statistics
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 11 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 14 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Economics	Korean	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	
Tue 15 Nov	9.30 am	Science	Social Studies		History
	2.00 pm	Samoan Gagana Sāmoa Spanish	Geography	Accounting	
Wed 16 Nov	9.30 am	Cook Islands Māori Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani	English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	History	Chinese	Biology	German
Thu 17 Nov	9.30 am	English	Lea Faka-Tonga Cook Islands Māori		English
	2.00 pm	Drama	Chemistry	Health	Physics
Fri 18 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	History	Chemistry	Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
WEEKEND					
Mon 21 Nov	9.30 am	Art History Te Reo Māori	Japanese	Latin Social Studies Psychology	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
Tue 22 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama Lea Faka-Tonga	Geography
	2.00 pm	Chemistry Chemistry & Biology	Classical Studies		Economics
Wed 23 Nov	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics	Korean	Media Studies
Thu 24 Nov	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	
Fri 25 Nov	9.30 am	Physics Physics Earth & Space Science	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm		German	Home Economics	Art History
WEEKEND					
WESTLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY (Mon 28 Nov)					
Tue 29 Nov	9.30 am	Japanese	Latin	Te Reo Māori	
	2.00 pm		French	Spanish	Latin
Wed 30 Nov	9.30 am	Religious Studies	Business Studies	French	Japanese
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		
Thu 1 Dec	9.30 am	Health	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
	2.00 pm			Music Studies	Spanish
Fri 2 Dec	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance	Art History	Earth & Space Science