

# Amuri Area School

*Kia Kitea Toikaka  
Nothing But The Best*

*Raising Achievement; Realising Potential; Encouraging Excellence*

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Tena Koutou Katoa

## **National Volunteer Week**

Once a year we take time to thank the people who volunteer their time in and across our community in a multitude of ways. I have often used this forum to thank our local coaches and managers for the various sporting codes within our clubs without which our students would not have these opportunities. We also have volunteers within our school coaching teams, driving students to games, helping with camps and activities and in classes working to improve our readers.

This week we also thank our local fire and St John teams based in Culverden, Hanmer and Waiiau and the various response committees and societies where people give their time to make things just a little better for everyone else. I encourage you to find a way to contribute however small it may be, as every little bit really does help.

## **Peter Pan**

Thanks to you all for coming along! The three shows were very well attended which is so important for the students to have the feel of a packed house! What a great performance and we are so proud of you all!

## **Congratulations**

Well done to Angie Mones-Cazon for a top 10 finish in the recent Canterbury Cross Country event. This is from a field of hundreds so quite an achievement. Also to Bob Thompson who competed for Amuri at the South Island Secondary School champs achieving no less than THREE personal bests on the day.

## **Next Week**

A VERY busy week with the Matariki performance and dinner on Monday and our Childrens University participants heading away to visit a real university also on Monday. Our Senior chemists also head away

on Thursday for a field trip. The senior formal will be in Hanmer Springs on Friday night and huge thanks to our wonderful Head Students Hannah and Celine for pulling this together.

## **Student Interview Bookings**

These will close on THURSDAY 1st July so please make your bookings by then. Please call the office if you are having any difficulties using the online system and we will book them for you whilst you are on the phone.

## **Sniffles and Gastrobug**

There are some rather nasty bugs floating around Christchurch schools right now and they will inevitably head North sooner or later. Please watch out in particular for tummy aches as the gastrobug in circulation is very contagious.

That said, have a great weekend.

Nga Mihi Nui

James Griggs  
Principal

## *Roll of Honour*

*Xaria Fawcett*

*Zara Hamilton*

*Bonnie MacDonald*

*Ally Roberts*

*Stephanie Robinson-Guiterrez*

*Sachi Wilkes*

*1st Merit*

*Liby Champion*

*Hannah Clegg*

*Stella Dwyer*

*Gus McKenzie*

*Sophia Manifold*

*Valerie Paragas*

# Primary School News

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Year 1-6 started their week with a visit from Elgregoe the magician with his show 'What you can be.' This show was all about having the power to manage unwanted behaviours and bullying. Along with his message of 'Cool kids care', the students and staff were wowed by the amazing magical illusions. Not to mention the nine birds who accompanied him including his new bird, Richie The Macaw.

Dylan Brogden and Gus Clisby are our newest Amurians, They started school last week with Mrs Johnson in Room 1. Welcome Dylan and Gus!

Room 7 is now underway and our Year 3 students and Miss Dryden have settled into their routines. The addition of this new classroom was due to roll growth in the Year 3 and 4 area where numbers have grown considerably since the start of the year.

We have many tired students this week after last weeks production and there are numerous students away with illnesses. If in doubt, please keep your child at home. Now that the weather is grey and damp, it's best to err on the side of caution to avoid spreading the bugs to other students and staff.

A huge congratulations to all our students and staff who were involved in 'Peter Pan'. It was an amazing show and it was fantastic to see so many members of our community supporting the cast and crew. We hope you all enjoyed the show!

Nga mihi nui  
Kylee Habgood



*It's that time of year..*

As we all rush round in the morning, heading to sports, checking the bag for the mouthguard, shoes and..... inhalers, we all know the feeling. We know there are heaps in the house, but where are they when you need them?



It's really important to only use them when they are prescribed for you by a Doctor. And given the spread of germs, its best not to share. Ensure that you check their expiry date also, as this can make the medication ineffective.

Keep the cap on your inhaler to avoid sudden inhalation of debri from inside your bag too!

So work out who needs their asthma checked by your GP, make an appointment and head along and refresh the inhaler supply for these cooler months, remembering also that if you find yourself using your blue inhaler more than twice a week it may mean that your asthma is not in control, and you may need a preventer inhaler added.

For more information on asthma, head along to your local GP or Nurse for a chat.

A good time too, to touch base with the school and update your child's medical records if they now need, or have since stopped needing an inhaler.

Yours in Good Health  
Mischa



**Congratulations** to the following students who participated in the Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country on Wednesday – Gwen Manifold, Lexie Godfrey-Grant, Bella Godfrey-Grant, Alex Shaw, Zac Barbara, Owen Lewis, Angie Mones-Cazon, Zoe Bailey, Rory Palmer and Jake Diederich. All students did incredibly well in the slippery, muddy conditions! Thank you to the parents who came along to support on the day.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### June

28th Childrens University UC Experience  
 28th Matariki Dinner  
 30th CPS Cross Country - Postponement

### July

1st Level 3 Chemistry trip to UC  
 1st Caverhill Assembly @ 10:00am  
 2nd Year 11-13 Formal - Enchanted Forest in Hanmer Springs  
 5th - 7th Parent Teacher Interviews  
 9th End of Term 2  
 18th - 21st NZAS Tournament - Dunedin  
 26th Start of Term 3

### August

10th MOE Accord Day - SCHOOL CLOSED  
 10th - 11th Year 12 First Aid Course  
 11th Year 6-8 Cantamath - Ohoka  
 11th BOT Meeting @ 6:00pm  
 27th Amuri WOW  
 29th - 2nd SISS Netball in Timaru  
 31st HPSSA 7Aside @ Hurunui College

ICAS : International Competitions and Assessments for Schools  
 HPSSA : Hurunui Primary Schools Sports Association  
 CCHS : Canterbury Country High Schools  
 CPS : Canterbury Primary Schools  
 TOSI : Top of South Island  
 SISS : South Island Secondary Schools  
 CSS : Canterbury Secondary Schools  
 NZAS : New Zealand Area Schools

## JOYFUL PARENTING

CAMP OUT IN THE BACK YARD ACT SILLY CLIMB TREES

Dance in the rain Have a water balloon fight!

Eat the cookie dough PLAY "THIS LITTLE PIGGY WENT TO MARKET"

Faint each others faces Go through memory lane by looking at old photos

MAKE IT MAGICAL LAUGH AT THEIR JOKES SWING IN A HAMMOCK

**HUG OFTEN!** Take turns saying tongue twisters

**BE FUN!** THANK YOUR CHILD FOR WHO THEY ARE

Say gas often Get messy BUILD PAPER AIRPLANES

Go on a lunch date Make Mistakes Seek in your child's stories

EMBRACE THIS TIME DECORATE THE FOOTPATH WITH CHALK

Fly a kite Give butterfly kisses DESIGN A T-SHIRT

Be a pirate for a day EXERCISE TOGETHER!

Collect shells Go on a bug safari Make eye contact

CREATE ART TOGETHER Tickle CREATE MUSIC

Play in the rain JUMP IN PUDDLES Explore

GO FOR A BUSH WALK Blow bubbles Play hide and go seek

Make every moment count! PLAY PRETEND Make masks

Read them that extra story Play horsey

Sing songs Have picnics in the house

MAKE A FORT WITH BLANKETS Play in the mud

Make lemonade Jump on the trampoline

Practice gratitude together PLAY DRESS UPS

HAVE DANCE PARTIES Play card games

Play board games HAVE A WATER PISTOL FIGHT

YOUR CHILDREN WILL REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE TO BE WHO YOU WANT THEM TO BE

IF YOU CAN ONLY GIVE YOUR CHILD ONE GIFT - LET IT BE ENTHUSIASM

## ENCHANTED FOREST

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR TEENAGER HAS SIGNED THE STUDENT CONTRACT OUTLINED BELOW IF THEY ARE ATTENDING THE UPCOMING FORMAL. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**

I agree to do the following to make my time at the school formal enjoyable for everyone:

- Have fun and be positive throughout the night.
- Be respectful of the venue, staff and other guests of the hotel.
- Show respect to other students, parents, and teachers.
- Be respectful towards officials and those in authority.
- Display dignity and decorum.
- No use of alcohol or other substances while present at the venue.
- Stay within the venue for the duration of the formal.
- Accept the rules set by the school for the event, even if they are different from what is accepted at home.

I understand that my parents will be contacted and I will be sent home at their expense if:

- My actions are considered unacceptable by staff (minor infringements - Repeatedly).
- I breach the school drugs and alcohol policy.
- I leave the venue without permission.
- My actions put me or others in any danger.

Eve looking through some old Amurians



Elite annual competition to recognise academic excellence



Amuri Area School will be participating in ICAS again this year, equipping teachers and parents with powerful insights to improve learning and reward academic excellence. ICAS assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment.

The assessments are now **fully online** and **sittings will be in August and September**. The following subjects are available this year:

- ICAS Science – Years 5-13
- ICAS Digital Technologies – Years 5-11
- ICAS English – Years 5-13
- ICAS Mathematics – Years 5-13
- ICAS Spelling Bee – Years 5-8
- ICAS Writing – Years 5-13

The cost for each assessment is \$18.40 (Writing is \$24.73). Supervised practice sessions and the assessments themselves will take place during the school day.

Should you wish to enrol your child in one or more assessments, please visit <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps> and enter our unique school code **TTP065** to make a direct payment to ICAS Assessments. Entries must be received and paid for by **Friday 9 July 2021**. For more information please email Karen Nicholls on [karen@amuri.school.nz](mailto:karen@amuri.school.nz) or see [unsw.global/icas](http://unsw.global/icas).

## 40 Hour Famine 40 Lap Run, AAS Style - Friday 25th June 2021

Well done to Celine for putting this together



# Mathematics Achievement Challenge Badges

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The students at our school have the opportunity to be involved in the Mathematics Achievement Challenge. This is for enthusiastic mathematicians in Years 4, 5 and 6. The goals of the challenges are to extend and enrich students in mathematics, provide high interest, open-ended investigations related to everyday life, and develop inquiry learning strategies and independent study habits at home and at school.

On completion of each challenge, an attractive ceramic badge and a certificate will be awarded.

Students are encouraged to complete challenges at home. Parental support is required and recommended, although it does still need to be the child's work.

## MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TOPICS (Years 5 and 6):

- Maths Medley
- Dynamic Number (Numeracy)
- Technology
- Games and Puzzles
- Number Whizz (Numeracy)
- Cultural Maths
- Three Dimensional Shape
- Two Dimensional Design
- Travel
- Sport
- Time
- Me, Myself & I
- Cooking Tech
- The Outdoors
- Cost of Living

In the Mathematics Achievement Challenge, students who complete three challenges over 12 months will receive a free Super Badge/Certificate.

## CRACAMAC TOPICS (Year 4):

- Number Star
- Number Nut
- Number Cruncher
- Maths Smart

The work achieved will be assessed by Karen Nicholls together with the student as this is not a competition.

More information can be found at <https://www.maths.org.nz/>. The cost is \$10 for each challenge/badge. If you wish your child to participate in the Maths Achievement Challenge, please email Karen Nicholls (karen@amuri.school.nz) to order.

Maths Week at Amuri Area School this year is from 9 to 13 August. Any work product from Mathematics Achievement Challenges which falls within the Maths Week competition categories (Mathematical Posters, Mathematical Models, Wearable Maths or Edible Maths) may be submitted for inclusion by Wednesday 11 August.



What's on @ the Hurunui Libraries?  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
**NIGHT SKY**  
10TH JULY - 25TH JULY

**FREE!**

**AMBERLEY LIBRARY**

**13th  
Tuesday**

Culture Kites  
10.00am to 11.00am (7-13yrs)

**20th  
Tuesday**

Crafts with Sue Kemp  
10.00am to 12.00pm (8-12yrs)

**22nd  
Thursday**

Night Sky Paint & Scratch  
10.00am to 12.00pm (5-12yrs)



**CULTURE KITES**

Matariki Kites- Manu Aute. Traditionally flown to signify the start of Matariki and used to communicate. Decorated with natural materials. E.g. shells, feathers and flax.



**LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

Night Sky Paint & Scratch

**HAWARDEN LIBRARY**

**14th  
Wednesday**

Culture Kites  
1.00pm to 2.00pm (7-13yrs)



**CRAFTS** with Sue Kemp

Paper crafts, spinners, bookmarks and paperfish!

**AMURI LIBRARY**

**21st  
Wednesday**

LEGO FAMILY FUN  
11.00am to 12.30pm  
Whole whānau welcome!

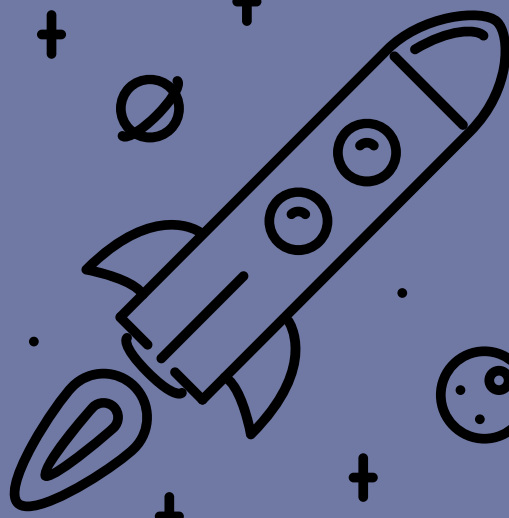


**LEGO FAMILY FUN**

Bring the whole whānau along for an exciting hour of creativity and imagination!

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**  
**CALL: (03) 314 8980**  
**HURUNUI DISTRICT LIBRARIES**

**HURUNUI**  
District Libraries



# Winter Reading Programmes 2021





Present:  
Winter Reading Programme 2021



- July 1st-31st
- Warm up with our Winter Reading Programme this year!!
- Join up on our Beanstack app or website.  
**[www.hurunuidistrictlibrary.beanstack.org](http://www.hurunuidistrictlibrary.beanstack.org)**
- Ages 0-18
- Pop into your local library branch from the 1st July to find out what's going on in your area

