

Amuri Area School

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Cross Country

It was so wonderful to once again have parents on site last week for our Cross Country event. It has been way too long. Congratulations to all that competed and ran in this event with participation levels once again very high and some great results in the zone event this week as well.

Uniform

The same old thing but we do ask that you support us by ensuring your child comes to school in correct uniform each day. Not doing so causes conflict for both your child and for teachers and distracts from the core purpose of learning. As the weather is colder feel free to use a plain black or white thermal as an extra layer and our school jackets are a great external layer for the school day.

Assembly

We have been monitoring the transmission of COVID within school carefully and it remains very low. Attendance rates at school are high and with the resumption of parents on site we feel it is time to re-establish whole school and primary assemblies. Students will be encouraged to wear masks for these events and we will have them ready on the day for any that forget and wish to have one. Our first whole school assembly in well over a year will be next Tuesday closely followed by Primary assembly on Friday June 10th.

We will continue to monitor sickness etc in the school, however our intention is that assemblies will be back until further notice. Getting together as a school and sharing key messages and celebrations is a critical part of our culture and has been sorely missed in the last 24 months.

Speaking of Celebrations!

It is always great to celebrate people who give so much within our local community. This week we marked a very special achievement for two of our local St John Ambulance Volunteers. Jackie Olorenshaw who received her Queens Service Medal and Chris Draper (Ex Amuri BOT member) who received his recognition for 45 years of voluntary service to the community. I have had the privilege of working closely with both of these amazing people and was so pleased to see them recognised for their efforts. May they inspire us all!

Property Update

After five years and a lot of hard work, last week we finally received notification of the scope for the redevelopment of the High School side here at Amuri. I am pleased to say that the Investment Board listened closely to our arguments for a significant investment and have come through with the following outcome:

Amuri will receive a significant redevelopment in the coming years. This will include:-

1. One extra classroom on the primary side to manage roll growth in this area of the school.
2. A new technology and science block will be built first on the senior side where the skate park and the academy currently sits. The expected start is in 2023.
3. After this is completed, H Block will be completely replaced with a new classroom block that will increase our school by an extra 5 teaching spaces overall. This building will also integrate all the older classrooms out the back of the school and merge them into a central block.
4. The skate park will be re-established in a different location.
5. The master plan allows for a third block at a later date should it be required with capacity for the school to grow to 500 students.

I would like to thank Minister Chris Hipkins for taking the time to respond to our petition last year and setting the wheels in motion for this to happen. I would also like to thank the Property team at the Ministry of Education Christchurch for their support in putting the investment proposal together.

The next step for the Board and MOE team is to engage an architect and start the process for design. The Board and your new Principal to be will keep you informed as they progress through the process to transform the school over the coming years. I look forward to coming back for the grand opening!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Kia Kitea Toikaka
James Griggs
Principal

Senior School News

Welcome back to Hanmer students for integrated classes with our Year 7 and 8 students in technology modules. Great to see the value of collaboration being emulated within the projects that are being undertaken. This term we have a few students trialling a soft materials project where they are learning sewing and pattern making skills.



*Helicopter inspired aide transportation
Heider, AAS working with
Mason and Issac from Hanmer school*



*Zara Hamilton Y8 proving that
coding is for girls too*

National Careers expo, Christchurch Arena

On Friday 27th AAS Year 11,12 and 13 students took the opportunity to visit the National Careers Expo at Christchurch Arena. The event was jam packed with trades, armed services, polytechnic, vocational trades course and University recruiters all offering advice and guidance on career opportunities. The event was not aimed at students signing up to a determined pathway, more to open their eyes to possibilities. Many came away prepared to look into career opportunities that may support future goals and aspirations.



*Paramedicine chest
compression challenge
Tuhi, Angela and Emma*

*VR Tourism experience
– Rhys Lewis*



Year 13 Armed Forces

*Willow, Hayley,
Maddie, Stephanie,
Nathan and Jaime*



Mrs Peterson will be following up with one on one support sessions with all senior students in the next few weeks ready for tertiary enrolment timelines.

With that in mind we have been extremely lucky to organise a visit from Prajesh the Education Liaison from Otago University – 10th June 1pm in Academy.

The aim of this session is to not only talk to students interested in Otago university but also a wider student group around the topic of university/further study preparedness, entry process, student loans, scholarships and much more. It will be a valuable talk for all Year 12 and 13 students wanting to go onto further study.

Formal preparations are in full swing and tickets are now on sale for the Oscar's themed event. Our senior formal committee is well into planning and organising the venue, decorations and outfits ready for the event. Just a reminder that tickets for partners who are outside of Amuri can only be purchased once approval has been given for attendance by the formal committee.

It has been great to see so much 'upstander' behaviour over the last few weeks. Students modelling the values of ASPIRE build our school culture and create a positive atmosphere within the school where students can feel safe and valued as individuals. We are going to focus on continuing to build the value of 'upstander' behaviour for the remainder of the term through our assemblies which restart next week and our whanau form time.

Wrap up warm, winter is here, but please remember the expectations on school uniform.

Thank you

Nicole Peterson
Deputy Principal - Secondary

Primary School News

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Discovery time in Tekoa this morning. Stop motion movies, walnut boats and high tea parties for the Royal Jubilee!



Year 7/8 girls self defence had their last session this morning. Thank you to the facilitators and to the teachers for providing this opportunity for our girls in Tupuae-o-Uenuku.

A reminder that children are not expected on the school grounds before 8.30am in the mornings. There is no supervision before this time and the buildings may be locked. School starts at 8.55am and we encourage parents to have their children at school just before then to help them settle along with their classmates for their first lesson. If you are late, please ensure you or your child signs in at the school office. Quite often late students miss the roll and then you get a text to say your child isn't in school. Signing in helps our admin staff track who is where. School ends for Year 1-6 at 3pm and 3:05pm for Year 7-13. This time difference allows our primary students to get out the gate before the older students start to flow across to the buses.

Miss Sopp accompanied some of our students from Tupuae-o-Uenuku to the PCT challenge last week. The students performed well and were heard to say that the qualifying activity at school was easier than the challenge course itself! Constable Ken, our Police Community Education Officer had his speed gun there and the students were sprinting past to get their speed recorded. Owen Lewis clocked 28km ph which is quite impressive on two legs. Kapai Owen!

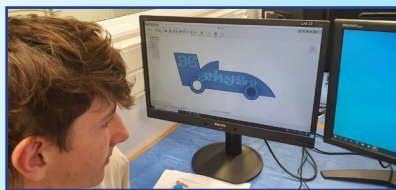
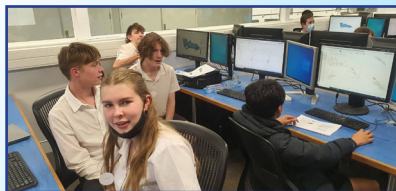
Last week's cross country was a welcome activity, not just because we were blessed with good weather but also to see so many of our parents and whanau back at a school activity. The children certainly appreciated the shouting and cheering from the supporters and it was great to catch up with parents face to face! Ms Garthwaite and her class had a very successful fundraising bake sale where they raised \$900 for their end of year camp. Thank you to the parents who helped the children with the stand. This week 35 students headed off to Scargill for the Hurunui Zone cross country and we had many top six placings. Miss Sopp will be putting those results out as soon as they are all confirmed. We will have top place getters heading to the Canterbury Cross Country later this term. Congratulations to all these students!

Under Orange level, we are able to have visitors back in the school and so we welcomed the Bible in Schools team back today. Your children will remain in or out of this optional activity, depending on your initial instructions. The alternative is a values-based programme run by the teachers. If you're unsure which option your child is in, please ask your child's teacher. Any changes must be made in writing to me on kylee@amuri.school.nz Orange level for parents simply means that you are able to go into the school grounds without a mask, but if you wish to enter the buildings, please sign in at the school office and wear a mask whilst indoors.

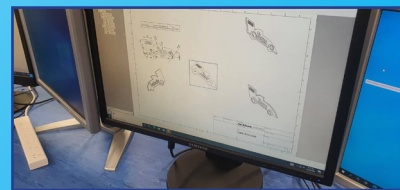
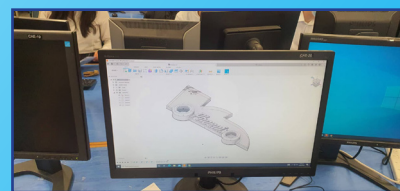
Welcome to Claudia who has recently turned 5 and joined Room 1 in Te Kooti.

Hei konā

Kylee Habgood
Deputy Principal - Primary



Last Monday 5 Year 11 students went to the University of Canterbury Engineering Department to take part in a Computer Aided Design workshop. This was run by the Evolocuity Challenge team and was a great night of honing our skills on Fusion360 designing a key fob for our electric vehicles. These students make up our 2 teams for this year's challenge.



Dates for Your diary

June

- 6th Queens Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 7th Hamilton Assembly
- 14th-15th Year 12 Outdoor Education Trip
- 18th-19th SISS Swimming - Dunedin
- 22nd CPS Cross Country - Nga Puna Wai
NZDF Presentation
Tapuae-o-Uenuku Matariki Sleepover
- 24th Matariki Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 27th School Reports sent out
- 28th Matariki Dinner and Kapa Haka Performance
- 29th Mitchell Assembly

July

- 3rd Amuri Rogaine
- 4th-6th Parent Teacher Interviews
- 7th Mufti Day - Gold coin donation to Cutting for a Cause - Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ
- 8th End of Term 2 and Mr Griggs's last day
- 11th-13th SISS Netball Christchurch
- 11th-16th Area Schools Tournament - Whangarei
- 25th Start of Term 3

ROLL OF HONOUR

Ashlyn Abernethy

Zoe Bailey

Safra Barroz

Maddie Bell

Rachael Bell

Eli Belton

Annabelle Cundy

Ella Dawson

George Flintoft

Lilly Frame

Bee Jamieson

Georgie O'Neill

Daniela Panganoron

Quaye Paora

Oscar Roberts

Zedric Tabunar

Gypsy Thornton

Kyani Wilson

1ST MERIT

Jennifer Bratschi

Jakob Bush

Aizelle Dela Rosa

Daphne Delos Santos

Kyla Domingo

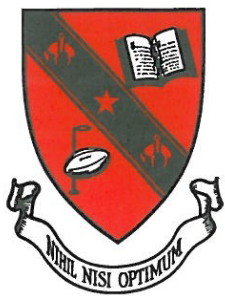
Hank Reed

Alyssa Schenkel

Madison Wayne

Our school vehicle fleet is growing!





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20th May 2022

Dear Parents

Reading Together Workshop

We would really like you to consider taking part in our Reading Together workshop programme for parents. I am sure you will find it of great help for yourself and your child(ren), as you support their education. We all know how important reading is for children to succeed. One of the things that really helps children to become good readers is support from home. The Reading Together workshops will show you best how to do this. A huge number of parents nationwide have already attended these workshops and found the programme very helpful, indeed we have already run four very successful workshops here at Amuri Area School.

The programme consists of four workshops – each 1 hour and 15 minutes. To make the most of this opportunity it is important that you attend all of the workshops if you can.

These are the proposed dates:

Session 1 Wednesday 8th of June 7.00pm – 8.15pm (For parents only – light food provided) – In Te Kooti

Session 2 Wednesday 15th of June 7.00pm – 8.15pm (For parents and children – light food provided) – In the Library (We will discuss the time on the first evening and make it earlier if possible.)

Session 3 Wednesday 22nd of June 7.00pm – 8.15pm (For parents only – light food provided) In the Library

Session 4 Wednesday 29th of June 7.00pm – 8.15pm (For parents only light food provided) In the Library

The programme is **FREE!** We can even help with childcare costs if you need it and it will **REALLY** help your children to become much better readers. In particular, it helps children to **UNDERSTAND** what they are reading, and helps you to form strong bonds and make reading a positive family experience.

Please see <http://www.readingtogether.net.nz> for more information and the significant positive research on this programme. We are looking forward to your participation.

Please register by emailing kirsten@amuri.school.nz or phoning the school office. Should you need further information I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Kind regards

Kirsten Allison

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP Results - 2022

OVER 15 GIRLS	1 st	Bianca Jamieson
	2 nd	Angela Berrios
	3 rd	Meg Habgood
OVER 15 BOYS	1 st	Max Jackson
	2 nd	Phoenix Jimmink
	3 rd	Nathan Kay
UNDER 15 GIRLS	1 st	Ruby Batchelor
	2 nd	Maddie Bell
	3 rd	Rachel Forbes
UNDER 15 BOYS	1 st	Ewan Dalmer
	2 nd	George Flintoft
	3 rd	Cristopher Tabunar
YEAR 7 & 8 GIRLS	1 st	Lily Neppelenbroek
	2 nd	Zoe Bailey
	3 rd	Gwen Manifold
YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS	1 st	Owen Lewis
	2 nd	Max Kinney
	3 rd	Alex Shaw
YEAR 5 & 6 GIRLS	1 st	Hannah Clegg
	2 nd	Rylee Gavin
	3 rd	Kaitlyn Palmer
YEAR 5 & 6 BOYS	1 st	Jake Van der Heyden
	2 nd	Finn Parmar
	3 rd	Sam Currie
YEAR 3 & 4 GIRLS	1 st	Ashleigh Clegg
	2 nd	Chloe Parmar
	3 rd	Maddy Carr
YEAR 3 & 4 BOYS	1 st	Riley Van der Heyden
	2 nd	Tom Jackson
	3 rd	William Hamilton
YEAR 2 GIRLS	1 st =	Biddie Johnson
	2 nd	Olivia Whittleston
	3 rd	Chloe Dela Vega
YEAR 2 BOYS	1 st	George Jackson
	2 nd	Jackson Wilkes
	3 rd	Mac Langford
YEAR 1 GIRLS	1 st	Brooklyn Colebrook
	2 nd	Claudia Davison
	3 rd	Rhianna King
YEAR 1 BOYS	1 st	Brodie Carr
	2 nd	Gus Clisby
	3 rd	Wally Johns

WHANAU POINTS

1st Caverhill
709pts

2nd Hamilton
691pts

3rd Mitchell
785pts



Rod Dixon Kid's Marathon

Well done to these superstars for completing 42.2km over the last month in their own time! These speedy runners finished the last 1.2km on Friday lunchtime. Ka mau te wehi tamariki mā!



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40 Hour Famine 2022

Kia ora Parents/Caregivers,

Your child has expressed interest in completing the World Vision 40 Hour Famine this year where they give up something for 40 hours. This may be food, technology, or something creative such as 40 hours without talking!

This year the famine is raising money to help treat water, build water systems, bring emergency water to refugee camps and train communities to keep clean water flowing for years to come.

The official 40 Hour Famine will run from **1st-3rd July**, however students have got until 29th July to complete their famine.

Your child will bring home a fundraising booklet where they can keep track of their donations. We have also set up an online fundraising page which people can donate directly to. The link is as follows:

<https://my.worldvision.org.nz/d/ss/islaec/amuri-area-school>

All donations will need to be returned to school along with money by 29th July 2022.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at phoebe@amuri.school.nz

Ngā mihi,

Phoebe



Amuri Area School

Invites you to an evening at the

OSCARS

DATE: FRIDAY JULY 1ST 2022

TIME: 7:00 PM - 11:00PM

LOCATION: AMURI ESTATE
128 MEDWAY ROAD,
HANMER SPRINGS

EVENTS INCLUDE:
BUFFET MEAL & DESSERT, AWESOME PHOTO
OPPORTUNITIES & DJ

FOR YEARS 11 AND ABOVE, TICKETS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE OFFICE
\$70 PER PERSON

PURCHASE BEFORE JUNE 27TH
