

Term 2
Week
2 of 10

Amuri Area School

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Kia ora Koutou

Nau mai hoki mai ki te wāhanga tuarua – welcome back to Term 2!

I trust that you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday break. The mornings are becoming cooler and foggy as we progress towards winter. There is a lot to look forward to this term with the school production in full swing, winter sport kicking off and other school-based activities and trips all set to go.

Our school value this term is EXCELLENCE. At our assembly last Wednesday, we talked about how society can project a view of what excellence is and when we compare our efforts or achievements to this view, we can feel that our efforts come up short. What we don't always see is the circumstances or effort that sit behind something. Excellence might be getting 100% on a test but it is also passing that test when learning is challenging or difficult. We reviewed the following paintings of horses, one was painted by a blind person, another by an artist with no arms who used their mouth and the third by a 7-year-old. All of the paintings, though looking generic or average at first glance, had to be considered excellent once we knew the circumstances behind them. Each of our students has the potential to be excellent. It is our desire to look for excellence in more than just the best of the best. I encourage you to have some conversations with your children about what excellence means to you as a whānau and how we can assist our tamariki to strive for excellence in all they do.



Painted by a blind artist



Painted by holding brush in mouth



Painted by a 7 year old

I have sent information to the community regarding industrial action proposed by teachers. Could you please take careful note of the dates that are involved and as requested, please let the school know the day before if you are intending to send your child/children to school to be supervised on the rostered days.

All the best for the term ahead.

Kia kitea toikaka

Matt Barlow - Principal



We had a fab day for the cross country yesterday with a great turn out by parents. The Cake Bake Sale was a huge success. Thanks to Ms Helmore and team for organising such a wonderful event. Results will be in the next newsletter.

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Secondary School News

Tēnā koe e hoa and welcome back to term 2.

Firstly, a special mention to those students that represented Amuri Area School during the Anzac day commemorations around the district. The school was represented in our local Rotherham memorial by some of our Senior Kaiarahi leaders from within the school. (Mateo Jamieson – Head Student, Myla Roberts and Sam Bush – Kaiarahi)



Uniform

A gentle reminder that tracksuit pants are not school uniform. They are listed as part of the sports uniform and not to be worn during the day in classes. Acknowledging that the weather is turning colder and students may not wish to wear shorts to school, there is an option for black dress pants to be worn and/or the school Kilt.

Careers information and planning:

It is coming up to that time again where students from Year 10 upwards make informed decisions around pathways, either to transition beyond school or internally within school through option selections for the following year.

To help them with their thinking, we have a range of activities/ events that are available.

Of course, the best support they can get is through discussion with their teachers, parents, community contacts and their friends.

Please have a look at the following events coming up:

- * Otago University/ Polytechnic Open days
- 7th and 8th May (There is already a trip scheduled to visit with senior students)
- Canterbury University Open Day

– 8th September. **(This is quite late for students wanting to enrol for next year. If this is the case, please send them to see me).**

Other University open days that we will not be organising trips to but can work with students interested in attending:

Lincoln University Open Day

29th September

Massey University Wellington Open Day

25th August

ARA Open Day

8th June 3pm till 6pm

Dates to note:

- **Residential Halls applications open on 1st August for February 2024 intake.** All Universities use the same process for residential hall applications and as the spaces are in such high demand, the application date is earlier than University applications into programmes.
- University application open dates vary depending on the university, but generally open from September.
- BCITO Apprenticeship drop in lunch chat. Come and meet Lexi Keane, the BCITO Apprenticeship Co-ordinator for North Canterbury – 31st May from 1.20pm–2pm
- Christchurch Arena Careers Expo – 11th–13th May (we will not be organising a trip to this event as students can enrol in a virtual expo through this portal:
<https://online.careersexpo.org.nz/>)
- North Canterbury Careers Expo
– 24th May at 5:00pm until 7.30pm (*Students to complete permission slip and indicate if seats required on the bus. Hurunui District Council is helping with a bus from Amuri to Rangiora High School and back for approximately 8.30pm*). Parents welcome to attend.
- NCEA information evening for Parents new to NCEA in 2023 and 2024 – End of Term 2.
Date TBC at Amuri Area School.



- Student Option Selection – Information Assemblies – Term 3

Further to this, students can access support and guidance by meeting with Mrs Peterson.

- The library has a careers information kiosk that is a relevant and interesting pathway information tool. Well worth a look and some time spent trolling through different careers to look and see what is available.
- The school will be facilitating the 2-day Pro-Med Workplace Health and Safety and Drug Awareness programme in Term 3.
- Mrs Peterson will run CV writing workshops at the end of Term 2 and 3 during either lunchtime or period 5 on a Wednesday.

For a dose of Arts & Culture over the next few weeks in the month of May, the following students are displaying their NCEA visual arts portfolios at ACAC Hanmer Gallery. It is well worth viewing the excellent work that our students have produced in 2022.

Kieran Poole
Flynn Pearson
Toby Edwards
Catherine Paragas
Joricah Paragas
Regan Clark
Kara Easton
Bea Garces
Kirsten Dela Vega
Myla Roberts
Michaela Lamont

Looking forward to a productive term.

Mrs Peterson
Deputy Principal - Secondary

Primary School News

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a restful break.

We have had a number of enrolments to start in the first week of June. Things have been quiet during the covid years, but it seems there is more movement this year. If you are intending to move and will be leaving the area, please let us know. If you are employing new staff with school aged children, please encourage them to pre enrol their children so we can plan for their arrival.

Bible in Schools resumed last term. This half hour session is held on a Friday from 9-9:30am and is run by volunteers from our community. To join these sessions, you must opt your child into them by completing the form supplied with your enrolment form OR by emailing me at kylee@amuri.school.nz asking for your child to be involved. Children who are not opted into these sessions are taught a values-based program in this time.

Primary assemblies are on Fridays at 2.15pm in the Community Room. We have a slightly later start as the Community Room doubles as a canteen for secondary students, so we can't get in there during lunchtimes to set up. Please note that there will be no assemblies during the school production and we have a full school assembly timetabled for Friday the 23rd of June.

Term 2

28 April - Room 4
5 May - Room 7
12 May - Room 3
19 May - Production
26 May - Production
2 Jun - Room 6
9 Jun - Room 2
16 Jun - Room 1
23 Jun - Full School Assembly (Caverhill) 2pm
30 Jun - Room 5

A huge and warm welcome to Kenzie, Markheiff and George who have started their school journeys with us in Room 1. All these children turned five over the holidays. Kassy has arrived from the Phillippines and has joined Miss Allison in Room 3 along with Ian who has moved from Christchurch. Welcome to Amuri everyone!

Ngā mihi nui
Kylee Habgood
Deputy Principal - Primary

Dates for Your diary

May

3rd	Student Executive Meeting
4th	School Cross Country
5th	School Cross Country Postponement
6th-9th	Year 12/13 Otago Uni Open Day trip
8th	CASA/TOSI trials in Rangiora
10th	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:00pm
12th	Hamilton Assembly @ 11:20am
14th-15th	TOSI Trials at AAS
15th	Morne Fossil visiting Te Koa
22nd-2nd	Wool Shed Sustainability container
22nd	HPSSA Cross Country
22nd	Year 1-6 Storyquest Performance
24th	Year 11-13 to Careers Expo Chch
24th	HPSSA Cross Country Postponement
25th	I-Sport Foundation trip
25th-27th	High School Musical Production
29th	Year 12 OE Multi Day Tramp
31st	Student Executive Meeting @ 1:15pm

June

1st	CSS Cross Country
1st	Mitchell Assembly @ 10:00am
2nd	CCHS Indoor Tournament
4th-6th	Year 12 OE Multi Day Tramp Postponement
5th	Kings Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED
7th	Life Education Presentations - Yr 9-10
17th-18th	SISS Swimming
19th	Kapa Haka Matariki Performance and Dinner
21st	CPS Cross Country
21st	NZ Playhouse Visit - Year 1-6 @ 11:00am
23rd	Caverhill Assembly @ 2:00pm
26th	Kapa Haka Matariki Performance and Dinner Postponement
27th-29th	Parent Teacher Interviews
28th	School Photos
30th	End of Term 2

July

17th Term 3 Begins

Roll of Honour

Miles Abbott | Harper Abernethy
 Quin Anderson | Zoe Bailey
 Joel Barlow | Joehanna Barroz
 Safira Barroz | Tom Black
 Jennifer Bratschi | Katy Burgess
 Jorja Bush | Lizzy Cate
 Leighton Chinnery | Ashleigh Clegg
 Eden Colebrook | Valerie Croft
 Sam Currie | Ella Dawson
 Mikaela Easton | Kimberly Egmao
 Emily Fenemor-Halsey | Olivia Ferguson
 Khean Garces | Ruby Glassey
 Jourdyn Keepa | Riley Mason
 Kaleo Matete | Honor McKenzie
 Molly McKenzie | Becky Minson
 Lily Moke | Ruby Moke
 Catherine Paragas | Charlene Paragas
 Valerie Paragas | Marc Shein Quevedo
 Namash Rana | Van Samera
 Corey Scott | Alex Shaw
 Ellie Thompson | Jake Van der Heyden
 Tamika van de Wiel | Emma Whittleston
 Layla Yukich

1st Merit

Michael Anngow
 George Flintoft
 Alexandria Godfrey-Grant
 Isabella Godfrey-Grant
 Honor McKenzie
 Mac Langford
 Catherine Paragas
 Alex Shaw

Car parking by Dental Clinic

Just a reminder that when visiting the dental clinic, you are required to park out on the road, not down the bus driveway.
 Thank you.

1st May 2023



Dear Parents / Caregivers

REGARDING ALL YEAR 9 to 13 STUDENTS

The PPTA have confirmed this morning that **Industrial Action** will proceed where they will not teach students in different year levels on certain days, according to the table below.

Week 2		Thursday 4th May – Year 11
Week 3	Tuesday 9th May – Year 12	Thursday 11th May – Year 13
Week 4	Tuesday 16th May – Year 9	Wednesday 17th May – Year 10
Week 5		Thursday 25th May – Year 11
Week 6	Tuesday 30th May – Year 13	Thursday 1st June – Year 12
Week 7	Tuesday 6th June – Year 10	Thursday 8th – Year 9

The Board of Trustees has decided that students in affected year levels will have the option to come to school on the affected days. The school will provide a reliever to supervise any students who wish to come to school. The students will be working on revision, study, homework, or project work that has already been set. Lessons will not be provided for the relievers to teach. All other year levels will continue to be taught on these days according to their normal timetable.

If you are going to send your child to school on a day that it is optional, please email confirmation to the school office (office@amuri.school.nz) the day prior to assist us with planning on the affected days.

Please note that the school cross country is scheduled for this Thursday 4th May. If your child is in Year 11, they are welcome to attend the cross country – particularly if they were intending on running in a championship race.

Buses will not be affected as all other levels will continue as normal on the days listed.

We are yet to receive confirmation of a proposed one day regional strike on Tuesday 9th May; however, as soon as we have confirmation of this, we will communicate with the parent community.

Thank you for your patience and understanding on this matter.

Matt Barlow
Principal

**** BILLETS NEEDED URGENTLY ****

The Top of the South Area School Sports trials are being held at Amuri Area School from Sunday 14th to Monday 15th May 2023. We will have approximately 65 students attending from Akaroa to Collingwood so we NEED help from the wider school community to accommodate this number of participants. They will need to be collected from the school Gym on Sunday 14th May at 5:30pm, provide them with an evening meal and breakfast then be brought to school on Monday morning at 8:30am.

In the past, other school's have hosted students from Amuri in their home, so it be wonderful if you would reciprocate this hospitality.

If your child is trialing in this event, there is an expectation that your family will accommodate billets.

If you can help with this, please URGENTLY contact Janine at the school office on:

03-315-8233 or janine@amuri.school.nz

by Wednesday 10th May 2023

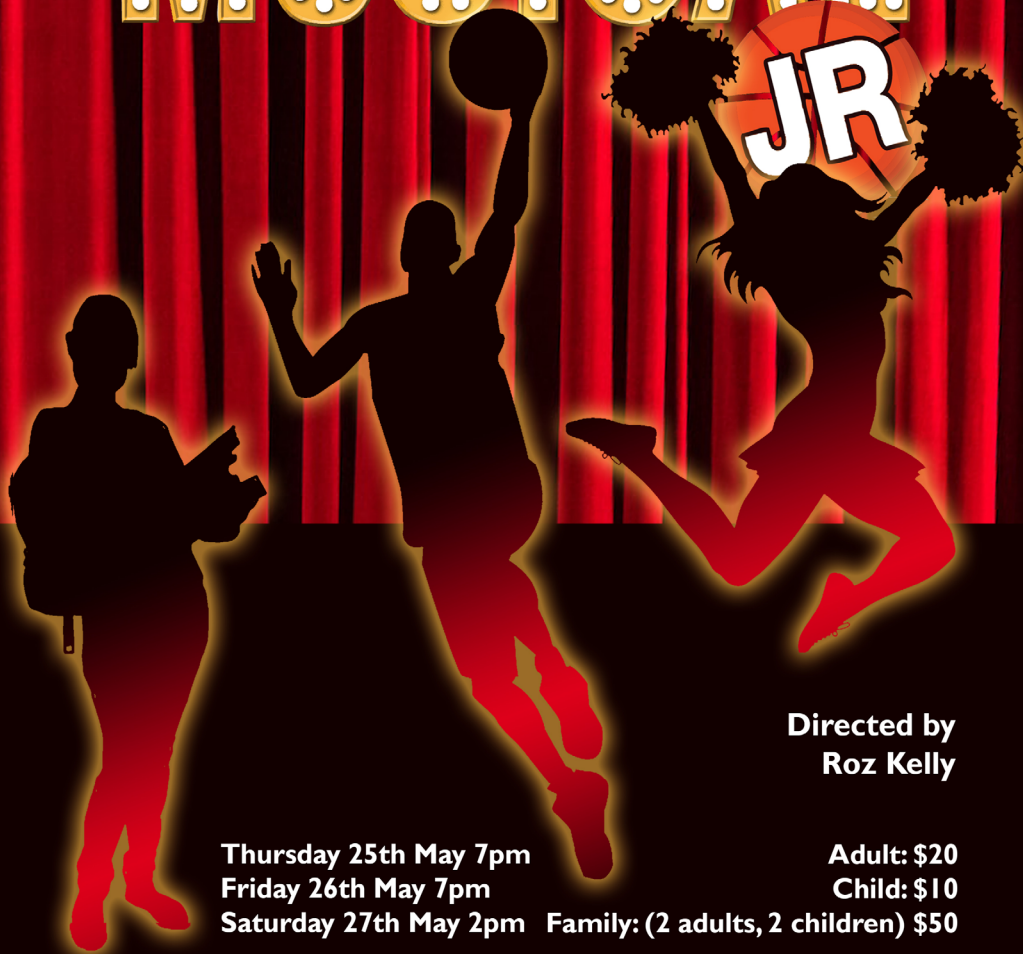
Thanking you in advance.

Sarah, Eve and Janine

AMURI AREA SCHOOL presents

Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



Directed by
Roz Kelly

Thursday 25th May 7pm

Friday 26th May 7pm

Saturday 27th May 2pm Family: (2 adults, 2 children) \$50

Adult: \$20

Child: \$10

Tickets available from the School Office

email: office@amuri.school.nz or phone 03-315 8233

Book by David Simpatico Songs by Matthew Gerrard & Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham, Greg Cham & Andrew Seeley; Randy Petersen & Kevin Quinn Andy
Dodd & Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle; David N. Lawrence & Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston Music Adapted, Arranged & Produced by Bryan Louiselle
Based on a Disney Channel Movie Written by Peter Barsocchini



26 April 2023

Amuri students empowered to sit Learner's Licence

Students from Amuri Area School have had a boost in confidence to sit their Learner's Driver theory test.

This week, eight students from Amuri spent two days with Tim Hartnell from Proactive Drive, learning the rules of the road that sit behind the theory test of a Learner's Licence.

The skills development programme was delivered under the Hurunui District Council's Hurunui Youth Programme in collaboration with Proactive Drive, with funding from Ministry of Youth Development.

Hurunui District Council Youth Development officer Jo Sherwood said the training was part of the wider Hurunui Driver programme and was aimed to support more young people to obtain their licence.

"It's about removing some of those barriers to employment and reducing social isolation that young people who live rurally might be facing," said Sherwood.

"The free use of facilities for the two days we held the event in Culverden, through the generosity of farm supplies company Farm Source, made a real difference. It's partnerships like this that help us as a community to empower our young people."

Hartnell said the two days were packed with learning opportunities, using tests, quizzes, games, Question and Answer sessions and some old-fashioned teaching.

"Helping our young people get safely behind the wheel keeps them and our communities safe, and being able to instil this life-long learning in our youth is a great opportunity," said Hartnell.

Participant Tynan Otimi said the training has given him confidence to sit his Learner's test. "It was really helpful in answering the questions and I enjoyed all the training methods."

The programme is being delivered across the Hurunui during school holidays, with Hawarden and Cheviot scheduled for the July and September holidays. Training in Amberley took place in March.

"For young people who might find it difficult to get to the programme, we can find ways to assist, so please don't let that be a barrier," said Sherwood.

Captions:

Photo 1:

A range of teaching methods, including board games, helped students succeed with navigating the theory requirements behind the Learner's Licence test.

Photo 2:

Give way rules are challenging for drivers of all ages but were made less complex to participants through visual representations.



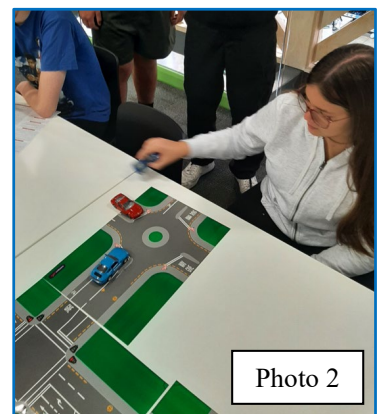
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Dashboard
People

Welcome, Melanie.
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Edit Profile
Add Widget
Save Setting

School Announcement
Add/Edit Announcements

- Amuri Green Fingers Club** Amuri Green Fingers Club in Room 4 at lunch time. Eat your lunch first and then come over to continue building the vegepods.
- BAKE SALE - Tomorrow** Please remember to bring your spare change for Terako's Bake Sale during crosscountry tomorrow!
- Cris T Year 11** Please see Mrs Fleming sometime today.
- Attitude Presentations** Teachers of Year 7 and 8, 9 and 10 please bring

edge Announcement

edge SM Caregiver Portal and App

- Webinars** (Unread)

edge SM Caregiver Portal and App Webinars

As part of our helping schools communicate with their caregivers edge is running four free webinars (May 16 & 18, 12.30 & 6pm) covering using the edge portal and mobile app.

Functionality includes:

- view school information about your child(ren) including achievement and reports.
- let the school know if your child is going to be absent.
- pay school bills online (if your school has enabled this).
- receive announcements and notifications from the school.
- view ATL (Attitude To Learning) reports.
- view and respond to Progressions (assessment) data on your child.

If schools could please publish the following registration link in their caregiver newsletters and other communications that would be appreciated.

<https://musacld.typeform.com/to/Su7qVmtw>

Posted: 1/5/2023

Close

A waste education initiative

Worm Farm Workshop

Come along to a worm farming and composting workshop run by Hurunui District Council's Waste Education Officer Serina Linton.

Both composting and worm farming are fun and easy ways to ensure organic waste doesn't end up at landfill, and Serina has a lot of tips and tricks on how to get the process started.

Everyone is welcome including children. There will be coffee to start.

Date: Monday 8 May
Time: 2.30pm to 4pm
Location: Amuri Library

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!!



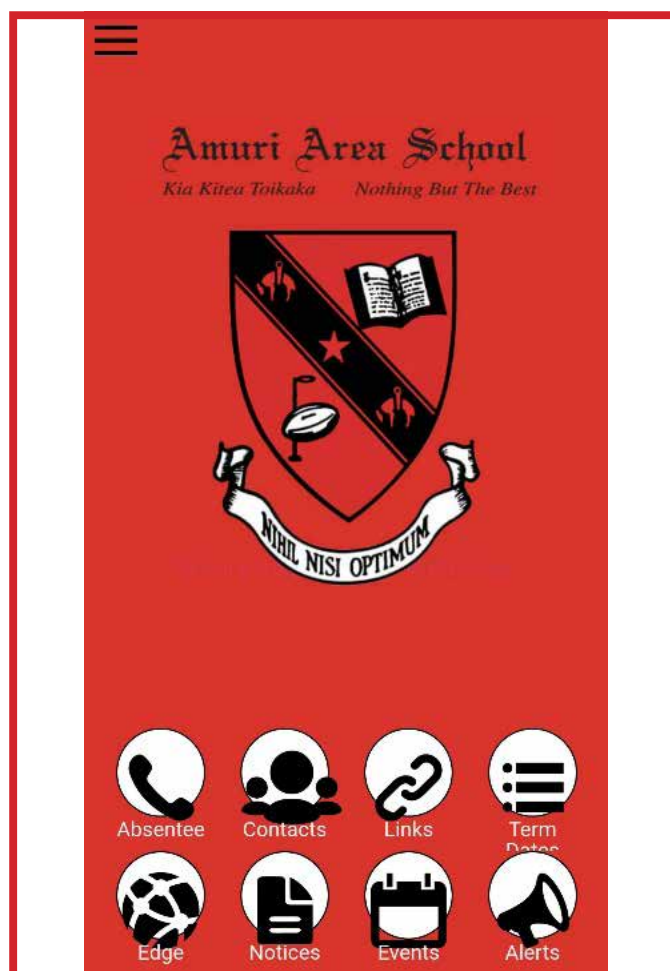
School Docs Login Details for School Policies and Procedures

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

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