

# Amuri Area School

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Another busy week here at school. Year 11-13 reports should have arrived in your inboxes by now so if you have not seen it first of all check your junk /spam folders then call the office so we can get one sent out to you.

We have noticed (and sent home) a number of students on the primary side coming to school with runny noses and coughs. We do ask please that you have a low threshold for keeping your child home when they are sick at this time.

Next weekend is Show Weekend so no school on Friday.

## Prizegiving

Under the current alert levels we are unable to have a formal prizegiving or continue with the 125th celebration picnic on the 10th December. We have not cancelled these events at this time however, unless something changes dramatically in terms of alert level rules for schools we may have to seek alternatives. Next week we will have our BOT meeting and discuss both of these events to form a bit of plan should things not improve.

## Trail Ride

This event CAN go ahead under alert level two so I encourage you to set aside the day (21st November) to experience some of the best views and rides North Canterbury can offer.

## Two at Two

For the past few weeks we have been trailing a Facebook video called Thursday 2 at 2 where two students present key points from the newsletter at 2pm in under 2 minutes. This seems to be working well so feel free to tune in each Thursday via our school Facebook page. Our first presenters were our junior whanau leaders who made an excellent start to this, so thanks to Lucy, Ava, Jack, Alex, Gwen and Lillie for taking the first brave step!

## Finally!

I received a wonderful letter this week from the Amuri Lions related to our students presenting at one of their meetings. The Amuri Lions support our school in many ways from funding our Year 7

Leadership Programme to individual sponsorship of students playing high level sport. I will leave you this week with a quote from this letter.

"If they played as well as they spoke and conducted themselves last night, it is no wonder they did so well..... Lions derive a great amount of satisfaction from helping young people achieve their goals and we wanted you to know that they were a credit to Amuri Area school."

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Nga mihi Nui.

James Griggs  
Principal

The first ever AAS Fishing Competition was held in Kaikoura last weekend which was an awesome time. Bob Ibbetson won first prize for heaviest table fish - perch. Gavin Cate won second prize for the heaviest blue cod. Prizes were sponsored by Kaikoura Hunting and Fishing. Bring on 2022!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November

10th	Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00pm
12th	Canterbury Anniversary - SCHOOL CLOSED
15th-17th	Year 6 Camp to Kaikoura
21st	Craig Pickering Memorial Trail Ride
22nd-24th	Year 10 Camp to Windy Point
25th	MOE Accord Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
26th	Primary Market Day

### December

1st	CPS Athletics at Nga Puna Wai
1st	Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00pm
6th	Year 7-9 Transition Day
10th	125th Celebration Day
16th	Prizegiving - End of the School Year

# Primary School News

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Last term we had some students who entered the Hurunui Primary Schools Writing Caper, and we were pleased to hear that one of our students placed in the Year 5/6 competition. Congratulations to Lexie Godfrey-Grant who was awarded 3rd place with her story titled "The Evil Amethyst." We are awaiting Lexie's prize so we can hold our own presentation ceremony here at school.

Virtual primary assemblies are happening this term. A Zoom link will be posted to your children's class journal on Friday and by clicking the link you should be able to join, via a waiting room. Please make sure your microphone is on mute for the assembly. Thank you!

## Assembly Roster - Term 4

5 Nov – Tekoa  
12 Nov - Show Day  
19 Nov –Te Kooti  
26 Nov- TBC  
3 Dec- Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
10 Dec- TBC

Athletics Day was last Friday for Year 1-8 and we had a great day on the primary field, managing to avoid the thunderstorm that arrived after school! Thank you to Phoebe Sopp for her organisation of the event and Tony Stanton and Eve Reihana for mowing and marking out the track and field ready for our day. Unfortunately, there is no Hurunui Zone competition for our winners to progress onto, due to Covid-19 and the mixing of school bubbles, no communal events are allowed. We also missed our parent and whanau supporters, and we hope that we are back to normal in 2022.

Year 6 are heading away on camp in Week 5, and we will be able to recap their time away in our next newsletter, but now, we wish them all a happy camping experience! Year 5 have a Big Day Out programme planned at the same time and are excited about that going ahead.

As it's now Term 4, we need all students in Year 1-6 to be wearing a broad brimmed sunhat when they are outdoors. This is part of our Sunsmart policy which requires all students and staff to be wearing a hat outside in Term 1 and 4. Please make sure your children have a sunhat each day and that it is named! Most students leave these at school in their cubbyhole during the week, so they have one every day.

Ngā mihi nui  
Kylee Habgood

Can all prizegiving  
cups please be  
returned to reception  
ASAP. They do not  
need to be cleaned.  
Thank you



## Roll of Honour

Michael Anngow  
Lily Black  
Lucy Cater  
Ashleigh Clegg  
Khean Garces  
Ben Langford  
Lily Moke  
Vicente Moraga  
Lottie Smith  
Ozy Tabique  
Elliette Williamson

## 1st Merit

Kaesyn Batchelor  
Kirk De Ridder  
Arthur Milne  
Anita Mones-Cazon  
Kace Perry  
Van Samera  
Sienna Wayne  
Emma Whittleston  
Jessica Youngman



## Canterbury Rams Training Session

On Monday evening our Years 5-8 basketball players had the opportunity to train with a representative from the Canterbury Rams. This was made possible by the Amuri Irrigation Company who kindly donated \$500 towards the session.

The players spent three hours working on their passing, shooting and dribbling skills which will no doubt come in handy for the remainder of the basketball season.

We want to thank the Amuri Irrigation Company for their generous donation which helped make this opportunity possible.



## Photos from Primary Athletics





# Bubble Gum Face - 100 Word Challenge

## BUBBLEGUM FACE

"Oh no it's getting too big!"

"Get ready for the bang!"

"Dooshhhh !!!! Arghhhhh the screams of the children covered the town. Dogs were barking, parents were yelling. It was a disaster. The whole playground was covered in gum. The bang was so loud, even a 50-calibre rifle would not be able to drown out the noise of the explosion. It was deafening. It smelt disgusting. Almost as if it was a dead pig that had been sitting there for months, full of maggots. It was vile. There was also spit everywhere.

So a word of advice, Don't blow bubbles!

By Archie McDonald



Phwwishhh, pshhh, pshhhh pohh.....  
BOOM!!!

The pinkish skin of my huge bubble gum balloon rips open. Pink sticky debris flying. The look of horror and dread stuck on my face. The air slipping forcefully through the gaps in its thin layer, the tiny leaks tear throughout the bubble-gum, taking small chunks of pink with it, like confetti.

Goo seeping into my hoodie, my shirt, tangling with my newly done hair and swamping my face.

It was everywhere!

By Joe Neppelenbroek



Blow, blow, blow, the air flow out of his mouth expanding, stretching and forming the gum into a huge pink ball of flavour. Stretching it until it can't stretch anymore. Slowly tearing a hole in the bubble in the bubble as the air quickly rushes out freely. Flowing out like a hose shooting out water. The gum rips it into pieces flying and flopping about with speed. Particles of saliva shoot out into the air and then start to fall to the ground. The wet, pink bubble-gum slaps and flops itself all over your face, sticky and slimy, sticking to your skin like glue.

By Rory Palmer



# Evil Amethyst

“Look at this beauty.” Theofin greedily grabs the luminescent amethyst of berries and laughs maliciously. Knowing he has found great power. Little does Theofin know, that the juice of evil blackberries is steadily flowing through his veins and up into his waiting heart. Beat, beat, beat...

“Lalala!” Clarrisa contentedly skips through a meadow of sea blue cornflowers.

“Ouch!” she shrieks tears welling up in her bright eyes, as she clutches her foot in agony. Suddenly, an ominous shadow falls over her and she glances up to see ... a stem of spiked thorns, a face of bulging blackberry, contorted into an evil grin. Clarrisa stumbles back, quivering in her neat, pleated dress. She has just seen that blackberries are surrounding the world!

A thin arm reaches for Clarrisa, then roughly grabs her, and plunges downwards. Eventually darkness envelopes her. “Argh!” She wakes up with a splitting headache. “Who are you girl?” A gruff voice demands.

“I am Clarrisa” she stutters nervously.

Suddenly she bursts into radiant lightning, caving the roof down, while blasting the evil blackberry, who crumples noiselessly. Glinting purple juice flows from him and many others. The juice in many ways resembles blood, steadily flowing from their berry heart. A wave forms and lunges like a lion, sweeping her out of the hidden cave mouth.

A few hours later she is free. Clarrisa gazes up at the sky, to see, an amethyst, glowing in the moon light. She must travel there to save the world.

She fiercely forms a staircase of glowing yellow lightning, that arcs away into the night. Then she begins the merciless climb. Clarrisa knows she must hurry, since time is running out, she only has four hours and forty-eight minutes until the world belongs to the evil blackberries! “Finally!” she puffs, panting rapidly.

Clarrisa lifts her head to see, evil glinting eyes, purple veins bulging on a pale forehead and an amethyst gleaming ominously in a pure gold pendant. “This is Theofin,” she breaths. Clarrisa starts back realising she is so close to pure power! She takes a deep breath steadying herself.

Crackle!!! Boom!!! She fires lightning directly at the evil amethyst, which is radiating purple light around the world. The tendrils of luminescent light from the amethyst starts evilly enveloping the world.

The vibrant lightning careens into the amethyst. The amethysts light fizzles out, replaced by the gleaming lightning. The evil amethyst shatters, raining shards down on Earth. Theofin’s scream casts into the air, as he sinks to the ground.

The echo of the evil blackberries yells fade and all is peaceful.

“Lalala!” Clarrisa contentedly skips through a meadow of sea blue cornflowers.

She comes across a patch of blackberries and her eyes glint maliciously.

Clarrisa carefully plucks a big juicy blackberry and bites down upon the shinny berry. Its powerful flavour envelopes her senses, surging around her mouth.

She laughs jubilantly.

By Lexie Godfrey-Grant



# Amuri Primary Athletics Champs 2021

Room	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Room 1</b>	Biddie Johnson Ozy Tabique	Jessica Youngman Mac Langford	Baylea Black Dylan Brogden
<b>Room 1A</b>	Olivia Whittleston Fergus Davison	Chloe Dela Vega Jonty O'Neill	Willow Macadam Ziggy Paora
<b>Room 2</b>	Lucy Cater Kees Flapper	Milah Campion Riley Van der Heyden	Tessa de Ridder Hank Reed

## Year 3

Girls			Boys	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Anita Mones-Cazon	41pts	Leighton Chinnery	43pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ashleigh Clegg	25pts	Noa Wilson	32pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elliette Williamson	23pts	Beau Glassey	28pts

## Year 4

Girls			Boys	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlene Paragas	48pts	Jake Van der Heyden	44pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elyza Pehi	26pts	Sam Currie & Sam O’Neill	32pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ella Dawson	25pts	Finn Parmar	22pts

## Year 5

Girls			Boys	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Georgie O'Neill	44pts	Archie McCone	44pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rylee Gavin & Hannah Clegg	32pts	Arthur Milne	42pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sophie Jones & Ashlyn Abernethy	22pts	Reuben Chinnery	25pts

## Year 6

Girls			Boys	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alysha Hepi-Te Huia	37pts	Caleb Parmar	39pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gwen Manifold	32pts	Alex Shaw	37pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mackenna Williamson & Lexie Godfrey Grant	25pts	Harper Macdonald & George Thompson	31pts

## Year 7

Girls			Boys	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ruby Glassey	39pts	Owen Lewis	43pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sophie Drummond	30pts	Max Kinney	29pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Angie Mones-Cazon	25pts	Vicente Moraga	26pts

## Year 8

Girls			Boys	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hollie Scarlett	34pts	Jakob Bush	44pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kate Easton	32pts	George Flintoft	32pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Valerie Paragas	29pts	Kenn Egmao	28pts

## HOUSE POINTS

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Hamilton	Mitchell	Caverhill
1499	1344	1266



## **School Bus Driver - Culverden**

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