Amuri Area School

Kia Kitea Toikaka Nothing But The Best





Kia ora koutou katoa

I am delighted to have been appointed to the position of Principal of Amuri Area School and I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all (students, staff and families) and being part of the community in the Amuri Basin.

My wife, Phillippa and I have three children, Isaac (15), Alicia (13) and Joel (10) and we have been based in Christchurch over our 18 ½ years of marriage. I am originally from the small rural service town of Taumarunui in the Central North Island but became a Cantabrian (and Crusaders supporter) when I moved here for university in 1998. My personal interests include family, the outdoors (tramping, adventure racing and rogaining) and landscape photography.

I have been at Middleton Grange School, a state integrated area school of 1290 students, since 2008 and have been serving as Deputy Principal – Head of Middle School for the last eight years. My teaching background is in Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Social Sciences and Te Reo Māori.

My family and I are excited about being part of the Amuri Area School community and serving the school and it's people in the years ahead. It will be a privilege to lead a school which has a strong foundation and sits within the vibrant community of the district.

Ngā mihi Matt Barlow



ROLL OF HONOUR Baylea Black. Toby Edwards Holly Jones Lily Neppelenbroek. Georgia Roberts Bryce Scarlet Campbell Smith Olivia Whittleston **1ST MERIT** Ruby Batchelor Sam Currie Toby Edwards William Hamilton Honor McKenzie Lily Neppelenbroek Kaitlyn Palmer Quaye Paora Kace Perry King Tallar Noa Wilson

News from Mr Norrish

It was great to have Matt Barlow in during the week meeting staff and students and familiarising himself with the school. What a great asset he is going to be to Amuri Area School. I know he is looking forward to meeting you as parents and caregivers and becoming part of this community.

Congratulations to the 6 students who represented Amuri Area School at the Level 1 Geography competition in Christ-church on Tuesday evening. Out of 18 participating schools one team of Flyn Pearson, Arabella Manifold and Laura Cundy came 4th and the team of Isla Blomfield, Olivia Adcock and Regan Kay came 6th. Well done to both teams.

There has been some great work produced this last week marking National Maths Week. Well done to all the entrants!

A reminder that Monday August 22nd is a PD Day granted by the Ministry for Secondary teachers to continue their development of planning for the changes around NCEA being introduced over the next 2 years. Our primary teachers will be having PD focused on writing. As a result, the school will be closed on this day.

Thank you for your understanding about the closure for snow last Monday. Several factors led to the decision – the closure of some of our bus runs, the difficulty a number of staff would have had getting to school and the likelihood of further snow during the day. Let's hope that this is the last snow fall to affect us this year.

The Board of Trustees met on Wednesday night and reviewed the mask wearing policy decision made at the start of this term. In the light of the decreasing numbers reported contracting Covid and the advice from the Health Ministry, they decided to end the mandatory requirement for year 4 to 13 students to wear masks indoors from the start of week 5, August 23rd. We still encourage students and staff to wear masks, but it will no longer be a requirement.

The Board, along with the staff, are concerned about the misuse of phones by students over the last 3 weeks. We want to be very clear that the use of phones is prohibited at Amuri Area School during the school day including break times and lunchtimes and any detected use will lead to the devices being confiscated. All students know these rules and we would appreciate your support in encouraging students to leave their phones at home.

Can we also emphasize that there are clear procedures for students feeling ill during the day. They need to contact parents through the school office and sign out with the office staff. We are responsible for knowing where you're students are at all times and that they are safe.

I, along with Nicole Peterson, Julia Steel and Mel Phillips will be attending the NZ Area Schools Conference on Wednesday – Friday of next week. This will be a chance to hear relevant speakers and attend workshops as well as to network with other Area School staff from throughout NZ.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to a warmer Week 4.

Bob Norrish Acting Principal

Senior School News

A fantastic first few weeks of Term 3 are now under our belt. The reality is that we have derived grade exams looming close and this has started to cause students and staff to feel under pressure to get through the work, to learn the content and to plan out their remaining time to get the most out of it. The derived grade exams start on the 5th September and will be for all students in Year 10 and upwards. A timetable will be available early next week.

Please note the importance of these exams, with so much disruption caused this year by illness and covid related absences. NZQA will use the grades received during these exams as emergency results if a student is not able to sit the external exams in November.

Further to this the Ministry of Education announced this week that a learning recognition package is being put in place to minimise the impact of Covid. Further information will be shared with you once it has been finalised for all learning areas. This will only be in effect for those students sitting an NCEA course in 2022.

Preparation is underway for Course selection for 2023. We have organised a range of events to inform students and whanau.

Please see Below:

- 2023 Course booklet will be emailed to Caregivers by Wednesday 17th August
- Year 9 and 10 Assembly (introducing NCEA) on Tuesday 23rd August in the school Gym @12.15pm. Parents/Caregivers welcome.
- Year 11 and 12 Assembly (Pathways and subject selection) on Tuesday 23rd August in the Community Room
 - @12.15pm. Parents and Caregivers welcome.
- Subject selection online tool is open from 9 am on the 26th August until 4 pm on the 30th August.

On Tuesday the 9th August two teams of three students represented Amuri area school at the Maatangi Whenua Competition at the University of Canterbury. Out of the 18 teams from schools across Canterbury, our teams placed 4th and 6th. A big congratulations to Laura, Flynn and Arabella in team 1 and Isla, Olivia and Regan in team 2.

Nicole Peterson Deputy Principal - Secondary



Maths Week Results POSTERS YEARS 9-10 CANTAMATH MOTIF

MATHEMATICAL POSTERS

Year 1-2

Bella Bradleu Nora Arpagaus Nico Vautier

3rd Isla Curtis

Pippa-Renee Paulger

Ethan Lu Ben Langford

Years 5-6

Kirk de Ridder 2nd Charles Paragas 3rd Finn Parmar

Years 7-8

Lillie Schuurman Mckenna Williamson

Emma Wallace **Gypsy Thornton**

Ava Wilson Ella Milne

Years 9-10

Tom Pearson 2nd Jade Butters Rafaela Mabana Antonio Rutherford-Mailangi Daniel Dowdy

MATHEMATICAL MODELS

Years 3-4

Elliette Williamsoon 2nd Isaac Colebrook Tessa de Ridder

Years 5-6

Max Cater William Cromie Tazmin Emsley 3rd Kimberly Egmao

Years 7-8

Emerson Morgado 2nd Heider Carreon Eury Tumamoa Charlotte Snowling Tamika van de Wiel

Years 9-10

Valerie Paragas Kate Easton Ruby Batchelor

Maddie Bell

Ben Jimmink James Wallace

WEARABLE ARTS Years 1-2

Mac Langford

Ashlun Abernethu 2nd Thomas Croft Sarina Woodhouse

Years 7-8

Isaac Kelly 2nd Nathalia Ferrer Lexie Godfrey Grant Commendation:

Van Samera

1st Quaye Paora **Bailey Taulor**

EDIBLE MATHS

Years 1-2

1st Biddie Johnson 2nd Olivia Whittleston

Years 3-4

Commendation:

Harper Abernethy

Years 5-6

1st Molly McKenzie 2nd William Cromie 3rd Emma Whittleston **Commendation:**

Sarina Woodhouse

Years 7-8

Zoe Bailey Sophie Ockwell

2nd Lucy Whittleston Milly Dampier-Crossley

3rd Honor McKenzie

Years 9-10

1st Paige Brogden Taryn Werahiko Rachel Forbes Tsehai Davis

2nd James Clark Jakob Bush

RECIPROCAL MATHS PROJECT

Years 7-8

Gwen Manifold Jazmin Goodman-

WRITTEN MATHS

Years 1-2

1st Room 2

Years 5-6

1st Molly McKenzie 2nd Kirk de Ridder 3rd Reuben Chinnery

Years 9-10

1st Emily Fenemor-Halsey

2nd Cole Phillips Heath Habgood Nick Bratschi Ewan Dalmer

MATHS PHOTOGRAPHY Years 5-6

James van Arendonk James Hamilton

Years 7-8

1st Matt Mabana Max Kinney

2nd Jak Wilson Caleb Parmar

3rd Maria Lim Eva Roberts Safira Barroz

Commendation:

Sophia Vidal

Lily Neppelenbroek

Years 5-6

1st Namash Rana 2nd Zac Broome 3rd Hannah Clegg

Years 7-8

1st Valerie Croft





















Primary School News

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Congratulations to our Year 6, 7 and 8 Cantamaths teams who were in Christchurch yesterday to compete in the Christchurch Canta Maths competition. This competition is huge and intense, and I'm often overwhelmed by the intensity of it. Our students always enjoy the experience even if it can be quite daunting. Well done to you all for representing Amuri with great pride.

During the last few weeks we have had several incidents of students mis using the internet and their devices to cause other students harm. We are working with our students to educate them around being digitally responsible and using technology safely as well as keeping themselves safe. On Monday, Senior Constable Ken Terry, our School Community Officer will be running a session with all our Year 5-8 classes to refresh the rules about using the internet safely and their devices responsibly.

Students are not allowed to use their phones during school hours but often messages that are sent outside school hours have a spill over effect into school as students come together face to face. Constable Ken will outline steps for students in his session but has also sent on the following advice for you as parents and carers to help support your children.

- Ban bedrooms: Prevent your children from going to their rooms with a device. Make them use the internet in public/shared spac es of your home. Their bedroom should be their safe haven!
- Set time limits: For smaller kids, this may be for up to 30 minutes a day or only on the weekends. Use device time as a reward NOT a 'go to'.
- Create passwords: Make sure you know the passwords for all of their devices and various social media accounts so you can ac cess them if ever required.
- 4. Regular checks: Let them know that you'll occasionally check their texts, emails, posts, photos and settings. It's not spying it is

your responsibility. Check their browser histories frequently.

Explain that it's not spying, you're just teaching them to be responsible.

- 5. Age limits: Stick to the rules! 13yrs + for all social media Apps. Game age ratings = are there for a reason e.g. Fortnite is 12yrs + and GTA is 18yrs + (due to sexu al content, extreme violence and obscene language). Children can easily become de sensitised to this material and the copied behaviours can become 'normalised'.
- 6. Limit apps: If you have an iTunes or Google Play account, keep the password private so you limit what they buy. Get them to ask permission for each app download. Block inapp purchases to stop any nasty surprises appearing on your credit card.
- 7. Teach yourself: The best way to know what your kids are capable of is to know how to use these devices and websites yourself. Sit down and play their games and other online activities to ensure you are OK with the content.
- 8. Teach consequences: Talk to your children regularly about the dangers of constant ly accessing the internet and posting on their social pages. Tell them never to post anything they wouldn't want their Granny to see.
- Cyberbullying: Keep a very close eye on any evidence of cyberbullying. If you sus pect something, talk to your child first. Also, take screenshots as evidence for po lice and school.
- 10. Have manners: Make sure they understand the consequences if they are unpleasant to anyone online. Role model 'good cyberciti zenship'!

If you want further support, I can recommend Netsafe which provides online safety advice and also provides an avenue for reporting harmful online incidents.

https://www.netsafe.org.nz/

From Room 4... Amelia Barroz came to Room 4 and spoke to Room 4 about Filipino celebrations because they are learning about different cultures this term. We were most interested in the typical Filipino table of food during a celebration with the whole cooked pig (lechon) and the pictures of the Christmas lights on the church and the fountain. Amelia made us some Arroz Caldo (warm rice porridge with chicken and egg). It was masarap! Thank you very much Amelia for taking time out of your busy day to teach us about Filipino celebrations and Filipino food. If anyone else would like to come and teach Room 4 about their culture, please contact Denise Johnson. We love visitors, especially when they feed us!

Because mask wearing has come back into our school for all students in Years 4-13 and for all staff, our assembly roster is on hold. Large group gatherings are off for now. We are hoping to resume these in Week 5 so please watch our school facebook page for updates.

We would like to welcome Noah into Year 7 this week. Welcome to Amuri!

Hei konā Kylee Habgood













2nd Prize will be an oval Thermoserver worth \$160

SCHOOL PTA

TICKETS JUST \$10

Please pay into the following account with your name and phone number as

reference: 03-1586-0092647-025

Tickets limited to 500 winner will be drawn once all tickets are sele

Proceeds will be used towards sand, sandpit toys and break time resources for the junior school

Please contact Courtney Absalom on 0275557895 for further details





Dates for Your diary

15th ACVE Volunteers arrive
16th Years 1-4 Cricket Coaching Sessions
16th Student Executive Meeting @ 1:15pm

17th-18th Year 12 Outdoor Ed Trip

17th School Nurse on site for consultations

18th ICAS English Exam19th Jump Jam for Star Jam

22nd MOE Accord Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

22nd-26th Book Week

23rd NCEA Assembly @ 12:15pm

23rd ICAS Spelling Exam

24th School Nurse on site for consultations

24th Lions Speech Competition

24th Year 7-10 Cantamath Competition

25th ICAS Science Exam

26th Mufti Day - for Daffodil Day

28th-2nd SISS Netball @ Timaru

29th Year 7-10 Ski Day @ Mt Lyford 31st HPSSA 7-Aside @ Hurunui College 31st School Nurse on site for consultations

September

2nd ICAS Maths Exam

2nd HPSSA 7-Aside Postponement
5th Year 7-10 Ski Day Postponement
7th Mitchell Assembly @ 11:15am
7th Board of Trustees Meeting

8th-9th Year 5-13 Young Writers Workshop

13th-14th Year 12 Outdoor Ed Trip

13th Student Excutive Meeting @ 1:15pm
14th School Nurse on site for consultations
19th-20th Year 11 Geography to Kaikoura
23rd North Canterbury Kapa Haka Festival

@ Ohoka

24th-30th Year 12 Geography SIHC

30th Mufti Day - for Culverden St. John

30th END OF TERM 3

October

17th Start of Term 4

CANTAMATHS

The following students represented Amuri at the North Canterbury Cantamath yesterday:

James van Arendonk
James Hamilton
Michael Anngow
Archie McCone
Eva Roberts
Maria Lim
Emily Harris
Alyssa Schenkel
Issy Williamson
Zac Barbara
Van Samera
Owen Lewis

No placings, but they worked brilliantly within their teams and can be proud of their efforts.

Myla Roberts entered a Design Competition on 10 August 2022, through the Women in Engineering programme at the University of Auckland. She did this online, after school.



She used CAD software and created a puzzle piece representing diversity. She documented her design process and implemented it in CAD using Fusion360.



Myla said "I learnt more on the tools in the 3D design app Fusion 360. We were given a puzzle piece base to work our designs on and a website with more tutorials (on @wenforschools Instagram and @wen_uoa TikTok). It was fun to do some 3D design again since I really enjoyed it in Year 10 Tech"

Submissions will be judged on: Design Process - documenting the design brief - Creativity

Design Quality: completeness, originality, usability and manufacturability - CAD skills shown

The University says "These design skills will give you a head start if you are considering pursuing an engineering degree at university."

Myla completed and submitted her entry that night. Wish her luck. Dr Owens y de Novoa



Help us grow by beautifying your garden

Fund Raising for Year 6 Camp

Here is a great opportunity to purchase seeds to show your support. Seeds are easy to sow, fun to grow and will reward you with gorgeous flowers year after year.

We have some great choices - why not try them all. Prices are less than normal retail and our organisation will make 40% profit on all sales. Growing information is included on each packet of seeds.

To order please return this form with your payment no later than Friday, 2 September 2022

Delivery will be between Wednesday, 14 September 2022 and 16 September 2022

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. All enquiries to zandri@amuri.school.nz

	Seed Order Fo	orm 2022			
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Wildflower Bee Friendly Mix – 10 grams Plant wildflower seeds, the ultimate in colourful low maintenance gardening, in your garden to provide essential nutrition for bees and other pollinating insects. Covers 10m². Height: 20-60 cm	\$10.00			
Fragrant Garden – 7 grams A mix of fragrant flower seeds ideal for planter boxes around your outdoor relaxing areas. Packed full of colourful and heavenly scented wildflowers. Good for small gifts. Height: 40-50cm. Covers 7m ²	\$7.00			
Micro Greens – 10 grams 'Micro Greens" is a term used for vegetables that are harvested at small seedling stage. They are a nutritious and tasty addition to salads. They can be grown any time of year, even inside during the winter.	\$6.50			
My First Flower Garden – 7 grams This easy-care wildflower seed mix is great for the first-time gardener, loaded with low maintenance easy care varieties. It's so easy! The perfect children's mix. Covers 7m²	\$7.00			
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Potful of Poppies – 7 grams A combination of different types of poppies that can be grown together to give an amazing colourful and easy to grow display. Three wildflower species have also been included to harmonise and blend. Height 40-80cm. Covers 7m ²	\$7.00			
Sweet Pea – Summer Rainbow Mix – 20 seeds A colourful and fragrant mix of climbing sweet peas. Plant against a fence or trellis. Height up to 2 metres.	\$5.00			
Sunflowers – 20 seeds Sunflowers are a great way to add colour to your garden, and they're easy to grow and care for.	\$4.50			
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Reference: Year 6 Camp Seeds

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Fund Raising for Year 6 Camp 2022

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