

Amuri Area School

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Nothing But The Best*

Raising Achievement; Realising Potential; Encouraging Excellence

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From the Principal

Tena Koutou Katoa

The end of another busy week and hopefully our last week at level two. At this time of writing the signs look promising for a positive shift on Saturday meaning we can once again attempt to complete our sporting zone fixtures. Shifting such events is always a huge task when the needs of a large number of schools all have to be taken into account and the end result does not always suit everyone. These are the times we are in and we must adapt as we need to.

Next Week

Please note that Monday 8th March there is no school as we have our cluster development day with our community of learning schools. We look forward to seeing all students as usual on Tuesday please.

Year 7 head out on camp next week and we are hoping that HPSSA swimming can go ahead as planned. Information on our school triathlon will be sent out once we confirm alert level changes.

Laptops

As you will be aware we have a BYOD laptop programme for students in year 9-13. Some students do not have access to laptops from home and we supplement these with school owned devices to ensure every learner has equitable access however some students who DO have their own laptops are leaving them at home and taking school machines. There are simply not enough school devices for this to happen so if your child has a laptop please encourage them to bring it each day and leave the school devices for those students that really need them. Students who are known to have their own device may be refused at the office if demand is high.

Staff Changes

Mrs Mossman will be taking a leave of absence until the end of Term Two. Kylee Habgood will move to the Deputy Principal position and Gavin Cate will serve as Acting Deputy Principal until the start of Term Three. As a general rule, if you have a questions or concerns that would have usually been directed to Mrs Mossman, please now do so to Gavin Cate (gavin@amuri.school.nz) who will be happy to assist.

Cellphone Free

Initial feedback from staff has been positive to this initiative as has the student engagement in our increased lunchtime activities on the senior side. We are seeing more social students, less in class disruptions and over time, we are hoping this will result in much better wellbeing and academic outcomes for our students. I would like to thank you for your support for this initiative as I know this is hard for some students who have been physically attached to their phone for years. I believe now more than ever that this was the right thing to do for our students. We appreciate your continued support.

Head Student Award

Congratulations to Tara Bensted, the first ever recipient of our Head Student Award. Tara was chosen by her student peers in recognition of her National achievement in Rodeo. She is currently ranked 10th in all of NZ in the Junior Barrel Racing competition.

Have a great weekend!

Kia Kitea Toikaka
James Griggs

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Kia Ora Parents and Whanau

The alert levels look as though we are in for an unpredictable time this term and what can only be described as a 'fluid' calendar. There is a real feel of disappointment in our Year 1-8 students after the cancellation of the Amuri Show. When I visited classes on Monday morning, students were feeling flat and were already facing a huge number of changes to dates in their calendars, especially sports events. Thank you to all our parents and whanau for being so understanding of the change in conditions and the events we can hold when alert levels change. We appreciate your support as we try and continue with our work and manage the changes of dates for events as best we can for all our students. Sometimes these things are beyond our control and we try to be as flexible as we can. We are informing parents and whanau of changes via our Facebook page and app alerts.

While talking of alert level changes, a reminder that all families and whanau with students in Years 1-8 should have had a letter from your child's classroom teacher regarding our online platform Seesaw. Please take the time to read through the instructions and get logged onto the classroom account. This is our main port of contact with you and all notices and communications will be put through this avenue, including if alert levels change and we go back into lockdown. Please check it frequently to stay in touch with your child's class teacher.

Bible in Schools will resume for Year 1-6 students on Friday March the 12th. Students have already opted in or out and these will remain the same unless parents would like to change their minds. Changes can only be made with written permission from parents and whanau.

Next week on Wednesday, Year 7 head off to Hanmer Springs for their camp with Mrs Shaw and Mr Black. We wish them well for a successful camp, with sunny skies and I'll have some photos to share in my next newsletter.

The lost property box is overflowing on the primary side. There are at least four school jackets that are unnamed, numerous lunch containers and other items of clothing. Please remember to name all uniform items. These are hard to keep track of when everyone is wearing the same items. Once the alert levels go back to Level 1, parents and whanau will be allowed back on site, if you're missing something, please pop in and have a look.

Nga mihi nui
Kylee Habgood

Dates for your Diary

MARCH

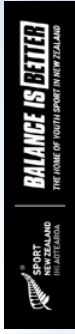
8th	Teacher Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
10th	CCHS Athletics – Nga Puna HPSSA Swimming – Cheviot Children's University Visit – Room 10
10th – 12th	Year 7 Camp – Hanmer Springs
12th	Year 1-6 Triathlon
16th	CSS Athletics Prelims – Nga Puna
17th	HPSSA Duathlon – Hanmer Springs
18th	HPSSA Duathlon postponement
20th	CSS Athletics Final – Nga Puna
23rd – 24th	Year 10 West Coast Trip
24th	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6pm
24th – 28th	Year 13 PE Trip to Bay of Islands
30th – 1st	Year 9 Camp to Windy Point
31st	CSS Swimming Champs – Christchurch

APRIL

2nd – 6th	Easter – SCHOOL CLOSED
7th	Civil Defence Roadshow – Year 9-10
8th	CPS Swimming – Selwyn Aquatic Centre Caverhill Assembly @ 10am
10th – 11th	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition
12th	HPSSA TeeBall / Softball – Scargill
14th	HPSSA Teeball / Softball postponement
14th – 16th	CASAFest – Oxford Area School
16th	End of Term 1

MAY

3rd	Term 2 begins
6th	School Photos
13th	MOE Accord Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
14th	Year 12/13 Careers Expo



Change the Game



Let's help our young people find the secrets to sporting success and participation:

Balance, Fun & Friendship

**7pm TUESDAY
23 MARCH**

Doors open from 6:30pm
University of Canterbury
KI Lecture Theatre
(access via Kirkwood Ave)

Cost: Free
(ONLY 320 SEATS AVAILABLE)
Light refreshments provided

GUEST SPEAKERS:
John Quinn Performance Wellbeing,
Mark Drury University of Canterbury,
Sharon Kearney Netball NZ,
Anna Simcic HPSNZ Athlete,
Life Advisor & Double Olympian,
Andrew Ellis BIE Ambassador
& Ex-First Class Cricketer,

FREE ENTRY

Register on-line sportcanterbury.org.nz

For info: balanceisbetter.org.nz



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Mondays 3.30 pm at Amuri Area School turf.

Starting on the 3rd of May 2021

From 5 years old and up.

Skills and games

Let us know if you want to play on Saturdays

<https://forms.gle/ArpubJuyFb7q9c8W7>

Fill in the registration form or email us

hurunuihockey@gmail.com

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ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP Results - 2021

SENIOR GIRLS	1st	Grace Moriarty	49 pts
	2nd	Celine Barnes	40 pts
	3rd	Ella Scarlet	35 pts
SENIOR BOYS	1st	Dominic Brett	61 pts
	2nd	Nathan Kay	44 pts
	3rd	Patrick O'Shea	41 pts
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	1st	Tara Bensted	65 pts
	2nd	Bianca Jamieson	43 pts
	3rd	Catherine Paragas	40 pts
INTERMEDIATE BOYS	1st	Jourdyn Keepa	45 pts
	2nd	Max Jackson	39 pts
	3rd	Rhys Lewis	36 pts
UNDER 14 GIRLS	1st	Olivia Ferguson	44 pts
	2nd	Kate Easton	37 pts
	3rd	Valarie Paragas	30 pts
UNDER 14 BOYS	1st	Cole Phillips	48 pts
	2nd	Gonzalo Vasquez-Jouannet	42 pts
	3rd	Jakob Bush	33 pts
UNDER 12 ½ GIRLS	1st	Angie Mones-Cazon	63 pts
	2nd=	Sophie Ockwell	46 pts
	2nd=	Pippa Ussher	46 pts
UNDER 12 ½ BOYS	1st	Owen Lewis	45 pts
	2nd=	Max Kinney	35 pts
	2nd=	Nicholas Kelly	35 pts



WHANAU POINTS

1st	Hamilton	2nd	Caverhill	3rd	Mitchell
	1167 pts		1098 pts		964 pts

Most colourful whanau - Caverhill
Most colourful individual – Sean Moriarty (Hamilton)



RECORDS BROKEN

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time/Distance</i>
Under 12.5 Girls	High Jump	Sophie Ockwell	1.30m
Under 15 Girls	High Jump	Tara Bentsed	1.37m
Over 15 Boys	High Jump	Dominic Brett	1.74m
Open Girls	3000m	Angie Mones-Cazon	12.24.12

