

# Amuri Area School

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Nothing But The Best*

*Raising Achievement; Realising Potential; Encouraging Excellence*

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## Tena Koutou Katoa

### Cross Country

The weather was about as good as it could be for our annual cross country this week and we were very impressed with the level of participation. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who came along in support and thanks to Ms Helmore for all her work in putting the event together.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

These will be held on the 5th and 6th of July and this year you will have the option of choosing to have a face to face meeting or by a zoom video call. Look out for the booking instructions coming your way in the next week and please read these carefully to make sure you have a smooth experience on the night.

### Next Week

A busy week with our Outdoor Education students heading away to the Marlborough Sounds; a group heading to the Otago University Open days; our Year 7 and 8 debating team heading away to Ashgrove school for competition and Room 6 heading to the Air Force Museum. Our whole instructional staff team will also be taking part in a behaviour support training after school delivered through the Ministry of Education to help us to support our learners.

### Family Violence Training

A fairly sobering session this week with NZ Police and Womens Refuge as they helped us to understand how to recognise and respond to family violence in our community. As part of this training, they reminded us of the support groups that are available and I have added the contact numbers into this newsletter.

### Rose Planting for Mrs Mossman

Our 'Penelope' roses have arrived and are ready for planting and on Tuesday at lunchtime the students who choose to attend will have the opportunity to put them in the ground outside the Academy building and if they wish, say a few words.

### Uniform

Please help us by ensuring your child leaves home in the correct uniform each day. This reduces conflict between teachers and students and makes for a better day for all. For Year 9-13 the bottom half is plain black and smart. WE DO NOT ALLOW HOODIES of any kind. If your child is cold, we suggest a thermal underlayer. We do have a school jersey, jacket, scarf and hat available to purchase from the office.

Have a great weekend.

Nga mihi nui.

James Griggs  
Principal



## Roll of Honour

*Brody Batchelor*

*Julia Black*

*Lilly Frame*

*Rylee Gavin*

*Mateo Jamieson*

*Sophie Jones*

*Archie Marris*

*Archie McCone*

*Lillie Schuurman*

*Jak Wilson*

## 1st Merit

*Jack Cater*

*Jake Diederich*

*Hollie Scarlet*

# Senior School News

This week started with a group of students trialling for the Top of the South Island (TOSI) team to attend the New Zealand Area Schools sports tournament in Dunedin during the July School holidays. It was wonderful to see our students focussing and applying themselves to the best of their ability on the sports fields and courts to gain a position in the TOSI team.

Congratulations to Grace Moriarty (Netball A), Celine Barnes (Netball A, Ki o Rahi), Hannah Ferguson (Netball B), Nathan Kay (Rugby, Basketball, Ki o Rahi), Arie Newall (Rugby, Basketball), Logan Topp (Rugby), Jonny Charlwood (Rugby), Mateo Jamieson (Rugby, Ki o Rahi), and Will Neil (Rugby) for achieving this goal. The hard work continues for these students improving their skills and fitness while staying injury free over the next eight weeks so they are in peak condition for the tournament.

This is an excellent opportunity to bring up the subject of goal setting. For these students they have met their first goal of making the team, an outcome orientated goal. Now they turn to setting goals around improving performance on the court or field to improve their chances of being selected into a South Island team to play the North Island, with the ultimate outcome goal being to make a New Zealand Area Schools team.

When setting goals, it is important to remember that we set the right type of goal for the situation. In this situation, selection into a team is not in our control, so an outcome goal such as making a New Zealand Area School team is setting ourselves up to miss what we desire the most. Instead, a performance goal that helps us improve our skills, fitness, or team play would be more relevant. By focusing on yourself and what you can do to improve your performance (Performance Goals), then outcome goals will take care of themselves as you are performing to the best of your ability.

All the best to the students for the upcoming tournament in July. For those who didn't make the team or are yet to trial, work hard on improving your personal skills and fitness for future trials.

Gavin Cate  
Acting Deputy Principal

## From our School Health Nurse - Mischa

As you are probably aware, Pink Shirt Day stemmed from two students taking a stand against their peer being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. This happened in Canada in 2007,



and now in NZ it is an annual campaign used to celebrate kindness and inclusiveness whilst ensuring we provide safe workplaces, communities, schools and families for all.

I had my pink shirt on at school on Wednesday as I don't tolerate it at all and have seen first-hand the impact of this on our children especially in our communities and schools.

If any of the students at Amuri ever need to chat about being bullied or if you are worried about your peers too, then please drop into the clinic on a Wednesday and catchup. I would love to support you to ensure the cycle can be broken and the right supports given to anyone in need.

Bullying can seem very small and harmless at the start, but with repetition and a constant occurrence can lead to a lifetime of effects be that physical, emotional, verbal or psychological on the victim. Meanwhile, left unnoticed it can become habit forming for the perpetrator. It can happen in the school grounds, the sports fields, the quiet streets and online.

Be aware, check in with your children, students, peers and family and reach out if you need to.

Yours in Good Health  
Mischa

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## May

22nd - 24th	Otago University Open Days
23rd - 27th	Year 12 Outdoor Ed, Marlborough Sounds
25th	Rose planting for Penny Mossman
26th	Year 7/8 Debating Team, Ashgrove
28th	Room 6 trip to the Air Force Museum

## June

1st	Year 1-6 Be Bright Eat Right
1st	CSS Cross Country, Hagley Park
2nd	HPSSA Cross Country - Waikari
4th	CCHS Indoor Tournament, Christchurch
4th	HPSSA Cross Country - Postponement
4th	School interview bookings open
2nd - 8th	Year 13 Social Science Trip to Rotorua
7th	Queens Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED
9th	Mitchell Assembly @ 10:00am
9th	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:00pm
14th - 15th	Year 11 Geography West Coast trip
18th - 19th	School Production - PETER PAN
21st	El Grego Magic Show for Year 1-6
23rd	CPS Cross Country - Halswell
30th	CPS Cross Country - Postponement

## July

1st	Level 3 Chemistry trip to UC
1st	Caverhill Assembly @ 10:00am
5th - 7th	Parent Teacher Interviews
9th	End of Term 2
18th - 21st	NZAS Tournament - Dunedin
26th	Start of Term 3

ICAS : International Competitions and Assessments for Schools  
 HPSSA : Hurunui Primary Schools Sports Association  
 CCHS : Canterbury Country High Schools  
 CPS : Canterbury Primary Schools  
 TOSI : Top of South Island  
 SISS : South Island Secondary Schools  
 CSS : Canterbury Secondary Schools  
 NZAS : New Zealand Area Schools

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Our lost property box is overflowing with heaps of items including clothing, jewellery, drink bottles, backpacks, shoes.... and the list goes on. If your child is missing anything, please come to the office.

## Hot Choccies and Chats

Come along to a DROP-IN clinic by yourself or with a friend

for a **Hot Choccy and a Chat** with

Mischa, School Nurse

Wednesdays at Break and Lunchtimes.



Available for Term 2, while the cold descends upon us.

Feel free to just come and meet me, stay and share what's brightening your day or making it tough.

My listening ear is never far, so what are you waiting for?

## Referral Pathways

**Police** - 111 or non-urgent 105

**Women's Refuge** - 0800 733 843 available 24/7

**Aviva** - 0800 284 82 669 available 24/7

**Oranga Tamariki** 0508 326 459 available 24/7

<https://safebubble.org.nz/>

**Family Violence** Information Line 0800 456 450

9am-11pm 7 days a week

**Safe to Talk** (sexual harm)

0800 044 334 available 24/7

Email [support@safetotalk.nz](mailto:support@safetotalk.nz)

Visit [safetotalk.co.nz](http://safetotalk.co.nz) and select 'Chat to someone'

**Hey Bro** - 0800 439 276 available 24/7



# You got game? **TOP team**

Top Team challenges you to create the newest Top Team game!



Calling all schools to exercise your imaginations and design your own Top Team game!

## Are you up to the Challenge?

THE WINNING DESIGNS WILL:

- Have their game built for use in the 2021/22 Top Team season.
- Receive naming rights of the game.
- And win one FREE Top Team session for your school to enjoy!!!

## Two categories to choose from!

### Water Activity

Design a fun filled activity, that will be sure to get you wet while working together in the summer sun!

### Dry Activity

Come up with a game that will get you and your team thinking, communicating and problem solving while competing to be the Top Team of the day!



For any enquiries or to register please contact:  
Top Team Coordinator - Shani Clark  
Email: shani.clark@sportcanterbury.org.nz  
Mobile: 021241457

## AMURI PLAYERS 2021 Production

# "MIRROR"

**Auditions Sunday 30th May from 5pm at Hanmer Springs School**

**Production week: Sept 19th to 26th**

Mirror is a musical fantasy set in Hanmeria, a fairytale kingdom that is not so very far away.

The story follows Lucy, the teenaged daughter of Cinderella and Prince Charming in a race to save the kingdom from the evil machinations of the Magic Mirror. Hanmeria is a peaceful kingdom ruled over by a jovial but lonely Old King Cole. One day the daily lives of it's fairytale residents are upended by the appearance of a radical new portable communication device, the mini-mirror. Unfortunately, as Lucy discovers, the benefits come at a cost. The mini-mirrors require a constant supply of fairy dust to operate, and the extraction of this is endangering not only the lives of the fairies, but the very existence of Hanmeria itself. Not only that, but the powerful Magic Mirror, companion and advisor to the king is behind it all and determined to hold onto her newfound power. Lucy must convince her friends and family of the danger and persuade everyone to join forces before the kingdom can be saved.

## Characters

**The Fairy Godfather** - a mafia style fairy mentor  
**Tinkerbell** - a rebellious fairy who has never really grown up

**Old King Cole** - reigning monarch

**Magic Mirror** - advisor and prophet to the king

**Lucy** - Rebellious teenage daughter of Prince charming and Cinderella

**Prince Charming** - Lucy's father, son of Old King Cole, married to Cinderella

**Cinderella** - Lucy's mother

**Rapunzel** - friend of Cinderella

**Snow White** - friend of Cinderella

**Peter Pan** - friend of Lucy

**Little Red Riding Hood** - friend of Lucy

**Igor** - Footman in the palace and Magic Mirror's Henchman

**OddJob** - Footman in the palace and Magic Mirror's Henchman

**Town crier**

**Townsfolk** - assorted fairy tale characters

**Fairies** - live in fairy dell in the Forbidden Forest

## Are you keen?

Can't make Auditions but keen to be part of an exciting season, contact Grum.

Graham Frith  
Grum

027 539 8484

# NORTH CANTERBURY DROUGHT SHOUT

We know things have been tough,  
so join us for an evening off the farm.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May | 5pm onwards

Omihi Community Hall, 9 Reeces Road

Food and drinks are on us, plus we have courtesy buses available from Cheviot and Hawarden.

Seats on the buses are limited, so please RSVP on the facebook page - North Canterbury Drought Shout.

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Carrfields

FARM STRONG

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PGG Wrightson

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RuralSupport

Seed Force

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