

# Amuri Area School

*Kia Kitea Toikaka  
Nothing But The Best*

*Raising Achievement; Realising Potential; Encouraging Excellence*  
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Tena koutou katoa

Level 2 to finish the term and see what happens for Term 4. As far as school goes this makes little difference to us and we will continue as we have been for the final week with exams and activities going ahead as planned. We will still avoid whole school assemblies during Alert Level 2 and continue to ask parents to only come on site if absolutely required and to sign in or scan each time. As per our health guidance we continue to have a very low tolerance for student sickness so please keep them home if they are unwell.

Our understanding is that Year 8 Camp and Year 7 Leadership in Week 1 of next term will still continue under alert levels one or two so no changes planned there at this time. On Wednesday the 29th HYP will be running a sausage sizzle here at school raising funds for Mental Health week. On Monday 27th Mrs Habgood will be visiting Rotherham School to start the transition process for our incoming Year 7 students.

## Principal's Award

In consideration of the fact we will have no whole school assemblies this term I would still like to acknowledge the recipient of this term's Principal's Award. Jak Wilson has worked extremely hard over the past year, both in class and with Mrs Nicholls on his reading skills and has the results to prove it. Reading has been tough for Jak and it would be so easy for him to give up, however, he does the opposite. He applies himself, he works harder, and he remains positive. His most recent assessment has shown he has jumped a staggering FOUR years in his reading level this year alone. I cannot think of a more deserving recipient of this award. Well done Jak, we are all so very proud of you.



## Across School Teacher Appointments

I am pleased to say both Gavin Cate and Julia Steel have been appointed as Across School Lead Teachers (ASL) for our community of learning schools. This means they will each spend two days per week in 2022 helping our school and

the other 12 in our community to improve practice, to share expertise and to grow. It should be noted that from 13 schools there are THREE such positions and two of these will come from Amuri which demonstrates the depth of leaders we have at our school. I know they will make a difference in their respective roles.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you next week for the last week of Term 3!

Nga Mihi Nui

James Griggs  
Principal

## Roll of Honour

*Logan Doyle-Bender*

*Georgie O'Neill*

*Namash Rana*

*Tuhi Tewao*

## 1st Merit

*Logan Doyle-Bender*

*Hannah Ferguson*

*Olivia Ferguson*

*Lexie Godfrey-Grant*

*Regan Kay*

*Isaac Kelly*

*Michaela Lamont*

*Mark Privaldos*

## Year 5-8 Ski Trip Refund

Please email your details and account number for refunds to accounts@amuri.school.nz so that we can return your money asap.  
Thank you.

# Junior School News

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

It is good to be at school and that's a feeling shared by students and staff. On Tuesday morning I spotted most of the Year 1-6 students playing a huge game of tag before school. All ages were out there from age 5 to 11 and all were having a good time, it was a shame to ring the bell.



One of the things the students have said they most dislike about the alert levels is the fact that it stops us from having assemblies with our parents and whanau. We are working on an alternative plan for this – virtual assemblies! We just need some time to fine tune and once we have got that sorted, we will invite you to join us. As with all new things, we need to make sure it works.

Liam from Canterbury Country Cricket was in school on Tuesday, and he had half hour lessons for all our Year 1-3 students. The activities involved teaching skills for catching and batting and provided me with a great opportunity to practise my action photography. This is Room 7 showing off their skills.



The School for Young Writers held two workshops here on Wednesday and Thursday. After hosting a senior group on Wednesday, twelve Year 5-8 students joined Gail our tutor on Thursday and spent the day crafting poetry. This link will take you to a group poem crafted by the Year 5-8 group. This was posted on the Young Writer's School Blog.

<https://www.schoolforyoungwriters.org/post/life-on-a-cloud-write-on-in-the-hurunui>

Finally, there are some students who have found it difficult to return after such a sudden break, which is understandable. We know that it was also a busy time for parents and whanau at home which didn't help our situation. As a team, we want to acknowledge the support you provided for your children during Level 4, despite your workloads. A heartfelt thank you from the Year 1-8 team. We did it.

Nga mihi nui  
Kylee Habgood

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### September

27th - 1st Year 10-13 Exams

### October

1st	End of Term 3
10th - 16th	Year 12 Geography South Island Trip
18th	Start of Term 4
18th - 21st	Year 8 Camp to Kaiteriteri
19th	Year 7 Leadership Activity Hanmer
20th	Year 7 Leadership Community Service
21st	Year 7 Leadership Adrenalin Forest
22nd	ICAS Writing Exams in Room 8
25th	Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
28th	Primary Athletics

### November

1st	Year 11-13 School Reports emailed
1st	Primary Athletics Postponement
5th	Christchurch Schools' Music Festival
8th	HPSSA Athletics
10th	HPSSA Athletics Postponement
10th	Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00pm
21st	Craig Pickering Memorial Trail Ride
22nd - 24th	Year 10 Camp to Windy Point
25th	MOE Accord Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

### December

1st	CPS Athletics
1st	Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00pm
2nd - 3rd	Kapa Haka Festival at Tuahiwi
6th	Year 7-9 Transition Day
10th	125th Celebration Day
16th	Prizegiving - End of the School Year

HPSSA : Hurunui Primary Schools Sports Association  
CPS : Canterbury Primary Schools



The **Netball A team** had a mini tournament this week playing games against Oxford Area School and Hurunui College.

It was a great way for the leavers to end their Amuri Area Netball careers. After missing the SISS Senior tournament for the last 2 years due to covid it was nice to be able to give them a meaningful and worthy send off.

The team had a great game against Oxford Area School with both teams trading goals for most parts of the first 2 quarters. Amuri made good progress in the 3rd quarter and formed a 5 goal lead. Oxford gathered momentum in the 4th quarter and ended up with a very tense last few minutes which resulted in an exciting draw 31-31 at the full time whistle.

Their second game was against Hurunui College. The team started off well and continued this momentum throughout the game to come out worthy winners 46-9. All players in the 12 woman squad had some good game time throughout the 2 games and performed admirably especially since it was a few weeks since their last practice and game.

A huge thanks to Cath Ferguson for all the effort and time she has put into Amuri Netball this season, it was very much appreciated by all netballers.

Congratulations to all the Year 13's Celine, Hannah, Ella, Rachel (Cheviot) and Catalina who are leaving, it hasn't gone unnoticed all the work and effort you have contributed to the team over a number of years. Good luck for all your future netball careers.



Hi Everyone.

My last day here at the school as the nurse will be Wednesday 29th. From here on, I would encourage students to seek the support and help of Liz Teulon and your wonderful teachers here at the school.

For any urgent or worrying medical/mental health concerns that you as parents may have, I encourage you to touch base with your GP clinics and get the help and advice from the medical teams there to ensure your children get the help they need. There are many services available through the school still such as counsellors, social workers, vision and hearing tests, dental teams and more. Just reach out and someone can guide you in the direction of good health outcomes.

You are a wonderful community, keep being great.

Regards  
Mischa Clouston  
School Nurse  
Amuri Area School / Waitaha Primary  
Health Organisation



## OUR GREATEST FRIEND

You tear a beacon through the inky night  
A cosy forcefield made up of light

From ferocious heat you were born  
To ward off the chill of the storm

On tinder and wood, you burn  
Oranges, yellows and reds churn

Going from a gentle pyre  
To a raging hungry desire

Fire is our greatest friend  
But it can also be our end

Ewan Dalmer Year 9 Amuri Area School

## Free

Whales swimming through a sea of land  
Herds of chairs galloping in a paddock

Horses riding jockeys  
Choirs singing rock

Socks up for rent  
Trees blowing over the wind

Children teaching adults  
Roads driving on cars

There's no thing a poem should be  
Because poems are alive, poems are free

Ewan Dalmer Year 9 Amuri Area School

Spring is  
here!!



The kids eating lunch  
with the trees in full  
blossom . They are really  
happy to be out playing  
on the field each day



**2021 Exam Timetable: September 27<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>  
Year 10 – 13**

	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Morning</b>  9.00 - 12.00	L 1 English (14) 3hrs L 1 Narrative Arts (8) 3hrs L 2 Physics (2) 3hrs L 2 Classics (2) 2hrs L 3 Physics (5) 2hrs L 3 Geography (5) 3hrs L 3 Classics (2) 2hrs  <i>L2/3 Photography (9) Mr Hewitt – Room 19</i>	L 1 Science (22) 3hrs L 2 Chemistry (1) 3hrs L 2 History (4) 3hrs L 3 Calculus (5) 3hrs L 3 Statistics (5) 3hrs L 3 Media Studies (1) 3hrs	L 1 Maths (13) 2hrs L 2 Maths (10) 2hrs L 3 English (16) 3hrs   <i>L 3 English (3) 3hrs Mr Cate/Mrs Steel - Academy</i>	L 1 Geography (15) 3hrs L 2 English (12) 3hrs L 2 Narrative Arts (2) 3hrs L 3 Biology (7) 3hrs L 3 Earth Space Science (1) 2hr	L 1 History (6) 3hrs L 2 Biology (6) 2hrs L 3 Chemistry (6) 3hrs
<b>Afternoon</b> Mon 1.00 - 4.00pm  Tues – Fri 1.00 - 3.00pm  (Unless otherwise stated)	L 1 Phys Ed (6) 2hrs L 1 Economics (1) 3hrs L 2 Geography (11) 3hrs L 3 Psychology (1) 3hrs L 3 History (5) 3hrs  L3 Geography Scholarship (1) 3hrs	<b>Year 10 Science (43) 2hrs</b>  <i>L 2/3 Carp (9) 12.20 - 3pm Mr Black - workshop</i>	<b>Year 10 English (43) 2hrs</b>  <i>L 1 Carp (15) 12.20 - 3pm Mr Black - workshop  Will Neill – L2 English (ARA Thursday &amp; Friday)</i>	<b>Year 10 Maths (43) 2hrs</b>  <i>L 1 Art (6) 12.20 - 3pm Mr Hewitt – Room 19</i>	<i>L 1 Tech (7) 12.20 - 3pm Mr Black - workshop</i>

1. **All students will be in normal classes outside of exam time – Ara as normal on Thursday/Friday**
2. Year 10 have normal timetable hours on Monday and Friday.
3. Year 10 and students in afternoon exams will have a lunch break at 12.20pm – the canteen will be open.
4. Year 11 - 13 classes not doing practice exams or practical sessions will have taught classes in normal timetabled slots.
5. All exams are held in the Rugby Club Rooms unless specified in *italics*.

# **Hurunui Junior Cricket**

All students Year 4-8 interested in playing cricket for Hurunui this year are invited to meet for a short practice and meeting on Thursday 30 September after school (3:45-4:45) at the Amuri Area School nets. From this muster we will organise and enter teams for the competitions on Saturdays, 23rd October start (No cricket show weekend) and 11 December finish.

Cricket continues in Term 1 2022, dates TBC.

We need to re-establish the committee so would ask parents to come also for a short formal meeting to elect officers.

Have-a-go Superstar Cricket Sessions for Years 1-3 will be advertised at the start of Term 4.

Waiau Tennis Club invites all students Year 5-8 (and their parents) who are interested in playing Club tennis on Wednesdays in Term 4, to meet at the Waiau courts for a short meeting after school Wednesday 29th September. Attendance is important as we will explain the challenge ladder so that children can play challenges over the holidays to enable correct team selections for the season. Please phone Rebekah Kelly 0273156095 with any queries.



Sefton School and Millbrook Kitchens proudly present ....  
Your North Canterbury Primary Schools Mountain Bike event



MILLBROOK KITCHENS

*The Perfect Fit*



Entries are now open...

## RAKAHURI BIKE BLAST 2021

### Monday 22nd November



North Canterbury Primary Schools  
3 Hour Mountain Bike Event

Enter your Team of 2 Riders in the following categories...

Years 5/6 - \*Boys \*Girls \*Mixed

Years 7/8 - \*Boys \*Girls \*Mixed

**Don't miss out – Entries limited to 150 teams...**

Early Bird Entries Close 30 Oct 2021 - \$40 per team entry

Late Entries Close 12 Nov 2021 - \$50 per team entry (or earlier if limit of 150 teams reached)

**3 HOUR TEAM EVENT**

**How many laps can your team do in the allocated TIME?**

One team member is out on the course for a lap and then tags their teammate who does the next one... And so on...

**Race Start 10:30am**

Note: Event start times, length & course may alter slightly depending on entries received

**LOCATION** Rakahuri MTB Trails, Rangiora (west section)

**LOTS OF FUN!** Ideal for first time event riders and those more experienced

**MORE INFO...**

Sefton School 03 3129755

bikeblast@sefton.school.nz

<https://www.facebook.com/Rakahuri-Bike-Blast-MTB-312127336255595/>

**ENTER HERE** <https://forms.gle/CE83cJqVsX3FmbJLA>

# KIDS CLUB

AGES 5-13 YRS

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MON, TUE, WED & THU each week

STARTS AT 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM @ ROTHERHAM HALL

**\$30 PER CHILD PER DAY**

PHONE/TXT: HAYLEY CLARK  
021674918







**GIRLS  
GOT  
GAME**

WASSUP SPORTS



# **GIRLS GOT GAME**

## **CAMP CAMP CAMP**

**Yrs 1 to 8**

**5th & 6th of October**

**9am to 1pm**

**\$39 for 1 or 2 Days**

**(Note reduced price due to successful funding)**

**REREGISTER FOR CAMPS @ [WWW.NORTHCANTERBURY.BASKETBALL](http://WWW.NORTHCANTERBURY.BASKETBALL)**



# **HOLIDAY CAMP**

## **CAMP CAMP CAMP**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Boys & Girls**

**7th & 8th of October**

**9am to 1pm** (May 1st 2020 - 11:30am for 1 day only)

**Mainpower Stadium**

**\$50 for 1 or \$89 for 2 Days**

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