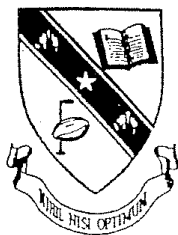


# Amuri Area School



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Kia ora Parents and Guardians

This week we have fare welled two staff moving on and we hope Mrs Springett and Mrs Gardner are able to take wonderful memories of their time at Amuri with them. Oman will be a vastly different community for Mrs Springett but Mrs Gardner will be closer to home as she takes up a position at Rotherham next term. It's a big thanks to both for all they have done for our school with music, magazine, kapa haka, photos, camps, Year 7 & 8 along with their philanthropic support for Caverhill and Hamilton respectively.

As some leave, we welcome Jayden Terris to Room 2 and with Miss Hoban's guidance, we're sure he will enjoy being a part of our school.

The Year 1 – 6 quiz was held last week and thanks to Mrs Cleeve and Mr Hagan for their work in running the quiz. Hamilton came out on top and one of the more pleasing aspects was the interest shown by a number of our senior leaders through their attendance at the event. Today, we have held the annual House Song event where each whanau has presented a song reflecting their whanau – from the rehearsals observed it should have been a lot of fun! Thanks to the whanau leaders for their efforts and also to Marama Gravette, an ex student back for a weeks work experience in Room 2 who judged the event!

We have been advised that Oliver Heuchel from Germany will be with us as an ICYE student from August 10<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to him arriving in term 3. Oliver who is fluent in Latin, speaks English well and French a little, says that he wants to work with young people while experiencing new cultures, new people and plenty of spoken English!

The work in H block starts tomorrow and the builders will be working on the Food and Graphics rooms to try and have them ready for use when we return. One of the icons of the school, the lockers in H block, will

be removed today and we are all looking forward to carpet, new lockers and improved surroundings in this part of the school.

Best wishes to the Year 9 & 10 netball players who are off to play in the South Island tournament on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday next week with Miss Gross and Mrs Eastmond. This is a great tournament and we hope they do well enjoying fine weather. The 15 students taking part in the South Island Area Schools sports tournament at the same time also hope for fine weather as they compete at QE2 against teams from the Top of the South and Bottom of the South in netball, rugby, volleyball and basketball. Good luck to you.

Meantime, have a happy holiday and we look forward to another busy but exciting term starting on Monday July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Neil Wilkinson  
Principal

## ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

4<sup>th</sup> SI Secondary Swimming  
5<sup>th</sup> SI Area Schools Tournament  
SI Netball Tournament

20<sup>th</sup> TERM 3 Begins

**Looking Ahead**  
July 31<sup>st</sup> Teacher Only Day–SCHOOL CLOSED  
November 12<sup>th</sup> Teacher Only Day–SCHOOL CLOSED

## **EASY SHOPPING – EASY FUNDRAISING AT WWW.YOURFASTSHOP.CO.NZ**

**90 stores for you, fundraising for us.**

Leading stores including Noel Leeming, Bond & Bond, Dominos Pizza, Dell and many more. You can shop for DVD's, fashion, holidays, baby, home, iPods, books, magazines, toys, gifts and even your groceries! Just select our school when you shop or browse.



## ROLL OF HONOUR

C = Caverhill  
H = Hamilton  
M = Mitchell

	House
Bellinda Dryden	M
Mac Eagle	C
Matt Baker	H
Hamish Lambeth	M

### CULVERDEN RUGBY CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
Teams of 4, \$40 per team

Get your teams together for this fun filled evening.  
Please phone Emlyn 315 8208 to register your team.

### CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - at the Hanmer Hot Springs Hotel

brought to you by the Hanmer Hot Springs Hotel and the  
Hanmer Springs Lions Club

**Talent Quest:** Wednesday 15 July  
Acts no longer than 5 mins - please provide your own  
support, music and props  
**PRIZES:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$50 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$30 per act, per age  
category

**SECTIONS:** Under 9 and 10-14 yrs

**Time:** 1 pm

**Entry:** \$2 Entries to Donna at the Hot Springs Hotel by 5  
pm Sunday 12 July

**Adults:** Gold coin donation for those wishing to watch the  
Talent Quest - children under 14 free.

#### MOVIES:

Thursday 9 July at 2 pm – Home Alone 3  
Tuesday 14 July at 2 pm - Surfs Up  
Thursday 16 July at 2 pm - Madagascar - Escape to  
Africa 2

**WHERE:** HANMER HOT SPRINGS HOTEL

**ENTRY:** \$2 popcorn and small bag of sweets provided -  
bring your own filled drink bottle

Parents of school age children can take time out or stay

### The Amuri Community Arts Council's Art Competition 2009

The age categories are:

8 to 11 yrs 12 to 14 yrs 15 to 18 yrs 19 to 99 + yrs  
Please collect an entry form from the Amuri Community  
Library or Hanmer Springs Library.

There is a \$5 entry fee for this competition. Please give to  
librarian with your entry.

**See Main Office notice board for more information**

### Hanmer Springs Ski Area

Open day this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Kids 15 and under ski for FREE!!

No Terms. No conditions, just good fun.

# Senior School News

After a very busy term with a few very cold days everyone is looking forward to a well deserved break. I always think that one of the key qualities people need to manage the challenges that our lives, our work, and the weather throw at us is resilience. I thought that this was a good time to share a 10 point guide to developing resilience which as individuals we could reflect on over the holidays which hopefully may help us prepare well for the challenges of the second half of the year.

1. Develop supportive and caring relationships at home, among friends, peers and colleagues. Accept help and support, and help others when they need it.
2. Remember that some events are beyond your control. You can't change events, but you can change the way you interpret and react to them. Try to accept this and look ahead.
3. Accept that change is part of life and that you will have to adapt to changing circumstances.
4. Set some realistic goals and take regular small steps towards achieving them. Ask yourself, "What's the one thing I can accomplish today?", rather than focusing on the overarching goal.
5. Be decisive. Do as much as you can rather than avoiding problems and hoping they will go away.
6. Try to understand your own experiences of dealing with loss, hardship or emotional problems. Appreciate what you have learned from these events.
7. Develop a positive view about yourself and be confident in your strengths and abilities.
8. Try to take a longer term view of things and don't blow the significance of an event out of proportion.
9. Stay hopeful and optimistic. Visualise what you want, rather than worrying about what you fear.
10. Look after yourself and your health, keep fit and take time out for relaxation and peace. This will give you the strength and balance to deal with difficult situations.

Students in year 11-13 should have planned a programme of study and review of work done to date during the holidays. Two weeks without any review is a long time and will not help the retention of learning done during the year. For all other students we suggest reading at least one book during the break which is something that many of you do anyway. Have a relaxing fortnight, if you have uniform issues to sort out get that done, and we look forward to 'hitting the ground running' in Term 3.

Penny Mossman  
Deputy Principal

### Cervical Cancer Vaccination.

The cervical cancer vaccine is FREE for all girls aged 12 to 18 years at their/any doctor's surgery. We would encourage all girls to go and have their vaccination during the school holidays. Make an appointment with the practice nurse or just call in.

If you have any questions or would like more information please call the practice nurse at your local doctor's surgery.