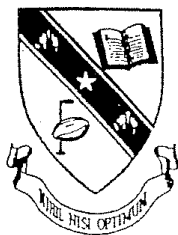


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NEWSLETTER NO 16

Week Ending 5th June 2009

Kia ora Parents and Guardians

As expected, we have been busy this week enrolling a number of new students to the school and it's a very warm welcome to these people who have joined our community in the last few days. We hope you find it enjoyable and rewarding to be a part of the Amuri school and wider community.

Emma Rose Williams	Year 11, CAM
Jasmine Collins	Year 10, ATC
Mitchell Muggeridge	Year 10, KRM
Dylan Boustridge	Year 7, ATC
Dawn Pirika-Coburn	Year 5, JHN
Tuscan Pirika-Coburn	Year 4, LCE
Hannah Boustridge	Year 4, LCE
Wes Collins	Year 4, LCE
Reihana Collins	Year 3, BHN
Holden Pirika-Coburn	Year 1, KHN

Mrs Mossman and I enjoyed the Area Schools' conference last week and in the best practice workshops, caught up with what is happening in other parts of the Area Schools' network. The one thing that stood out for us is that we are ourselves innovative, creative and dedicated to giving our students learning opportunities that meet their needs and it was obvious that we have in place structures to enable such things as personalised learning, leadership structures, curriculum development, behaviour management and goal setting. On Budget Day, the Minister of Education addressed us and promised nothing (so we weren't disappointed!) but warned of a harsher budget in 2010 and a need to make do with less – make of this what you will. Karen Sewell, the Secretary for Education also spoke and indicated a desire to set fewer goals in education but do them better. For my sins, I have also been elected to the NZ Area Schools Executive and hope to be able to advocate and push the cause of Area Schools wherever necessary and work to raise student achievement in our schools.

Personally I was disappointed that the integrated school system gained \$35 million dollars in the budget and while schools have been given a small lift in funding, several initiatives have been removed from the system that provided opportunities to us. It would seem that Adult Community Education funding has been terminated and we are awaiting further details on this – this would be a terrible shame given the extent of activity here. However we are also very aware of the current economic climate and accept the need for careful spending across the board. That reminds me to mention to you that for any school activities where there is a cost to students, there is a fund available to assist and you can contact me in confidence to discuss access.

The news from Thailand is all good and we had a fantastic e mail from the students this week who are having an amazing time. They are being treated like royalty and have seen the highs and lows of Bangkok thanks to contacts Miss Heaps has in the city.

Congratulations to a number of our students this week who have been selected for higher honours in their chosen sport and please let me know if you know of others.

Hurunui Under 17 Netball:

Anna Duncan, Nicole Eastmond, Jo Murphy, Eleanor Schwass, Jess Williams, Megan Williamson

Hurunui Under 15 Netball:

Katie Abernethy, Kendall Bond, Hannah Coughlan, Sarah Eastmond, Rachel Guddop, Rachel Lambeth

North Canterbury Under 16 Rugby:

Baden Petrie, Troy Nathan, Ethan Vincent, Josh Harris, William Duncan

Well done to the Under 16 rugby boys who defeated the Ellesmere U16 team last weekend, also to our CASA rugby team who beat Linwood in their

Wednesday match 32 – 7 and to Andrew Forbes who scored an incredible five tries in his match on Saturday!

The senior Pavement Art event last Friday was won by Caverhill and Hamilton who tied and today the primary showcased their talents on the concrete. Next week sees the first of the quiz events with the Year 7 – 9 quiz and Whanau leaders will this week be organising up to three teams per Whanau. (We presented a workshop on the lunchtime activities programme at the Area Schools Conference and it was well received after we made the participants play tag speed jigsaw!)

Next week has a strong careers focus with the Year 10 students travelling to Hanmer on Tuesday to see what opportunities there are close to home – this is an Enterprise North Canterbury initiative after Mrs Mossman suggested the idea. Then on Friday, the Year 11 & 12 students travel to Christchurch with Mrs Mossman for the Canterbury Polytechnic Institute of Technology 'Have a Go' day. Students have been asked to identify one or two career interests to explore on the day and they will be working on tasks related to that career in what is always a very popular day.

The whole primary school travel (by bus) to Christchurch for a theme day at the Air Force Museum on Wednesday and we wish them well as their integrated topic theme for this term, 'Far Out', is explored first hand. Thanks to all the parents who are assisting on the day as well as the staff who have put a lot of time into preparing for what will be an exciting day.

Because of this trip, there will only be processed food available at the canteen on Wednesday so no orders for food needing preparation can be made.

Friday is a mufti day and the seniors travelling to Christchurch (in mufti) are expected to make a gold coin donation like the rest of us to St Johns who the students have selected to be the recipient of funds this term.

Wednesday is also Support Staff Day and I will speak more about this next week! I'm told I've exceeded the limit this week!

Neil Wilkinson
Principal



ROLL OF HONOUR

C = Caverhill
H = Hamilton
M = Mitchell

1 ST MERIT CERTIFICATE	House
Damian Archbold	H


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 th	Cantatech Mid Year Exam Week
10 th	Primary School to Wigram Air Force Museum
11 th	ICAS Science
12 th	CPIT Have a Go Day (Year 11) Year 7-9 Quiz
15 th	Year 9 OE Day – Hanmer Springs
15 th - 19 th	Conference Week
19 th	Year 10-13 Quiz
22 nd	Year 7-13 Subject Night
23 rd	Hurunui Primary 7 aside PTA Meeting
24 th	ICAS Spelling & Writing
26 th	Year 1-6 Quiz
29 th	Work Experience Week
JULY 3 rd	Term 2 Ends Mufti Day – House Colours, House Songs SI Secondary Swimming SI Secondary Swimming SI Area Schools Tournament SI Netball Tournament
4 th	
5 th	
20 th	TERM 3 Begins

House Points

Caverhill	Mitchell	Hamilton	
43	29	29	

Primary School News

 **Reminder:** our Wigram trip is this coming up on Wednesday, 10th June, so could you please return permission forms and money as soon as possible. We need to leave on the buses before 8.45am, so please make sure your child/children are here at 8.30am, if you are bringing them to school. Those children coming by bus will be fine. Also, remember to arrange transport home from school afterward as we will arrive back here about 3.30-4.00pm.

Thanks to all the parents who have offered to help on the day. We still need a few more so contact us as soon as possible if you can spare the time. We are all looking forward to a fun and learning experience.

The Primary Staff

Living Springs July School Holiday Kids Camp

Living Springs are now running kids holiday camps with their next camp being the 12th - 16th July (next school holidays).

Registration forms and more information is available from their website www.livingsprings.co.nz under NEWS. Or you can get a registration form from school.

ART SUPPLIES WANTED

Over the next five weeks students in Year 9 Art are going to be looking at the effects of rubbish and the environment.

We are looking for donations of 'creative' rubbish. If you have any that you are willing to part with please drop it off or send it into the main office or art room at school.

'Creative' rubbish examples: fencing wire, pipes, cans, plastic wrapping, gumboots, plastic strapping, wooden boxes, etc.

WANTED

Plastic supermarket bags. Our supply has run out and we are in need of more. If you have any plastic bags please bring them into the main school office.

We also need more newspapers for Art please.



HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES

Monthly Hip Hop classes will be starting soon!

Depending on demand we will be looking to offer monthly classes in an area near you so be in quick to register!

Cost: \$8 per class.

Time: After School- Approx 1.5 hours per class

You need to register by June 10th by contacting the HYP Co-ordinator. Either Email Sam at sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz or text 027 427 1087.



Movie Night!
Culverden Community Hall

Friday 12th June
6.30pm

\$3
(Pop- Corn + Equipment Costs)

Bring your own seat (e.g. Cushion, beanbag etc)
Fizzy drink and Chocolate for Sale!

For more information contact Sam on
0274271087 or email sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz

Senior School News

Careers News

Interested students enjoyed an excellent presentation by Warrant Officer Paul Stewart on life and careers in the NZ Navy on Wednesday afternoon. Paul was able to relate really well to our students as he also grew up in a rural area so was able to talk about the qualities that rural students often have which makes them well suited to Navy life.

Next week has a major career focus with the Careers Open Day in Hanmer Springs which involves year 10 and on Friday the 11-13 students go to the CPIT Have A Go Day. I would like to remind parents of senior students that if your child is not attending the CPIT event they are expected to be at school as normal.

Penny Mossman
Deputy Principal



Beau Galletly participating in the HPSSA Cross Country.

Amuri Players: The Resurgence

Free yourself from the Mid-Winter blues with a weekend of fun!

On 20th and 21st June from Saturday afternoon to Sunday lunchtime experience an exhilarating break by coming to a theatre workshop.

Specially designed with 'beginners' in mind, this workshop is for all those people who have often wondered if they could go on stage as well as those who just love performing and find it a fun release from the stresses of everyday life.

The workshop will be run by a tutor from the Court Theatre and will be held in Hanmer Springs, starting at 2pm on the 20th and finishing at 12 noon on the 21st. Only \$15 per person. Phone Jan at 3157201 to book.