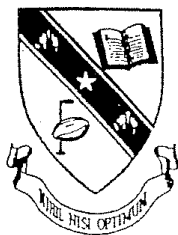


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Week Ending 11th November 2009

Kia ora Parents and Guardians

This is a brief newsletter with the short week and today we farewelled the Year 11 – 13 students as they leave to prepare for NCEA assessments in the next three weeks. We have seen clear evidence from a majority of the students that they are meticulously prepared and from all of us it's best wishes for these important events. These external exams are an opportunity for Amuri students to demonstrate that they are right up with the best and we look forward to seeing Merit and Excellence grades in the results.

Apologies for an error in last weeks newsletter I got the placings in the Wearable Arts Awards the wrong way round. Mairi Mackenzie and Taylah Eagle won the event while Skye Bunt and Emily Pike were placed second equal with Sarah Johnson. Last weeks duathlon saw wins for Nicole Eastmond and Harry Hall in the individual sections and Jonathon Fleming and Bryton Simpson, Ashleigh Macadam and Nicole Booth and Dimon Fomin and Jonathon Schwass in the team events.

Congratulations to Sam Rendel, Toby Walker and Tom Rendel who competed in the Canterbury schools mountain-bike relay event last weekend. Amongst 30 teams, Sam and Toby came second after three hours of biking and they missed winning by a whisper. Tom teamed up with Bradley Pool from Hanmer and came second also after a few mishaps getting to the finish! Thanks go to Craig Rendel for his organisation and support and more is in store with further races and training camps planned.

Sunday was a fantastic day at the Trail ride and with 383 riders, a huge vote of thanks goes to the PTA and in particular Louise Pickering and JJ Gudopp. With support from the Schwass', Rutherford's and Calder's to allow us to use their farms, the route was described as awesome and a great day was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who supported or assisted on the day.

Our junior athletes had a great day at Cheviot yesterday in hot conditions and again, it was wonderful to see a large number of parents there supporting the students. Tom Northcote, Ethan Jauncey, Tom Gudopp, John Smith, Rose Robinson, Belinda Dryden, Jesse Gillespie, Fergus McIntosh, Keegan Gray, Ashleigh Macadam, Katherine Brett, Lilly Hazlett, Lachie McIntosh, Jessica Macadam, Alex Todd, Mason Simpson, Caleb Allison, Kayla Baker, Kelsey Norrie, Anna Crean, Emilee Hickey and Casey Smith have all qualified to go to the Canterbury Primary Champs, well done to them. Thanks to Mr Hagan for his work in organising the team and to Mr Heuchel, Miss Brunning and Mrs Wilkinson for their assistance. Miss Brunning has joined us for the next four weeks as a College of Education student and she will be joined next week by Mr Vereer-Pindon with both off to the Year 10 camp on Tuesday.

Whanau groups elected their leaders this week while we appointed Form Leaders for each of the vertical forms - both groups are listed below. We now move to Head Student interviews with these positions announced at prize-giving.

Whanau Leaders

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| Mitchell | Gerard Beaven, Bruce Diamond, Megan Williamson |
| Hamilton | Nicole Eastmond, William Duncan, Ben Parkinson |
| Caverhill | Richard Coughlan, Chanell Sutherland, Ryan Hubbard |

Form Leaders

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| ATC | Chanell Sutherland |
| BAC | Matt Price |
| LDC | Joanna Smith |
| GCC | Josh Hickey |
| RCH | Ben Parkinson |
| EBH | Chris Jermy |
| SBH | Claire King |

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| GPH | Will Duncan |
| THM | Kendall Bond |
| KRM | Bruce Diamond |
| ADM | Baden Petrie |
| CAM | Megan Williamson |

Next week sees the Year 10 campers off to Windy Point under Miss Heap's direction and with meticulous planning, the four days there will be a highlight of the year for those going.

Neil Wilkinson
Principal

Use your head – wear a hat.

Always wear a hat when you are outside – choose one with a wide brim as the face, ears and back of neck are the areas where the majority of skin cancers develop! Caps will not keep you or your children adequately protected.

Sun Smart Tips

Over exposure to Ultra Violet Radiation (UVR) from the sun over many years is the major cause of skin cancer. Below you will find tips and advice on how to sun safe this summer.

Cover up!

Don't rely on sunscreen. Wear sun glasses, protective clothing and stay in the shade if you can.

Reflected Ultra Violet Radiation (UVR).

UVR is reflected off surrounding surfaces, such as concrete, metal and water. In order to absorb and diffuse UVR, surrounding surfaces should be soft and rough. Grass and plants do this well.

Normal window glass offers little protection from Ultra Violet Radiation

Apply sunscreen 15 minutes before sun exposure to allow it time to dry and be absorbed into the skin.

Sun Protection Factor (SPF) from sunscreen

The SPF number from sunscreens is a ranking system that shows how much protection is being offered. The higher the number, the more UVR is filtered and the greater the protection. Because of the number of factors involved, the SPF is not precise, but gives a general guide to sun protection.

No matter how high the SPF rating, no sunscreen can screen all UVR. All sunscreens are filters allowing some UVR to pass through to the skin. The higher the SPF, the smaller the amount of UVR that gets through.

From the PTA - A HUGE thank you to all those involved in last weekends trail ride, from land owners to staff, St John, Ritchie Morgan and parents. The day was, due to your help and co-operation a huge success. We had around 380 riders, riding the course. I have spoken to both men airlifted by the rescue chopper and they are both fine, and pass on their thanks to all those involved in getting them into the helicopter.

We will let you know how much we have raised once we have paid all the accounts but it should be around \$8000, a great effort.

End of Year/Start of Year Arrangements

Thursday December 10th

11am Awards Assembly All students to attend

Friday December 11th

11am Prize-giving All students to attend

On both these days, students will be able to leave with parents after the function or go home at the usual times. Magazines and reports will be issued at form time following prize-giving.

Monday January 25th

Office open for enrolments, inquiries and for Year 12 & 13 students to confirm subjects after receipt of NCEA

Friday January 29th

Teacher Only Day

Form leaders to collect form lists for phoning over weekend with start of year arrangements

Monday February 1st

All Year 1 – 6 students in class

Form Leaders, Whanau Leaders and Head Students at school for Leadership Training Day

All other Year 11 – 13 students asked to meet with form teacher from 1pm – 3pm to work on Individual Education Plans/Goal Sheets

Tuesday February 2nd

All students at school

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 12 th | Teacher Only Day–SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 13 th | Canterbury Anniversary Day - SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 16 th | NCEA Exams start Milo cup cricket |
| 17 th – 20 th | Year 10 Camp Windy Point |
| 27 th | PTA Calf & Lamb Social |
| Dec 1 st | PTA Meeting |
| 2 nd | Transition Afternoon |
| 3 rd | Supporters Lunch Canteen – FIRST BREAK ONLY |
| 4 th | Canteen – LAST DAY 2009 |
| 8 th | Hurunui Exchange (Hurunui) |
| 9 th | Class Trips Day |
| 10 th | Awards Assembly 11am |
| 11 th | Prizegiving 11am Last Day School 2009 |
| 12 th | NZ Athletics – Timaru |
| 13 th | NZ Athletics - Timaru |