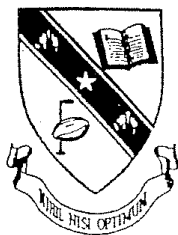


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NEWSLETTER NO 29

Week Ending 18th September 2009

Kia ora Parents and Guardians

Exams this week have seen many of the Year 11 – 13 students using the opportunity wisely to test their progress and prepare for the NCEA exams in November while the Year 10 students have seen where they are at as they select appropriate subject options for 2010. It has been disappointing that some of the senior students have left their exams very early without completing much and worse, several students have not even turned up for their assessments. Both are frustrating for the staff who want to see the students do well and it's hard to understand why these same students want to return to school in 2010. However, I guess I'm preaching to the converted here.....!

This week we have welcomed Anthony Krom to Room 6 and this takes our current roll to 293.

Nicole Eastmond and Claire King entered the Year 11 – 13 Talent Quest last Friday and we made the event a show of talent rather than have a competition of two students. Both gave enjoyable performances and well done to both. This week, we see the Year 7 – 10 event and next week there is a full line up of Year 1 -6 students.

Congratulations to several students who have had to travel some distance to participate in their chosen sport over the winter months and last week received recognition from their clubs:

- Mairi Mackenzie was named as the Rangiora Hockey club, Division 4 Player of the Year
- Kaley Boyd was named as the Most Improved Player in the same team
- John Smith was awarded Most Valuable Player in the Amberley Soccer Club 12th Grade team

The Board of Trustees met this week and confirmed the dates for 2010 which may be of interest to you:

Term 1	Mon Feb 1 – Thurs April 1 88 half days
Term 2	Mon April 19 – Fri July 2 106 half days
Term 3	Mon July 19 – Fri Sept 24 100 half days
Term 4	Mon Oct 11 – Fri Dec 10 86 half days

February 1st would be Year 1 – 6 only with senior students participating in leadership training on this day. It would also be a potential day for goal setting by students, parents and form teachers but more about this later.

The school will also be closed on Friday June 4th giving a four day weekend at Queens Birthday in the 'middle' of the longest term of the year.

In the property area, this week we appointed a new Property Manager and John Bailey will take up the position on October 27th. Robbie Michaud will retire on October 9th with Gavin Morrison doing likewise on October 30th. The cleaning will be shared by Marie Pitt and Eleanor Youngman as a new property team works together to ensure the school is well presented and attractive.

Congratulations goes to Nicole Eastmond who has been elected unopposed as the student representative on the Board of Trustees (for the third consecutive year). The high esteem in which Nicole is held by other students is reflected in this result, well done.

Thanks to you all for your support on Wednesday with the Paid Union meeting. There were very few students left at school and it was great to give staff the opportunity to discuss their forthcoming claim in such an environment.

Work on the pool has started this week with the source of the leak identified and fixed while sandblasting is underway before painting. The solar panels etc and cover will be installed over the holidays and after this weeks weather, we could all be ready for an early start to the swimming season. Yet again, Janet Murphy has spent many hours at the pool in recent weeks and those who use the pool owe her a huge thank you for all she does.

All the best to the Dressage team competing in the Canterbury Secondary School event this Sunday. Kendall Bond, Jamie Michelle, Chloe Bailey and Lina van Petegem will give 'Nothing but their Best' as they compete at MacLeans Island under the watchful eye of Mrs Robinson and thanks to parents needed for transport and support.

On Monday, two groups of Year 9 and 10 students will travel to Christchurch with Miss Heaps and Miss Gross to participate in the Get2Go Day and good luck to them. The inaugural event was held last year and we performed well in a very enjoyable day's activities, so this year, the team hopes to build on their experiences.

Good luck also to Gerard Beaven who heads off to represent us as a member of the NZ Area Schools Rugby Team in two matches in Hamilton and Thames next week. Having just returned from his Spirit of Adventure voyage which he describes as 'one of the best things I've done in my life', Gerard has managed to fit exams in between.

The annual CASAfest is run next Wednesday to Friday at Rangiora New Life and good luck to the 40 students travelling with Mr Cate, Miss den Haring, Ms Alleway and Mr Heuchel. We know that you will represent us with pride and like others mentioned here, give 'Nothing but your Best' in the various sporting and cultural activities. School of course will continue as usual for those not involved – don't let anyone tell you anything else!

Finally our best wishes go to Miss Buchan who leaves on Wednesday next week to become Mrs Shaw!

Neil Wilkinson
Principal

Wanted

RAGS: do you have any old towels or sheets or fabric you would be willing to donate to our art department for rags. Please drop anything you have into the school office. Thank you.

The winner of the Social Sciences Open Night Quiz Competition is:

Scott Higgins

Congratulations, please collect your prize from the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21st	Get2Go Day – Y9 & 10
23rd – 25th	CASAfest
25th	Lunchtime Activity-Y1-6 Talent Quest Term 3 Ends
12th Oct	Term 4 Begins
Looking Ahead	
Nov 12th	Teacher Only Day–SCHOOL CLOSED
13th	Canterbury Anniversary Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Access to School Dental Services over the September/October school holiday period

The Community Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary school children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Oral Health Centre, 16 Tuam Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Monday, 28th September – Friday 9th October 2009 (excluding weekends)

Routine treatment will **not** be offered/available over the holidays and any accident related issues will be referred to Community Dentists as per usual practise.

Have you ever wondered...

how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this September. Other courses in Movie Making, Fashion and Wearable Arts are on offer at different locations throughout the country. Ages 6-17 years. Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz



The girls competing in the SISS netball tournament.



ROLL OF HONOUR

C = Caverhill
H = Hamilton
M = Mitchell

	House
Nicole Eastmond	H
Matthew Hickey	C
Breanna Earl	C
Ben Wakefield	H
Angelo Sales	H
1ST MERIT CERTIFICATE	
Nicole Eastmond	H
Matthew Hickey	C
Breanna Earl	C
Paula Leggett	M
Michaela Broomhall	M
Alex Boyd	H
2ND MERIT CERTIFICATE	
Ben Guiniven	H
Charlie Kinney	H
Amber Roberts	H
Sophie Rutherford	M

Primary parents please note change of date:

The Amuri Pet Day will be held Week 1, Wednesday 14th October with a postponement date of Friday 16th October.



Rachel Lambeth defends a centre pass at SISS netball.



Anticipation as the girls wait to see where the ball will go at SISS netball.

Hurunui Youth Programme

For all 12-18 year olds in the Hurunui

ICE-SKATING TRIP

Thursday 1st October
@ Alpine Ice, CHCH
Cost \$20
Bus Leaves Amberley Library @ 12.30pm
Return 5.30pm
You will need suitable clothing and extra money for food
Spaces are filling fast so register now!

3 D Sculpting Art Classes

Anyone interested in 3 D sculpting classes? Have fun adding partial 3D images in your artwork by adding sculpture to your canvas using das (called semi relief work) or..... Alternatively....why not go the whole way and create your own funky sculpture piece out of wire and paper pulp. This medium can be used to create anything you like (animals, people, faces, buildings, landforms. No special talent required, so why not give it a go?...guaranteed to be fun and messy! Classes will be taught by Rangiora artist Catherine Heaps from Providence Art Studio. Express your interest in this course now and classes will be set up where interest demands.

Leadership Camp

Calling anyone interested in attending a 3 day leadership camp on the 7th-9th December 09. You must be going into Year 12 or Year 13 next year and want to be involved in the Hurunui Youth Programme with particular focus on being a leader. Spaces are limited so please express your interest now.

Stone Carving Sculpture Course

These school holidays enjoy a two day stone carving course run by local artist Suzanne Emslie at her property in Hawarden
Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th of October
10am-3pm
451 Medbury Road, Hawarden
Cost \$20 – includes stone and equipment
Spaces are limited so register now!

To register for any of the above courses/classes/activities or for more information please contact Sam on 027 427 1087 or email sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz

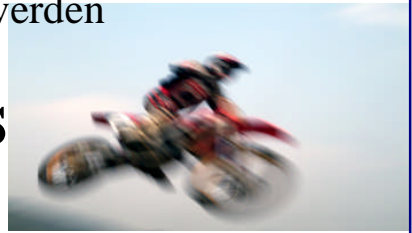
AMURI AREA SCHOOL PTA ANNUAL TRAIL RIDE

Sunday November 8th 2009
Sign-on and Safety Check from 9.30 a.m.

NEW VENUE

Kaiora Downs, Mandamus Downs,
Culverden Homestead, & Montrose Station
Sign posted from Main Road, Culverden

FANTASTIC VIEWS TRACKS



Main Loop. Superb rolling downs over 4 farms with some
enduro deviations.

2nd Loop. Easy country, suitable for families

Mini. Peewee circuit near car park
(parental supervision required)



Suitable

2 & 4 Wheelers

Cost

\$40 per rider

\$55 Family (parents with children 15 years and under)

Compulsory

Helmet, Boots & Spark Arrestor Muffler

LUNCH PROVIDED FROM 11.30am to 2.00pm
SPONSORED BY FULTON HOGAN

Enquiries to:

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Information line on day 03 315 8150