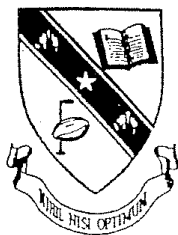


# Amuri Area School



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NEWSLETTER NO 3

Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Kia ora Parents and Guardians

Our swimming sports last week were dominated by the sensational efforts of Willie Steele who smashed six school records – one by 9 seconds, one by 6 seconds, two by 5 seconds and two by 3 seconds. It was a fantastic day of swimming from Willie and reflected dedicated training and commitment in recent months which has culminated in his qualifying for the national swimming champs. Jessica Macadam also set three new records taking 10 seconds off the 100m freestyle time while Sam Croker set a new record also in the 100m freestyle. The weather was great, the whanau leaders did a fabulous job organising their teams with Hamilton coming out on top and thanks to Mr Cate and Miss Gross for their superb organisation.

On Wednesday a team of 23 swimmers went to Christchurch to compete in the Canterbury Country High Schools event and it was a very successful day with 18 golds, 14 silvers and 10 bronze placings. Thanks to Mr Cate for organising this and to the parents who assisted with transport, a big thank you.

Our Milo Cup cricket team took on Waipara in the first round of the competition on Tuesday and after dismissing the visitors for 105, we got to 106 for the loss of only one wicket. Adam Stachurski and Duncan Gardner opened our innings and scored 31 and 36 respectively before retiring thus setting the platform for our win. Tim Chaffey and Jonathan Fleming got two wickets each while bowling. Our next match is against Southbrook with it to be played here again.

In the Christchurch secondary schools sports competition this week, the two volleyball teams that played on Monday came second while on Wednesday, our indoor netball team also came second, our cricket team won and the indoor soccer group won convincingly. This participation of over 40 students takes some organisation and thanks to Mr

Cate for his work at a very busy time providing the students with these opportunities this term. Again, without parental assistance and help from other staff, it would not be possible and a huge thanks to those involved.

It's been enjoyable being a part of the goal setting process in some classrooms and helping a number of students with the development of their e portfolio this week. It is certainly taking longer than we envisaged but I really believe the process will be worthwhile once the students get into the habit of updating and using the folio. Seeing assessment information presented in a graph form is quite powerful and as students have seen where they are against national means for asTTLe at least on their graphs, it seems as if they have noted areas to work on this year. Many students have put these e portfolios on a pen drive or data stick so you may have seen the work in progress at home - this is great if so because your involvement makes the whole process more meaningful but it is our intention to share these portfolios at the mini conferences on Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

March 29<sup>th</sup> is the date when all the staff will be in the gym from 3pm til 7pm. You and your son/daughter will be able to meet their form teacher sometime in this session without appointment and we hope to see you all. The Board of Trustees approved closing the school at 2.45 on this day to enable the staff to prepare and so please be aware that buses will run slightly early and students will be released 20 minutes earlier.

Other matters of interest from last weeks Board meeting were:

- While the BOT have concerns over the national standards and their implementation, they will be expecting the school to work with them and meet the requirements of the Ministry of Education.

- Fees for 2010 were confirmed with the school donation staying the same as in 2009 and most subject fees remaining the same. (Just a reminder that assistance with any fees at school is always available by contacting me in confidence at home or school and remember that the school donation is a voluntary payment)
- A contract has been signed with Initial Homes in Christchurch to build a new teachers residence in Montrose Ave on a spare section owned by the school using funding provided by the Ministry of Education
- A budget for 2010 was adopted that showed a break even situation before asset purchases
- Two members of the Board will be standing down at the elections coming up so there will be two actual vacancies
- Satisfaction with the NCEA results

The PTA also met this week and noted a highly satisfactory financial position after a very successful calf and lamb scheme and trail ride. At the next meeting which is the AGM on Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, a list of spending requests will be considered – this could be a good night to come along and join this group that works so successfully for us all.

The Year 9 campers are away next week and all the best to the students, the leaders and the staff going. It will be a fantastic four days given the activities organised and the leaders going so we hope the weather gods smile on the area from Tuesday to Friday!

Neil Wilkinson  
Principal

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                   | Hurunui Races             |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                   | CSS Swimming Prelims      |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> | Year 9 Camp – Windy Point |
| Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>                | ERO arrives               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                    | HPSSA Swimming            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                    | CCHS Athletics            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                    | Amuri Show Day            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                    | Crash Bash                |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                    | CSS Athletics Prelims     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> | Year 7 Camp               |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | CSS Athletics             |

### 2010 ICAS Exams

The 2010 ICAS Exams this year are on the dates below. If you would like your child to sit one or more of the exams, please pick up a form from Chrystal in the office and return it with the correct money by 12<sup>th</sup> March.

|                 |           |         |            |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Computer Skills | 25 May    | \$7.50  | Years 4-11 |
| Science         | 9 June    | \$7.50  | Years 4-13 |
| Spelling        | 22 June   | \$9.50  | Years 4-8  |
| Writing         | 22 June   | \$17.50 | Years 4-13 |
| English         | 3 August  | \$7.50  | Years 4-13 |
| Maths           | 17 August | \$7.50  | Years 4-13 |

### Requests for using School Buses

Our bus drivers operate a "goodwill system" when requests come in for students to use a different bus.

However, they require any requests to come in the day before so that they can check with their loadings. Requests can be declined if students have previously misbehaved, are rude to the driver, forget to thank etc or if the bus is full.

Please keep our drivers happy by sending a note to school the previous day requesting use of the bus and making sure students are thanking the drivers when they get off.

Elizabeth Teulon - Bus Controller

### Rugby Club Registrations – 2010 – JAB

This year we hope to register teams in all grades Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.5, 13, 14.5, 16, 18

**Culverden Registration Night –**  
26 February 3.30pm

Anyone keen to play in the above teams please attend registration nights or contact you club person listed below.

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Culverden</b>      | Emlyn Francis 315 8208  |
| <b>Hanmer Springs</b> | Steve Wadley 315 7540   |
|                       | Kathryn Duncan 315 7372 |
| <b>Waiau</b>          | Tim 315 6635            |
|                       | Michelle 315 6219       |

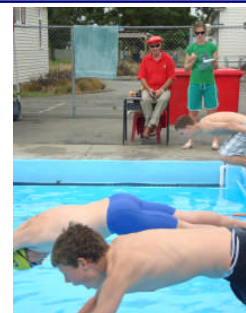
Team entries must be in by 1<sup>st</sup> March

|               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Hurunui Div 2 | James Hyde 314 3338     |
|               | Karl Roberts 315 7262   |
| Div 3         | Hamish Gallett 315 6470 |

**YOUR LOCAL CLUB NEEDS YOU!!**

### BROWNIE/GUIDE REGISTRATION NIGHT:

For current and any new girls that may be interested, Friday Feb 19th 6pm at Kathy Moss's home, 5 Kellaway Tce, Waikari. BYO BBQ food (meat, salad etc), plates, utensils, drinks etc. Any enquiries please ph Collette Macgregor 315 8272 or Belinda Buckland 03 314 2015





## SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP Results - 2010

|                           |                 |                  |           |                 |          |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| <b>SENIOR GIRLS</b>       | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Nicole Eastmond  | 50 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Sarah Murphy     | 28 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Claire King      | 18 pts    |                 |          |
| <b>SENIOR BOYS</b>        | 1 <sup>st</sup> | William Duncan   | 50 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Elliot Hughey    | 42 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Josh Hickey      | 30 pts    |                 |          |
| <b>INTERMEDIATE GIRLS</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Sarah Eastmond   | 50 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |                  | pts       |                 |          |
|                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |                  | pts       |                 |          |
| <b>INTERMEDIATE BOYS</b>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Andrew Murdoch   | 46 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Sam Huxford      | 40 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Alex Adams       | 28 pts    |                 |          |
| <b>UNDER 14 GIRLS</b>     | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Emma Hughey      | 50 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Denver Adams     | 40 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Lara Clarke      | 32 pts    |                 |          |
| <b>UNDER 14 BOYS</b>      | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Willie Steele    | 50 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Fergus McIntosh  | 34 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Rod Hall         | 28 pts    |                 |          |
| <b>UNDER 12 ½ GIRLS</b>   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mairi Mackenzie  | 46 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Maddy Fleming    | 40 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Henrietta Steele | 14 pts    |                 |          |
| <b>UNDER 12 ½ BOYS</b>    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Harry Hall       | 50 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Liam Brown       | 38 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Seb McCarthy     | 26 pts    |                 |          |
| <b>Primary Girls</b>      | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Jessica Macadam  | 50 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Ilaria Earl      | 40 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Emilee Hickey    | 32 pts    |                 |          |
| <b>Primary Boys</b>       | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Caleb Allison    | 36 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Finn Cunningham  | 34 pts    |                 |          |
|                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Sam Croker       | 28 pts    |                 |          |
| <b>WHANAU POINTS</b>      |                 |                  |           |                 |          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>           | Hamilton        | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Caverhill | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Mitchell |
|                           | 1191 pts        |                  | 843 pts   |                 | 664 pts  |

Most colourful Whanau - Hamilton  
 Most colourful individual - Korie Gillespie from Mitchell house

## SCHOOL CANTEEN ORDER LIST

| Name:  | Class: | Price                    | Number |
|--|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| Toasted Sandwiches: choose from the following fillings: <b>Cheese/Ham/Onion/Tomato</b> |        |                          |        |
| 1, 2 or 3 Fillings   |        | \$1.20 / \$1.60 / \$2.00 |        |
| American Hot Dog in Bun with tomato sauce / mustard / cheese (circle)                  |        | \$2.00                   |        |
| Spaghetti Bun with ham / cheese  |        | \$1.70                   |        |
| Mince Pie large ✓  |        | \$2.20                   |        |
| Murphy ✓   |        | \$2.00                   |        |
| Pizza ✓  |        | \$2.20                   |        |
| Sausage Roll   |        | \$2.00                   |        |
| Chicken Pie (small) ✓  |        | \$1.50                   |        |
| Noodles - beef / chicken (please circle)   |        | \$2.20                   |        |
| Corn Chips cheese / mexican (please circle)  |        | \$1.30                   |        |
| Popcorn (small)  |        | \$0.50                   |        |
| Cookie Time  |        | \$1.00                   |        |
| Rookie Cookie  |        | \$0.60                   |        |
| Primo Flavoured milk 350ml choc / choc crunch (please circle)                          |        | \$1.50                   |        |
| Calcium 250ml choc / strawberry / banana (please circle)                               |        | \$1.20                   |        |
| Mill Orchard Juice orange-apple / apple-boysenberry (please circle)                    |        | \$1.70                   |        |
| Moosies choc / blumoon / strawberry (please circle) ✓                                  |        | \$1.20                   |        |
| Juicies lemonade / tropical / wildberry (please circle) ✓                              |        | \$0.80                   |        |
| Slurpa's apple-orange / apple-boysenberry (please circle)                              |        | \$1.00                   |        |
| <b>First Break / Second Break - (please circle for when you want your food)</b>        |        |                          |        |
| <b>Daily Specials only available for Second Break</b>                                  |        | Price                    | Number |
| <b>Monday:</b> Nachos with Chilli Beans, Cheese and Sour Cream                         |        | \$3.50                   |        |
| <b>Tuesday:</b> Sushi - Chicken Teriyaki Or Salmon & Avacado                           |        | \$3.50                   |        |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> Chicken Burger with Lettuce and Mayo                                 |        | \$3.50                   |        |
| <b>Thursday:</b> Butter Chicken on Rice  |        | \$3.50                   |        |
| <b>Friday:</b> Cheese Burger with Lettuce, Mayo & Tomato Sauce                         |        | \$3.50                   |        |
| <b>Total</b>   |        | <b>\$</b>                |        |

**Specials only available on days listed.**