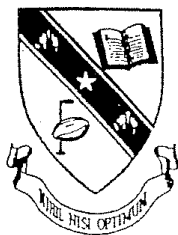


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NEWSLETTER NO 36

Week Ending 20th November 2009

Kia ora Parents and Guardians

Thanks to you all for your cooperation and support last Thursday as we had the second of our curriculum planning days this year. It was a productive day for staff and was a great opportunity for the teachers to get together and review/preview the delivery of our curriculum to the students.

We have welcomed Josh Dobby in Year 7 to the school this week and Mr Vereker-Pindon who is with us for the next three weeks on a teaching section. We hope they enjoy being part of our community.

The Year 10 students departed for camp on Tuesday and look to have enjoyed excellent weather conditions as they tramp, tube and abseil at our lodge at Windy Point. We're sure they will be full of the joy of outdoor living when they return and hopefully a number will pursue this passion for the outdoors in the future.

NCEA got under way this week. It has been great to see a number of students in working with staff this week on last minute preparation. Comments so far have been positive about the assessments and we're confident this will be reflected in the results.

We have now finalised plans for class structures in 2010 and are currently placing students in classes following consultation with teachers, contributing schools and parents.

Year 0/1	Miss Hoban	11 Students
Year 2/3	Mr Hallaran	17 Students
Year 4/5	Mrs Cleeve	23 Students
Year 5/6	Mr Hagan	25 Students

(Primary numbers are tentative at this point)

Year 7/8 Ms Davy, Mrs Shaw and Miss Gray
23 students each

Year 9 Two mixed ability classes
16 – 20 students each

Year 10 One class
28 students

Wednesday December 2nd is our transition afternoon and on this day, students from Rotherham and Waiiau will join us and students in Years 1 – 8 in 2010 will be placed in their classes to meet teachers and get information relating to next year e.g. stationery lists, camp information, etc

The calves and lambs were being picked up by the PTA today as their second major fundraiser comes to fruition. Thanks to all who have supported the scheme by rearing an animal or donating money to the scheme – it's great to see the swimming pool almost finished and the water warming rapidly thanks to the funding assistance from the PTA and their two major efforts in the trail ride and the calf/lamb scheme.

Next week we have our annual Maori hui in the library on Tuesday evening where we will be reviewing the progress of the Maori students, checking how they have done against our targets and goals set and discussing how best to serve their needs going forward. On Friday, it's the calf and lamb social and during the day a number of the staff will be in Christchurch explaining to other schools how we have used the AtoL (Assess to Learn) project to improve and raise student achievement – it will be very satisfying to show others how well we are doing at Amuri.

Neil Wilkinson
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th	PTA Calf & Lamb Social
Dec 1st	PTA Meeting
2nd	Transition Afternoon
3rd	Supporters Lunch
	Canteen – FIRST BREAK ONLY
4th	Canteen – LAST DAY 2009
8th	Hurunui Exchange (Hurunui)
9th	Class Trips Day
10th	Awards Assembly 11am
11th	Prizegiving 11am
	Last Day School 2009
12th	NZ Athletics – Timaru
13th	NZ Athletics - Timaru

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

Cups & Trophies from 2008 Prizegiving

All students who received cups or trophies last year please start returning these to the main office.

Congratulations to the winners of the Year 10 Camp \$50 Raffle

Cynthia Gardner
Liz Teulon
Jazzmine Afitu
Dave & Liz



ROLL OF HONOUR

C = Caverhill
H = Hamilton
M = Mitchell

	House
Elsie Croker	H
Baden Petrie	M

1ST MERIT CERTIFICATE

Elsie Croker	H
Andrew Forbes	H
Hayley Campbell	M
Zayne Hawkes	H
Baden Petrie	M

A Huge Thank You from Andrew Murdoch

Andrew would like to thank everyone that sponsored him for his Tsunami fundraiser. He played 100+ holes of golf and raised almost \$950.

Could you please contact Andrew on 315 6306 to arrange a time to pick up money you have sponsored. Andrew would like to thank the Culverden Golf Club for letting him use their course and Dayne and Tom for keeping him company on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

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.

We would like to continue this goodwill system.

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

School Fees

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your child/children's school fees and donations. There are a number still outstanding and statements have been sent to those concerned recently. Payment would be appreciated as soon as possible – if you are unable to pay all the fees at once, part payments spread over the rest of term would be fine. Although payment of the school donation of \$40 per child or \$60 per family is not compulsory the school is grateful to receive these funds. However, subject fees must be paid as these cover the cost of materials issued to students.

Congratulations to the following children on their results in ICAS

English

Participation

Kelsey Norrie
Kaley Boyd
Holly Gibson
Lucy Brustad
Tom Northcote
Kim Zwonnikoff
Jamie Michelle

Credit

Craig Springett
Aleisha Smith
Jaclyn Smith
Rose Robinson
Jim Smith
Denver Adams
Nicole Eastmond

Distinction

Louise Schwass
Belinda Dryden
Hamish Lambeth



Mathematics

Participation

Lachie McIntosh
Kelsey Norrie
Kaley Boyd
Mairi Mackenzie
Fergus McIntosh
Aleisha Smith
Jaclyn Smith
Lucy Brustad
Denver Adams
Tom Gudopp
Ryan Norrie
Tom Northcote
Sarah Eastmond
Jamie Michelle

Credit

Hamish Lambeth
Jim Smith

High Distinction

Louise Schwass



For all 12-18 year olds from the Hurunui District

WHAT'S HAPPENING

End of Year Social

Thursday 17th December
7.30-10.30
Culverden Community Room
LIVE DJ'S FROM SOUND ENTERTAINMENT
Cost=\$3
You must order your Ticket with Nicole Eastmond or Sam Lynn.
No pre ordered ticket - NO ENTRY, there are no door sales.

Summer Holiday Programme

Mark your diary.
18th-22nd January 2010
Five day workshop in which youth will participate in a variety of Arts Based Activities- dance/physical theatre, art/photography, music and drama.
To be held in Amberley.
10-4pm each day with a Show to be held late Friday Afternoon which parents are invited to attend.
Cost=\$80 per person for the week (12-17 year olds)
There is also a division of this programme for 8-11 year olds, so for either age group please register your interest now.

M 027 427 1087

sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz

Take a Kid Tramping.

Take a Kid Tramping is an intro to the outdoors to encourage the use of and enjoy the outdoors safely. Child recommended age 10-14 yrs.

Course consists of two evening preparation sessions (Monday 15 + 22 February) & a weekend away (27/28 February). Course costs just \$25 per pair, food and transport additional.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please pass these details on.

The course is on the website and you can enrol online if you prefer at

<http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/Branches/branch.asp?bid=18>

WANTED: Coat Hangers. If you have any you do not require we would love some more for our uniforms.

Rotherham Dance Concert 2009



Back Row: Breanna Earl, Belinda Dryden, Jaclyn smith, Abby Fleming

Front Row: Kaley Boyd, Ilaria Earl, Madison Fleming, Louise Schwass

November 28th, 7.00pm
Amuri School Gym, Culverden
Free Entry, Programmes \$2

Involves students from Amuri, Rotherham & Waiau