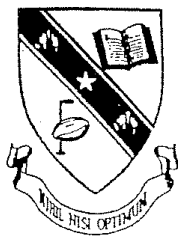


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NEWSLETTER NO 14

Week Ending 22nd May 2009

Kia ora Parents and Guardians

Thanks to Mrs Mossman for writing the newsletter last week and taking assembly while Mrs Cleeve and I attended a seminar featuring examples of best practice and curriculum developments in primary schools throughout NZ. The days we had were very rewarding and we have been able to start incorporating some of the ideas seen into our classrooms here and other aspects will be fed into our systems in the future. Next week, Mrs Mossman and Mrs Cleeve accompany me to the NZ Area Schools Annual Conference where we will again focus on sharing best practice – we are presenting two workshops to the other schools and hope to pick up ideas from our colleagues as well.

Welcome to Callum MacDonald and Sam Kinney who have started school this week in Room 2 under Miss Hoban's guidance. They will be joined by several other new students in the next few weeks and they will all be in good hands.

One of the benefits of attending Amuri Area School to Year 13 is the increased opportunity to gain scholarships at tertiary institutions and these can be quite rewarding financially. It was a pleasure this week to receive photos of Rod Carr, the Canterbury University Vice-Chancellor presenting last years Dux, Rachael Walker with a scholarship and this will be a great funding boost for Rachael who is thriving on university life.

May Car Day went well last Friday and a big thanks to Diane Johnson who did a fabulous job coordinating all the parts of the day. Student feedback has been positive and we hope all attending were able to take away a message to remember about road safety.

The Board of Trustees met this week and the following are some of the highlights of the meeting:

- Approval was given to accept a tender for the upgrading of H Block
- Progress in achieving our annual goals was considered and it was noted that generally we are on track to achieve our goals
- The Managing National Assessment report from NZQA was considered and the BOT were delighted to read 'Amuri Area School is to be commended for the good practices that have been implemented and for its commitment to ongoing review to ensure quality assessment for NCEA and in particular the mentoring programme and associated support to ensure staff have ongoing external collegial support'

The school was closed yesterday and thanks for your assistance in allowing the staff to attend the curriculum development day. It was a very worthwhile day for all and our new curriculum is slowly taking shape as we draw on the experiences of others and put our own Amuri stamp on what we do here. Further details will be outlined in the newsletter once we are in a position to seek your views on aspects of the curriculum so do watch out for these.

Barefoot day today was a great success in raising the awareness we have for young people in need thanks to the efforts of the organising team, Nicole Eastmond, April Wadley and Megan Williamson. Over 95 students participated and through their positive leadership we hope the efforts are rewarded richly with support from sponsors.

As you will be aware, the CCHS sports were postponed this week because of bad weather in Christchurch. I was disappointed at a higher than usual absence rate on Wednesday as students who were not involved in the sports by choice, did not come to school and your support is/would be appreciated for ensuring students are at school if they choose not to participate in events such as this.

Next week sees the Hurunui Primary Cross Country on Tuesday, CCHS Outdoor Tournament on Wednesday and a Year 13 Biology trip to Orana Park, the ICAS Computing exam on Thursday and on Friday, the Otago Problem Solving event, Kapa Haka, a further carpentry day and Pavement Art for seniors as part of the lunchtime activities programme.

On Friday, Miss Heaps and Miss den Haring depart for Thailand with Ben Parkinson, Amy Abernethy, Zoe Topp, Anna Duncan, Josh Phillips, Richard Coughlan, Kellie Morgan and Sarah Still. This will be an amazing experience with a mix of work and fun and we look forward to hearing of their travels and learning when they return. It's been a very long but successful fundraising campaign for them – all the best for the 10 day trip.

Neil Wilkinson
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th	Hurunui Primary Schools Cross Country
26th	Canterbury Secondary Cross Country
27th	PPD HPSSA Cross Country
	CCHS Outdoor Tournament
28th	ICAS Computing Skills
29th	Senior Pavement Art
	Otago Problem Solving Challenge
JUNE 1st	
5th	QUEENS B'DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
8th	Junior Pavement Art
10th	Cantatech Mid Year Exam Week
	Primary School to Wigram Air Force Museum

40 hour famine.

We are going barefoot for 24 hours to help raise money for World Vision. So what are you going to do? Come join us on our mission to help the less fortunate.

You can help change a life!

Social Dance for all Famine participants and friends between Years 0-13.

The social will be held in the Community Room.

\$2 entry for non-famers, those doing the famine are free.

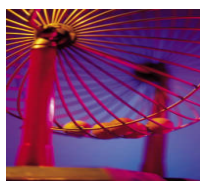
Year 0-6 4.00-5.30pm Year 7-13 6.30-8.30pm

Lucky Lotto Winner

16th May – Louise Davy

Congratulations

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.



ROLL OF HONOUR

C = Caverhill
H = Hamilton
M = Mitchell

	House
Jonathon Schwass	H
Bobbi-Jo Hillyer	C
Jared Allison	C
Rachel Gudopp	C
Nadine Hendry	C
John Smith	C
Kayla Baker	H
Anna Crean	M
Finn Cunningham	H
1ST MERIT CERTIFICATE	
Lewis Bell	C



Amuri Area School

International Opportunity

Amuri Area School will be hosting 21 students, male and female aged 13-14, from Myojo Gakuen in Japan. They will be with us from 4-17 August 2009.

The school pays host families on a per day basis, looks after the students during the school day and provides them with lunch at school.

If you could host one or more students, or if you would like further information, please contact:

Collette Macgregor at school 315 8233 or at home 315 8272

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.

HYP presents the Ultimate Challenge Day for Youth Week 09

If you're 12 - 18 years old grab mum, dad or an adult and spend an afternoon tackling "THE BEAST" together and then go into combat in **ULTIM8 PAINTBALL**. A BBQ and Drinks will be provided to keep you going.

When Sunday 31st May

Time 2 - 5pm

Where The Ultim8 Challenge Centre -
Leithfield

Cost \$20 per person*

Don't forget to register with Sam



* Reduced Ticket Costs sponsored by the Ultim8 Challenge Centre and the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs