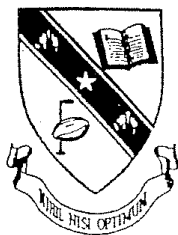


# Amuri Area School



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## Kia ora Parents and Guardians

Last Friday's 'migrant social' was a fabulous evening and with over 120 attending this community function, the night was an outstanding success. It was great to see a large number of students and parents in attendance and the cultural wealth of the Amuri district was clear to see in the performances enjoyed and the conversations had on the night.

Thanks to those who gave up an hour to help plant the trees and shrubs around the pond last Saturday morning. The job was completed quickly and we hope that with growth, the environment will be enhanced and the pond made into a place where people can stop and enjoy. We have plans to put seating in around the side and further tidy up the island in the middle and the banks so keep an eye out for your opportunity to contribute!

Last week I gave you the numbers of students expected in the school in 2010 and while we are yet to hear from the Ministry in response to our request to reconsider staffing, we can invite your opinions on class composition in the Year 1 – 8 area. It is proposed to maintain the current class structures next year with the following potential numbers:

Year 0 – 1	11 students
Year 2 – 3	22 students (11/11)
Year 4 – 5	24 students (14/10)
Year 5 – 6	25 students (4/21)
Year 7 – 8	Three classes of approximately 22 (10/12)

If you have any comment on these, please call in, ring or e mail either Mrs Cleeve, Mrs Mossman or myself.

While roll projections can be hopelessly astray in an environment such as ours, the following predictions based on numbers at our contributing schools and in our primary section show the current trends continuing. This is an area of concern and we all need to consider ways to reverse the trend at Year 1 – 6 which is not going to help our school in the long term.

Projections	2010	2011	2012
<b>Years 0 - 6</b>	82	65	55
<b>Years 7 &amp; 8</b>	67	63	51
<b>Year 9 &amp; 10</b>	63	68	67
<b>Year 11 - 13</b>	71	74	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>248</b>

Congratulations this week go to:

- Eleanor Schwass who takes over as Form Leader of EBH after Richard Earl left
- Nicole Eastmond who becomes a Hamilton Whanau Leader (replacing Richard)
- Ben Parkinson who takes over as Form Leader of RCH from Nicole who had to stand aside from one position given she then would have held three leadership positions
- Matt Price, our Achiever of the Month. Matt, in Year 11, epitomises the values we promote as seen in his attitudes, work rate and general approach to school life
- The BP Technology Challenge team of Jono Schwass, Alex Adams, Te Clemens and Corey O'Donnell who were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Canterbury event on Tuesday. Thanks to Miss den Haring for providing the support to this team and another team of Year 9 students
- Andrew Murdoch for his initiative and willingness to support those in need with his sponsored 100 holes of golf with all funds going to the Samoa tsunami appeal



I received a request this week from the JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund to promote their services; the Fund has as its purpose 'to assist in the betterment, education, advancement and physical welfare of the youth in the community particularly in cases where bereavement, sickness or family disturbances leave the children in need of assistance if they are to continue their studies'. The fund can cover the purchase of uniforms, course fees, text books or stationery and items needed by special needs students. If anyone would like to get further information to consider applying to the fund, please contact me in confidence - applications close on November 13<sup>th</sup> and yes, there is a bit of paperwork to be done.

Next week is a short but busy one with the schools Athletic Sports being the highlight. Events get underway at 9am and you are all welcome to attend and support the students as they seek to see their Whanau win the house points on offer while giving 'nothing but their personal best'.

We start interviews of students starting next year on Tuesday and these continue for the next 2 - 3 weeks. The PTA meet on Tuesday night while I hope those attending the sold out Celia Lashley presentation in Waiiau appreciate the messages she brings. Thursday is Fete day so take care crossing the road (and avoid turning right into School Road in the morning!) while Friday sees the presentation of our annual Wearable Arts Awards in the gym at 1.25 to which you are welcome. We also farewell our current Property Manager, Gavin Morrison, on Friday who retires and hands the keys over to John Bailey – thanks to Gavin for his work in the last two years and all the best for retirement.

Neil Wilkinson  
Principal

### Cups & Trophies from 2008 Prizegiving

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Oct 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 8 Camp returning 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	HPSSA Triathlon
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	BP Technology Challenge
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Y4-10 News Cruise Event
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Mufti Day
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	LABOUR DAY – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	School Athletics
<b>Looking Ahead</b>	
<b>Nov 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Teacher Only Day – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Canterbury Anniversary Day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

**Sunhats for Sale** – from the Primary Office between 8.30am – 8.45am daily

**Two styles available:**

“Bucket” Hat with 6cm brim - \$7

“Slouch” Hat with 7.5cm brim - \$10

Available in House Colours – Red/Green/Yellow

### Lost Property from Pet Day

Straw Sunhat and a small brown leather collar.

Please claim from the main School Office.



### ROLL OF HONOUR

**C = Caverhill**  
**H = Hamilton**  
**M = Mitchell**

	<b>House</b>
Jonathon Fleming	M
Madison Fleming	C
Harry Hall	H
Dana Van Petegem-Gorrie	H
Lewys Francis	H
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> MERIT CERTIFICATE</b>	
Jonathon Fleming	M
Matthew Fleming	m
Jessica Macadam	M
Lachie McIntosh	H
Bryton Simpson	M
James Smith	C
Simon Smith	C
Henrietta Steele	H
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> MERIT CERTIFICATE</b>	
Mairi Mackenzie	C

# Waiau Community **FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA**

*A great family night  
out!*

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Waiau Rugby Club Grounds.

Gates open at 5pm.

\$10 entry per person, max \$40  
per car.



**This year...it's Halloween!**

- ▶ Prizes for best fancy dress PLUS
- ▶ Jack-o-Lantern competition

Come and check out the new Kamikaze ride, plus all the old favourites: Shad Rutherford is back, along with Temporary Tattoos, Mini Jeeps, Bouncy Castle, Light Sticks, food and variety stalls + lots more!! Spectacular fireworks display let off at dark.

*No dogs or personal fireworks,  
INCLUDING SPARKLERS.  
Police presence.*

**Cancellation decision made by 2pm  
Listen to: Newstalk ZB and MoreFM**

*General Enquiries: Caroline  
Eastmond 315 6173*

**See you there!**

## **HYP - Hip Hop Classes**

HIP HOP TIMETABLE TERM FOUR 09

[Week 2 - Wednesday 21st October - Culverden](#)

[Week 4 - Wednesday 4th November - Culverden](#)

[Week 6 - Wednesday 18th November - Culverden](#)

[Week 8 - Wednesday 2nd December - Culverden](#)

Cost = \$25 for the term

It's not too late to get involved with these.

3.30-5pm in the Culverden Community Room.

## **HYP - Year 7 and 8 Social**

Friday 6th November

Culverden Community Room

Watch this space for more information!

Anyone wanting more information or to register for any of these events please contact Sam Lynn on 0274271087 or sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz

## **Operation Christmas Child THANKS YOU!**

Coordinator Mr Chris Hickson (Canterbury Rep) sends personal thanks to all who gave a Christmas box for the children of the Pacific Islands. "Country people are so generous".

Well done and heartfelt thanks Amuri. Diana Turner

## **PTA News**

### **PTA Meeting**

Tuesday 27th at 7.30pm in the school staff room, things to discuss, Calf/Lamb scheme and trail ride.

**Sunday 8th of November** is our annual Trial Ride. This year it will begin at Mark and Jane Schwass's, on Pahau Downs Road, but again to make this a successful day we need your help.

We need, baking, this baking can be dropped at JJ's (ph 315 8661) or Christine Crean's (315 8146) or brought out on the day. If you can't bake, a donation dropped off at the school office will help towards our costs.

On the day we will require people to help with the cooking of lunch, and we also need people to help man gates out on the ride and with marking in and out, we can't do it without a lot of people helping us, If you can help please ring JJ on 315 8661 or Louise on 315 8150, even if its only for a couple of hours, it would be greatly received.

Remember this is one of our major fundraisers for the year, which brings in a lot of outside money for our school, but for us to do this we need your help and support.

### **Calf/Lamb scheme:**

By now you should have been contacted, regarding the pick up day for these calves, if you haven't, or have lost your tags, please contact Tania on 315 8286.

Remember social night is on November 27 at the rugby rooms at 7.30pm

Remember your support, supports your child.

# AMURI AREA SCHOOL PTA ANNUAL TRAIL RIDE

**Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

Ritchie Morgan (03) 315 6404  
Louise Pickering 027 229 3006  
Information line on day 03 315 8150

