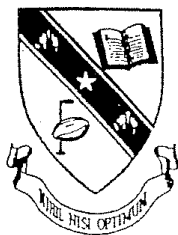


# Amuri Area School



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Week Ending 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Kia ora Parents and Guardians

The end of a busy term has now arrived and the two weeks holiday will be well received by most. When you look back over recent weeks, there has been plenty packaged into the term and for those involved in sport, especially at a representative level, there has been little spare time.

The team that competed in the Dressage competition last weekend – Chloe Bailey, Kendall Bond, Jamie Michelle and Lina Van Petegem did very well and amongst some seasoned riders they came 6<sup>th</sup> in the teams event. Thanks to the parents who supported the girls and to Mrs Robinson for her guidance at the event.

Competing in the Year 9 & 10 Get2Go day on Monday, our students again did very well with Kendall Bond a star on the day. The teams finished 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and with 22 teams competing this was a pleasing result – our teams showed real strength in the mountain biking and orienteering sections. Thanks to Miss Heaps and Miss Gross for their support and encouragement.

The CASAfest team are currently at Rangiora New Life School and at the time of writing this had met with success winning the CASA Maths and the Junior Rugby. The team looked smart and were all giving their best in the events as games were played in excellent spirit.

In the Year 7 – 10 Talent Quest last Friday, Kim Scott came out the winner with her rendition of 'Man, I Feel Like a Woman' which engaged the audience! Hamilton dominated the event and this week we have been entertained by the Year 1 – 6 entrants.

During the holiday's Robbie Michaud will retire from her position on the Support Staff to enjoy more time with the grand-children and playing golf! Robbie has been with us for 18 years and she will be missed in her role helping to maintain our school property and

grounds. We thank her for her efforts over a long period and wish her all the best in retirement.

And so we move to the final term on October 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope the senior students involved in NCEA assessments have their heads down studying to ensure they can achieve at the level they know they are capable of and while it is holiday time, for these people some regular time of study over the two week break from lessons will be worth it in the long run. I know that a number of students are coming in to work with staff in the second week and this is a positive indication of a desire to do well.

In the first week back, Pet Day features on Wednesday with a postponement day of Friday. This event is always popular with the primary students and parents and we look forward to a wide range of pampered pets being presented!

Our Outdoor Ed class are away on a two day tramp on Thursday and on the same day our nine students singing in the Christchurch Primary Schools Choir Festival will be on stage at the Town Hall in what will be a late night. Good luck to them.

On the Friday evening, a social has been arranged for the many migrant families that are working in our district and this will involve many of our students and parents. The idea grew from an approach we made to various organisations in the district to ensure the Amuri region is able to enjoy a reputation for welcoming overseas families where English may be the second language in the home.

Meantime enjoy the break and one person we know is looking forward to next Saturday is the 'voice' of our school, Chrystal Lawson who is getting married and will be Mrs Boyd from next term! Best wishes from everyone Chrystal.

Neil Wilkinson  
Principal

## Operation Christmas Child

Reminder that your Christmas boxes need to be returned to the school office during the first week of next term.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Term 3 Ends
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Term 4 Begins
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Primary Pet Day
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	Primary Schools Choir-Christchurch
<b>15-16<sup>th</sup></b>	Outdoor Ed 2 day Tramp
<b>Looking Ahead</b>	
<b>Nov 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Teacher Only Day-SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	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, 28<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



### ROLL OF HONOUR

C = Caverhill  
H = Hamilton  
M = Mitchell

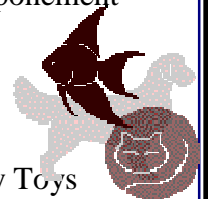
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Kimberley Zwonnikoff	M
Scott Higgins	M
Duncan Gardner	H
Rochelle Thomson	C
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> MERIT CERTIFICATE</b>	
Kimberley Zwonnikoff	M
Scott Higgins	M
Danny O'Donnell	M
Rochelle Thomson	C
John Smith	C
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> MERIT CERTIFICATE</b>	
Lewis Bell	C
Denver Adams	M

### PET DAY 2009

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

Categories:

Horses                      Calves                      Lambs  
Dogs                          Cats                          Cuddly Toys  
Household pets (guinea pigs, rabbits, birds, goldfish...)



Children may enter one category.

Now is the time to begin thinking about **Pet Projects**. These will be collected on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October (this is the first Monday back at school!!) for judges to read before Pet Day. Children may include pictures, photos, information on breed, feeding, care etc. These may be presented as a book or a chart. There is also a category for owner and **pet lookalike**. If you would like to enter this competition then you need to have a photo of you and your pet (name and age) in by Monday 12<sup>th</sup>.



The girls competing in last weekends dressage competition.

Top Left:  
**Chloe Bailey**  
Top Right:  
**Lina Van Petegem**  
Bottom Left:  
**Jamie Michelle**  
Bottom Right:  
**Kendall Bond**

# Senior School News

## 2010 Course Selection.

Next years Year 11-13 students have completed their initial subject selection which will determine how the timetable lines are arranged. There are some students in Years 12-13 who will have to revise their selection for the following reasons:

- Insufficient demand means a class will not run.
- Not enough credits/standards achieved at the previous level to show sufficient knowledge or understanding to progress to the next level.
- Completed unit standards that are considered a pre-level to Achievement Standards at the same level.
- The reality that each level is a significant step up from the previous level and results indicate the next level is not realistic.

This week I will hand back to the students their choice sheets with course changes on them. These changes have been made in consultation with subject teachers and also take into consideration all current assessment results. I strongly recommend that the holidays are a good time to discuss 2010 directions and if you have any concerns or queries about changes suggested you should make a time as soon as possible to talk to the subject teachers concerned. The bottom line with NCEA is achievement at each of the levels. Age and year group are not relevant and an important part of our job is to ensure that the courses students are selecting are realistic, and achievable.

Students who have chosen Outdoor Recreation and Rural Skills will need to complete a written application and undergo an interview next term due to the limited places available on the courses.

## NCEA and Study Break

One phrase we hear students use is "I am going/hoping to get NCEA" nobody actually 'gets' NCEA, they have to work hard and achieve to be successful. Achieving NCEA involves consistent effort; positive participation in class; learning from mistakes; and regular attendance. Warm and breathing is just not enough! All students need to be very aware that the tertiary study environment and the world of work are very different places from the safe and accommodating environment of a school.

For all students involved in NCEA the holidays are only a break from teaching, not learning, everyone should have a regular planned study routine to cover the next two weeks. Exam results may have also highlighted areas of concern, so with that information, and the holiday lessons that some staff are running, it is up to each individual to realise their potential.

Have a restful and productive two weeks.

Penny Mossman  
Deputy Principal

## HURUNUI YOUTH PROGRAMME

*For all 12-18 year olds from the Hurunui  
District*

### ICE-SKATING TRIP

*Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of October  
10am-3pm

451 Medbury Road, Hawarden

Cost \$20 - includes stone and equipment

Spaces are limited so register now!

Transport can be organised from Amberley

### 3D Sculpture 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.

*To register for any of the above please  
contact Sam Lynn on 0274271087 or  
sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz*

# 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**  
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