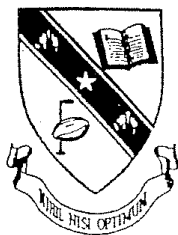


# Amuri Area School



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Nothing But The Best*

***Raising Achievement, Encouraging Excellence***

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Kia ora Parents and Guardians

It's been a busy week with a lot of commitment from staff, parents and students alike. Working together epitomises where we are as a school I hope and 'Raising achievement; Encouraging excellence' is only possible with us all pulling in the same direction – there is lots of evidence of this in this weeks newsletter.

The learning conferences reflected what can be achieved when we all put our heads together for the common goal and thanks to all those who participated. We had a 72% turnout which is not the 100% we would like but nevertheless is a satisfactory result. The general consensus is that the process is very worthwhile and beneficial for raising student achievement and some of the staff have sat down with the students where parents did not come in and reflected on progress. I know there were some concerns that there was little new information presented at the conferences and that is accepted as a function of timing, which is something we are looking at. Please feel free to e mail, phone or write with any other feedback.

The seven aside on Tuesday was a wonderful day and Mr Hagan is to be congratulated on his organisation of the day. With the structure in place, the students were able to enjoy the events supported by a large turnout of parents again. A lot of the credit for the day should also go to the students of Mr Cate's Level 1 Phys Ed class who coached teams and refereed games during the day. There were many comments on the efficiency and effectiveness of these students and well done to them. It was a big day for Mr Morrison and thanks to him (and Matt) for the work preparing the grounds and helping tidy up afterwards.

It's been a busy week for Mr Hagan with the cross country, conferences and the 7's and from the cross country, our students enjoyed the opportunity to compete against the best of Canterbury. Tom

Northcote and Brent Dalley were our top performers coming 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> respectively in the 12 year old boys which was a good effort in a field of 89. Well done to all and thanks to those who supported the team.

The PTA on Tuesday night agreed to dedicate fundraising efforts to the installation of solar heating in the pool and the provision of a heavy duty cover to ensure the swimming season could be extended at both ends. The swimming club are about to put up new fencing on the School Road side and with the school repair a leak before repainting the pool. This is another exciting development here that will benefit the school and the community. The PTA have also supported construction of the shade shelter on the primary side, the trip to Wigram, the Year 7 & 8 shade area, planting, bark in the playgrounds and students attending South Island tournaments representing Amuri. We are fortunate to have this dedicated team so please give them your support when asked.

This week we have signed a contract with Mike Rutherford Builders to complete the upgrade of H Block. This work will start very soon with a lot of paraphernalia on site and we are looking forward to bringing this block into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! It is going to require self discipline, pride, respect etc from the students when completed as the upgrade provides improved facilities and I'm sure this won't be an issue. Unfortunately there will be some disruption in the short term but we hope the wait will be worthwhile.

In the procedures under review listed elsewhere, the 'Emergency Closure of the School' is listed. There are some parts of this procedure you need to be aware of and if you have any comment on this or would like to see the whole procedure please contact us:

*'In the event of buses being sent home early, arrangements will be made as appropriate on the day using staff available. The following conditions will apply:*

- Year 10 and above students will be able to go home without pre contact being made with parents.*
- Where there is a Year 10 or above family member present, younger family members will also be able to go home.*
- Parents of students in Year 7-9 will be invited annually in Term 2, to give permission for their son/daughter to go home early (or to a neighbours/friends residence) in the event of an early closure of the school without pre contact being made with parents.*
- Students from Year 1-9 who do not meet the criteria above will only be able to go home if pre contact with parents is made and approval is given.*
- Where a Year 1-9 student's parent is not able to be contacted, they shall remain at school and further efforts to contact parents shall be made.*
- The school will make every endeavour to ring all parents if the school closes early either before or after the buses have left'*

The Year 10 – 13 Quiz was won by Mitchell again last week and today the Year 1 – 6 students showed their knowledge in their quiz. Next Friday is a mufti day with a theme of 'House Colours' - the gold coin donation this time goes to the Student Executive to support their activities. At lunchtime, the annual House Song event will be run and senior whanau leaders are organising their songs and items this coming week. It should be a lot of fun.

The Employment Skills class are out on their second work experience placement next week and this important part of their school time is eagerly awaited after a very rewarding first time out last term. We are going to have a 'lock down' drill next week to ensure we are able to cope with something we hope never happens and at assembly on Wednesday we will farewell two departing staff - Mrs Springett and Mrs Gardner. Miss Gray will be here on Monday/Tuesday to work with staff and students and the Year 12/13 Chemistry students are off to Christchurch on Tuesday with Mr Alino to complete an assessment there.

Next Friday is our annual school formal and we are again looking forward to the colour and fun of the evening at the Heritage in Hanmer. The students have been planning the event for some time and an enjoyable night for all attending should be had if the past is any guide and the usual sensible, mature and responsible attitudes are in evidence.

Then let the holidays begin...!

Neil Wilkinson  
Principal

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>JULY 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Work Experience Week <b>Term 2 Ends</b> Mufti Day – House Colours, House Songs SI Secondary Swimming SI Secondary Swimming SI Area Schools Tournament SI Netball Tournament
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	TERM 3 Begins
<b>Looking Ahead</b> <b>July 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Teacher Only Day–SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Only Day–SCHOOL CLOSED

### **Procedures for Review**

**The following procedures are currently under review, you can collect a copy from the main office if you are interested in making any suggestions:**

- Emergency Closure of the School
- Food and Nutrition
- Education Outside the Classroom
- Uniform
- Financial Assistance for Academic, Cultural and Sporting Events
- Contact with Blood or Other Fluids
- Suspensions and Stand-downs

### **40 HOUR FAMINE**

Apologies to Amuri Transport who also donated food to the 40hr Famine but were not mentioned last week.

Thank you again to everyone who helped us make it possible, it was very much appreciated. ANY FAMINE BOOKS AND MONEY STILL NOT BACK NEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE THE END OF TERM PLEASE!

Thanks, the Amuri Famine Leaders.

### **Dental Care over the School Holidays**

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Oral Health Centre, 16 Tuam Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July – Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 364 1860. Alternatively, your school dental clinic phone will have a message on how to access emergency care.



## ROLL OF HONOUR

C = Caverhill  
H = Hamilton  
M = Mitchell

	House
Michail Zwonnikoff	M
Zayne Hawkes	H
Alex Boyd	H
Laura Caceres	H
Luke Roberts	H
Sarah Johnson	C
Mairi Mackenzie	C
Seb McCarthy	C
Lachie McIntosh	H
Dawn Pirika-Coburn	M
James Smith	C
Simon Smith	C
Craig Springett	C
Henrietta Steele	H
Lucy Brustad	C
Nikki Castro	C
Rochelle Carey	C
Matt Wilkins	C
Samantha Hooper	C
Jackson Bau	C
Sam Croker	H
Claire McIntosh	H
Isabella Neill	C
Hayden O'Shea	M
Toby Sloan	M
Alex Todd	M
Nikola Van Petegem-Gorrie	H

### 1<sup>ST</sup> MERIT CERTIFICATE

Kendall Bond	M
Rachel Lambeth	M
Eli de Kwant	H
Lee-Anne Alcantara	H
Ben Guiniven	H
Joshua Jones	C
Amber Roberts	H
Isabelle Ussher	M
Mairi Mackenzie	C
Craig Springett	C
Kieran Hendry	C
Joanna Smith	C
Jared Allison	C
Rochelle Carey	C
Rachel Gudopp	C
Nadine Hendry	C
Anna Crean	M

### 2<sup>ND</sup> MERIT CERTIFICATE

Anna-Maria Bell	C
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### EASY SHOPPING – EASY FUNDRAISING AT [WWW.YOURFASTSHOP.CO.NZ](http://WWW.YOURFASTSHOP.CO.NZ)

#### 90 stores for you, fundraising for us.

Leading stores including Noel Leeming, Bond & Bond, Dominos Pizza, Dell and many more. You can shop for DVD's, fashion, holidays, baby, home, iPods, books, magazines, toys, gifts and even your groceries! Just select our school when you shop or browse.

# Senior School News

Congratulations to Josh Phillips in Year 12 who was selected to attend the NZ Army Work Experience Week at Burnham Camp during the second week of the holidays. There were a huge number of applicants this year so we are delighted that Josh passed muster and we wish him all the best for an exciting week. The Employment Skills class have their Work Experience week this coming week and again we have had very positive support from the local area placing these students. The opportunity to experience different workplaces is a valuable one and complements the work the students are doing at school. Being work ready and willing to work is absolutely essential for school leavers finding jobs in the current employment climate.

### Uniform and Footwear

The school uniform requirements state that shoes must be 'plain lace up brown or black shoes' so it goes without saying that ugg boots and slippers are neither regulation nor appropriate. Common sense suggests that sensible and sturdy footwear is the best protection against the cold as well as the potential dangers in some of the specialist rooms e.g. workshop, lab and foods room. We take the protection of students, including their feet, very seriously in this workplace.

Penny Mossman  
Deputy Principal

## House Points

Caverhill	Mitchell	Hamilton
50	44	34



## HURUNUI YOUTH PROGRAMME – 12-18 YEAR OLDS

### Hip Hop Classes

First Class in Culverden.  
Date: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 09  
Time: 3.30pm  
Place: Amuri School Gym  
Cost: \$8

### School Holidays

#### Ice Skating Trip

Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
More details to follow soon.

### Short Film/ Movie Making Course

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2009  
Time: 10am- 4pm

Where: Hurunui College – Computer Room  
Limited to 14 people so be in quick to register.

To register for any of these activities or for more information contact Sam Lynn at [sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz) or on 027 427 1087.

# FLIGHT QUEST

AT WIGRAM

MISSION, ADVENTURE, DISCOVERY!



- Simulator Training
- Discover why planes fly
  - Make Parachutes
  - Wear Flight Suits
- Enter in your own Pilot's Log Book
  - Pilot Mission Phase
    - Make Dog Tags
    - Earn your Wings

## PROGRAMME DETAILS:

**TIME:** 8.30am - 12.30pm (4 hours)

**DATES:** 6-10 and 13-17 July holidays

**AGES:** Suitable for 7 to 12 years

**COST:** \$25 per child per 4 hour program - with no extra costs!

Limited to 16 children per day and spaces will fill fast, so book today on (03) 343-9504  
or

programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz and earn your wings!

[www.airforcemuseum.co.nz](http://www.airforcemuseum.co.nz)

