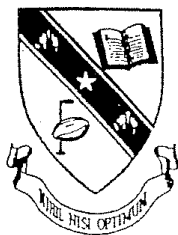


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NEWSLETTER NO 37

Week Ending 27th November 2009

Kia ora Parents and Guardians

It's been great to see the pool getting used both during school and after this week and the swimming club and PTA deserve our congratulations and thanks for their work to enable this. A media article this week highlighted the fact that many school pools are not being used and students are not getting the water skills needed as a result so we have a lot to be thankful for. Tonight the PTA thank those who donated a calf or lamb to the school for the pool fundraising effort and we hope for a fun night as the heaviest animals are identified and prizes are given out.

The Year 10 campers returned last Friday and Miss Heaps who led the camp reported that the students were an absolute pleasure to take away. This was the first time we had run the camp at this time of year and the staff have endorsed the timing for the future. It's huge thanks to Miss Heaps for her work but also to Miss den Haring, Mr Anink, Mr Facer, Mr Heuchel, Miss Brunning and Mr Vereker-Pindon along with the instructors and Matt Saunders, many thanks for your support. I'm also told that Mr Barbour led a team of choristers up on Thursday night who thoroughly enjoyed their singing session with the students! Thanks also go to the students for their cooperation and support.

We held our annual hui for the Maori parents and students on Tuesday night and checked the progress of the Maori students against the targets we set this time last year. The results were very pleasing:

Goal 1: Maori students have a 90% attendance rate. The result showed that 60% met this target and another 13% were only a breath away from it

Goal 2: Maori students will improve their asTTLe scores by 10%. The analysis showed that 85% of those eligible met this target in Reading and 54% met it in Maths.

We have yet to compare these figures against whole school rates but those present were satisfied with the results and set the same targets for 2010.

Next week sees the Canterbury Primary Athletics on Tuesday and Mr Hagan is leading a team of 21 athletes on the day there – good luck to all as you compete at the provincial level. There is a PTA meeting on Tuesday night and on Wednesday, we have our Transition afternoon where we bring the Waiau and Rotherham students down for the afternoon to complete an asTTLe Maths test before we put the students into their classes for 2010 for period 5!

On Thursday we thank those who have helped us during the year in one way or another at the Supporters Lunch and then on Friday, the equestrians amongst us get a chance to show our stuff at the annual Equestrian Day being organised by Mrs Robinson. Then it's on to the final week where we celebrate achievement over the year, hopefully with you.

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

Photo left: Josh Hickey, Andrew Forbes and Ryan Hubbard ready for tubing at Windy Point during Year 10 camp.



ROLL OF HONOUR

C = Caverhill
H = Hamilton
M = Mitchell

	House
Ethan Wadley	M
Amy Abernethy	H
Jo Murphy	H
Dimon Fomin	H
Ben Hartnell	H
Sam Kinney	H
Alice Roberts	M
Nikayla Roberts	M
Erin Summerell	H
Toby Walker	M
Sam Grigg	M
Andrew Bond	M
Samantha Nordstrom	M
Wills Tait	M
Hannah Boustridge	C

1ST MERIT CERTIFICATE

Belinda Dryden	M
Katie Abernethy	H
Michail Zwonnikoff	M
Ethan Wadley	M
Amy Abernethy	H
Jo Murphy	H
Dimon Fomin	H
Toby Walker	M
Sam Grigg	M
Andrew Bond	M
Caleb Allison	C
Jackson Bau	C
Josh Broomhall	M
Sam Croker	H
Mac Eagle	C
Claire McIntosh	H
Isabella Neill	C
Hayden O'Shea	M
Alex Todd	M

2ND MERIT CERTIFICATE

Rachel Lambeth	M
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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

DIVE INTO BOOKS!

A summer reading programme

for Primary age children held from

14 December 2008 to 30 January 2009

Enrolments start on 1st December. Join at your public library:

Amberley, Amuri, Cheviot, Hanmer Springs and Hawarden

DIVE INTO BOOKS! Your passport to:

Reading! Rewards! Fun!

A Finale Party! And...It's Free!

Bring your Library Card

Or join the library

Be Quick

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.



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.

SHAW- School Holiday Arts

Workshop

18-22nd January 2010

Amberley School

5 days of Dance- Drama- Art – Music

Ages 8-16 years

Registration forms and information available from your school office, library or the Amberley Library.

Text/phone Sam: 027 427 1087,

email:sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz

Funding and Sponsorship available for many youth.

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