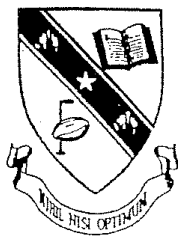


# Amuri Area School



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## Kia ora Parents and Guardians

This week we have welcomed to our staff a number of new faces. Miss Megan Jacobson from Hawarden has joined Mr Hagan and Room 5 for the next five weeks while Mrs Marilyn Johnson is working with Ms Davy in Room 10 for the same period as they train to be teachers. Mrs Jayne Bowen has started working on Thursdays for 2.5 hours a week teaching Kapa Haka and doing other work with the Maori students; Mrs Bowen comes from Christchurch but has recently been teaching at Coromandel Area School and we will be sharing her services with Hurunui College. Mr Andy Facer has joined us also and he will be working with the senior study classes to assist with NCEA preparation while also assisting staff who teach some of the Year 9 and 10 classes which by our standards are quite large. We hope all enjoy their time with us.

As our senior netball team travel to Timaru to play in the South Island Secondary Schools tournament this weekend, we are able to reflect on success in the Hurunui competition by the Culverden Senior B netball team and the Waiau C grade team, both of whom are made up by students from school. Well done to all and we know the team led by Debbie Williamson and Caroline Eastmond will give nothing but their best for the four days of the tournament.

Along with Skye Bunt, Taylah Eagle, Bryton Simpson, Sarah Johnson, Nikki Castro and Anna Crean, I had a lot of fun singing in 'Leonard and the Lottery Ticket' last Saturday. The show was a light hearted entertainment and thanks to Mr Mark Walton who invited us to be a part of the performance - thanks also to the parents who attended and enjoyed the orchestra and singers.

The sports exchange with Hurunui College went well despite strong winds on Wednesday and thanks to Mr Cate for his usual impeccable organisation. All games were played in good spirits and the results are listed elsewhere. A special thanks to the parents and

friends who came along and supported teams – there was an excellent presence of supporters at all games.

Trust is the school value we are highlighting for the remainder of the term and the need for trust in relationships was reinforced at assembly on Wednesday. The need for trust has been highlighted this week as students took possession of the new lockers and corridor area in H Block – we are working without locks on lockers and we trust that the state of the lockers will remain as they are now in the years to come. Recently there have been some disappointing incidents where trust has been broken and for some, we are in a rebuilding phase at present. But that is no reason for us to give up trusting each other totally and for 99% of us, the bond of trust is evident and obvious.

It has been pleasing to call into Room 2 at times recently and see a group of senior students listening to the new entrants read and generally helping Miss Hoban and the students. The seniors have study at this time and it highlights one of the advantages an Area School offers and I'm sure both parties are gaining from the experience.

The timetable for Year 10 – 13 exams in the week September 14 – 18 has now been finalised and I hope students at these levels are preparing for the assessments which are aimed to prepare them for NCEA by identifying areas of strength and weakness. The Year 11 – 13 students will have exam leave in this week while the Year 10 students remain at school for 2 hour papers in Maths, Science, English, Social Studies, Information Processing and a practical food exam for those in this option.

Congratulations to musicians Jamie Michelle (4), Emma Gardner (3), Denver Adams (3) and Louise Schwass (2) who recently passed their practical music exams, with Emma and Louise gaining Merit in their grades.

Best wishes also to Gerard Beaven who heads off to a voyage on the Spirit of Adventure next week. This will be one of the highlights of 2009 for Gerard amongst a busy year for him.

Neil Wilkinson  
Principal



## ROLL OF HONOUR

C = Caverhill  
H = Hamilton  
M = Mitchell

	House
Hayley Campbell	M
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> MERIT CERTIFICATE</b>	
Luke Roberts	H
Skye Bunt	C
Emma Gardner	H
Andrew Murdoch	H
Kim Scott	H
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> MERIT CERTIFICATE</b>	
Luke Roberts	H

## REAL HEROES?

Comedy Show with Mayor Tim Shadbolt  
and Gary McCormick

\$45.00

7:00pm, Friday 4 September  
WAIAU COMMUNITY HALL

Drinks Available

Supper Provided

Tickets available from:

Grant and Emma Duncan  
Phone: (03) 315 6510

Email: grantemma@clear.net.nz

Michelle Forbes  
Phone: (03) 315 6219



Congratulations to all those who participated in the ICAS Science exam. You all did exceptionally well.

The results were as follows:

### High Distinction

Louise Schwass

### Distinction

Craig Springett

Belinda Dryden

### Credit

Denver Adams

Jim Smith

Hamish Lambeth

Tom Gudopp

### Participation

Jaclyn Smith

Aleisha Smith

Fergus McIntosh

Lucy Brustad

Jamie Michelle

Nicole Eastmond

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 <sup>th</sup>	CSS One Day Horse Trial
30 <sup>th</sup> Aug-3 Sep	SISS Netball Tournament
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime Activity-Karaoke
	2010 Senior Course Booklet Distributed
9 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening 5-7pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime Activity-Y9-13 Talent Quest
	Senior Course Selections Close
14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Work Experience Week
	Year 10-13 Exams
18 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime Activity-Y7&8 Talent Quest
21 <sup>st</sup>	Got to go Day - Y9 & 10
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	CASAfest
25 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime Activity-Y1-6 Talent Quest
	Term 3 Ends
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Term 4 Begins
Looking Ahead	
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Only Day-SCHOOL CLOSED



## Amuri Area School Open Evening

Come and see our school in action on Wednesday night, September 9<sup>th</sup>, between 5pm and 7pm. See performance items by students, displays of student work and learning in style. A programme with a timetable of performance items will be issued at the gate and there is no cost to get in!

## South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament

Raffle Results

Congratulations to Curtis Morgan holder of ticket #12

## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you again to all those generous students and their families who filled a shoebox for children in the Pacific Islands for Christmas 2008.

**NB!** It's that time again!

Forms showing what can be included in the boxes are available, as are shoeboxes. Please let Chrystal, in the senior office, or your child's teacher know if you would like a box. These will be issued the final week of Term 3 and must be handed in Week 1 of Term 4.

This is a great holiday project and we know personally how much these gifts are appreciated!

Year 10 student, Leah Hawkes, received a thank you letter from the young girl who had been given the box she sent.

Many thanks, Diana Turner

# Senior School News

## Exams

All students from Year 10 – 13 will be involved in exams during week 9.

## Years 11-13.

For the 11-13 students this week of 'practice' exams and further assessment opportunities is very important. In the case of the practice externals should a student find themselves in circumstances at the end of the year where they require compassionate consideration the exam result will be taken into account. Where the exam is another assessment opportunity this will be the only time that the student can sit or redo this assessment in 2009.

Students will be issued with exam timetables later this week with very clear instructions about times and venues. The 11-13 students are not required at school during exam week outside their assessment slots.

## Year 10

All students are required at school as normal during exam week, the Year 10 sessions are timetabled throughout the week. The conditions under which the exams are held will be the same as the NCEA externals which will give the students this valuable experience before next year. The purpose of the year 10 exams is two fold:

1. It establishes where a student is at in the core subjects and what 'gaps' may need to be addressed before Year 11.
2. Results will be used to assist subject selection and course planning for 2010 .

It is important that the every Year 10 student understands that everything they are doing at school is counting towards their future. All decisions have consequences therefore taking responsibility and ownership of learning and behaviour is a necessity not an option for future success.

*"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice, it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to achieve"* William Jennings Bryan

## NCEA Fees

All families will have received an invoice from the school for their NCEA fees. Please make sure they are paid by the due date as we are a collection agency for NZQA and they are very strict with deadlines. Non payment of fees means results and the Record of Achievement will not be available for the student until the payment, plus penalty is paid.

Penny Mossman  
Deputy Principal

## AIR FORCE MUSEUM of New Zealand

### September – October Holiday Programme

Pstst.... Hey YOU.... Yeah YOU.... Want to be a Spy these holidays?

Come along to the Air Force Museum's September School Holiday Programme **Spygames@Wigram** and you will get to.... attend a Secret Code Workshop, learn about Observation and Deduction in the 'Pacific', make a Secret Service Badge, learn Tracking Skills and carry out real-life Surveillance. Then use your new skills to complete a number of challenges in order to achieve your mission.

TIME: 8.30am – 3.00 pm DATES: 28-30 Sep, 1, 2 & 5-9 Oct AGES: 5-12 years, COST: \$35 per day per child, or \$170 per week with NO added costs. Limited to 15 children per day and spaces will fill fast, so book today on (03) 343 9583 or [programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz](mailto:programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz) and be a Spy these holidays.



### Leadership Camp

Calling anyone interested in attending a 3 day leadership camp in December 09. You must be going into Year 12 or Year 13 next year and want to be involved in the Hurunui Youth Programme with particular focus on being a leader. Spaces are limited so please express your interest now.

### Stone Carving Sculpture Course

These school holidays enjoy a two day stone carving course taught 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!

To register for these events or for more information please contact Sam Lynn on 0274271087 or email [sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz)