

Amuri Area School



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NEWSLETTER NO 3

Week Ending 17th February 2012

Kia ora Parents and Guardians

The best laid plans of mice and men went astray this week with the postponement of the swimming sports but I guess we should not have been surprised given the weather we have experienced in recent weeks. Postponement to today did cause some issues for some students but there were a variety of reasons for waiting until today, none the least being the fact that Waiiau Primary had their sports scheduled for yesterday and we were anxious not to clash with them.

On Monday this week after school, Mr Anink, Rex and Keith Youngman and the Year 12/13 Carpentry class travelled up to the school lodge at Windy Point and spent Monday night and Tuesday closing in the area between the two arms of the lodge to provide a larger weatherproof area. According to the adults, the boys were very impressive in their work and all were amazed at the level of proficiency shown which enabled the group to get back to school earlier than expected. Thanks to all and this improved facility will enhance our asset there. And a reminder, that if you ever wish to travel up and stay at the lodge, you are most welcome to do so – book and get keys through the school at a cost of \$10 pp a night.

Yesterday seven of our senior students started their programme of Multi-trades at the Polytechnic or Primary Industries through a programme arranged by Mrs Mossman for the first half of the year. This is an exciting opportunity for these students but does require some arranging especially with transport to town. The Multi-trade students (3), need to be taken down on Thursday mornings and brought home Friday afternoons and while parents are helping with this, we are in need of people prepared to drive them down in the school van and either stay down there or come back. Please do phone the office if you could help on the odd occasion.

We also have a number of senior students out on Gateway placement (8) starting this week and thanks to local employers for giving these students the opportunity to work in their work-place and acquire new skills. Gateway is an established part of many secondary schools programmes now and it's great to have so many students out one day a week experiencing life in an area of interest to them.

Our fabulous PTA met this week and resolved to support the school's planning through a substantial contribution to the school's budget. Items for support were identified and these included:

- Travel assistance for students attending sports, Maths and Science events and the usual Primary trip at the end of the year
- A new scholarship similar to the McMillan scholarship
- Assistance with camp fees for those needing support
- The provision of further laptops for the primary rooms
- Various items for the Reading room now that it has been relocated to the refurbished Dental Clinic which was in fact a PTA funded project too
- A jellybean table for Room 2!
- A digital camera for the Photography department
- Replacement of the bollards in the car park with the provision of seating as a part of the new ones
- Various curtain requests around the school
- Costs for bringing a speaker from Methcon to outline the facts and dangers of methamphetamine or P as it is better known

Shortly you will receive from the PTA a small 'gift' in the mail so look out for this in the next couple of weeks!

The Board met on Wednesday night and adopted a charter along with a budget that means we will be dipping into our reserves this year. Our financial position however is strong and there are no concerns over the need to adopt a deficit budget to fund desired activities - the PTA have certainly helped out in this regard. As well as reviewing the favourable NCEA results, they also established a uniform committee under Jen Le Pine's guidance to look into comments made at the consultation meetings last year so you can expect to hear more from her group in the near future.

The first of our camps are away next week and we wish the Year 9 students, the Year 12/13 Outdoor Ed class and the staff going all the best for the four days at Windy Point. We all have our fingers crossed for some summer weather but under Mrs Galletly's guidance, I'm sure it will be a great camp regardless of the weather.

We also have a group of swimmers at Canterbury Country High Schools Swimming (CCHS) on Monday and best of luck to this team. Best wishes also to the volleyball players who start their competition with Christchurch schools on Monday. The St Andrews musicians who travel to Hanmer annually for a weekend of rehearsals will be here at 11.20 on Monday to give a concert – please feel welcome to come along and join us for what is always a very polished performance.

Neil Wilkinson
Principal

Despite ordering new School Polar Fleeces on the 6th December 2011 we are still awaiting their arrival. We apologize to those students/parents who have ordered and paid for Polar Fleeces. Unfortunately it is out of our hands but we have been told they should be here in around two weeks. Thank you for your understanding.

HARRIS MEATS

A big thanks to Brian Harris and Harris Meats for their continued support of Amuri Area School. The Science department very much appreciates their generosity and provision of resources to be used in lessons.

Youth Club Meeting

Friday March 9th 7.00pm

Amuri Area School, Community Room.

If you are interested in Youth Club continuing on Fridays, come along and show your support. Toby is happy to continue running these sessions but only with parent help. This meeting should take no more than an hour so please come along to help set activity program and parent help rosters.

Toby 315 6172

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17 th	Welcome to Amuri Evening
20 th	CCHS Swimming
21 st -24 th	Year 9 Camp
28 th	HPSSA Swimming
3 rd Mar	Amuri Show
7 th -9 th	Year 7 Camp
12 th	HPSSA Triathlon
13 th	CSS Athletics Prelims
16 th	CCHS Music Day
17 th	CSS Athletics
19 th	CSS Golf
20 th	PTA
22 nd	CSS Swimming Finals
26 th	Parent/Student/Staff Conferences Year 4-13 BOT (Day)
27 th	HPSSA Softball/T Ball
29 th	CPSSA Swimming



Bronze Medallion, Bronze Star + Award of Merit Swimming/Lifesaving courses

The internationally recognised Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion award aims to develop the level of knowledge, judgement, technique and physical ability required to carry out safe water rescues.

HYP are offering the following:

- Bronze Star training course for under 14 year olds
- Bronze Medallion for 14 years and over
- Award of Merit Training for those who already have their B.M Award

Two day Training Course Dates: **Saturday 11th and Saturday 18th February 2012**

Will be held at the Amberley Swimming Pool – Douglas Road

Assessment date: 25th February

Course Cost= \$20

Assessment Cost= Approx. \$25

Register online at hyp.hurunui.govt.nz or collect a registration form from the Amberley Library, Amberley Pool or contact Sam

Culverden Pool Party

Friday 17th February

Culverden Swimming Pool

3.30-6pm

BBQ, Swimming, Games, Music and Spot Prizes

Just \$3 entry

Check out all that is HYP on the new website – hyp.hurunui.govt.nz

PGG Wrightson Cash for Communities

Between 7 February and 31 May when you purchase Agri-Nutrients fertiliser or selected agri-chemicals or seed on your PGG Wrightson account you can earn cash for your school.

Primary School News

All the children have settled back into school and classroom routines and programmes are up and running. It is great to see all the old faces back and we welcome all the new children. We hope they are enjoying our school. The Skate Park is being used and enjoyed by them all. The children are encouraged to bring their named scooters/skateboards/rollerblades to use at first and second breaks.

Swimming

Our Primary children are being instructed by Tania Jones and Janet Murphy each Monday and Tuesday and then by their class teacher, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 12.00-1.20pm. Please ensure named togs and towels are brought to school every day, regardless of what the weather looks like in the morning!!

The **Primary Swimming Sports** will be held on Wednesday 29th February so please mark on your calendars now. These involve all our 5 classrooms and it will be great to see you all here. Further details closer to this day.

The MainPower Primary Coaching people are each week coaching Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 on Tee ball/Softball skills in preparation for the tournament on Tuesday March 27th (Week 9).

We do not have any articles of clothing in the Lost Property Box as yet – long may it last. Please name everything so we can maintain this.

Sunhats are to be worn by all children for Terms 1 & 4.

We are noticing the children are bringing “toys” to school – we really do not encourage this as they seem to cause upsets when broken, borrowed or lost!

Parent Helps are needed, especially in the Junior rooms, so don't be scared to volunteer for this, either on a regular or casual basis.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year.

The Primary Team
Lee Cleeve

St John Penguins –starts 29th February 2012

Penguins is for 6-8 year olds, a St John programme which runs each Wednesday from 3pm – 4.30pm at the St John rooms beginning this term on Wednesday 29th February . We have several vacancies and look forward to some new children joining us. Please phone me on 3157925 for information and enrolment details.
Sarah Gardiner



JAZZ DANCE CLASSES

Fun, affordable, casual dance classes!
For 3 - 15 year olds
Develop dance skills, coordination, confidence
& dance vocabulary!

If you love to dance bring your friends and come along to try out your first lesson for FREE!
From 3.15pm, Wednesday.

Located at the Rotherham Hall.
\$40 - \$90 per term, starting Feb 8th.
Enrolments are welcome after this date.

Contact: Christina Bond
Text: 0273674702 Call: 03 9440883
Email bodypulse@hotmail.co.nz

Diving Results 2012

Open Primary Boys

1st - Josh Jones
2nd - Jordan Stark

U12 ½ Boys

1st = Caleb Allison
1st = Ma'son Simpson

U15 Boys

1st - Liam Brown

Open Primary Girls

1st - Emma Hartnell
2nd - Georgia Benton

U14 Boys

1st - Grice Adams
2nd - Harry Hall

Over 15 Boys

1st - Matt Hickey
2nd - Nigel Williams

Amberley Football Club Registration Days

Masters, Women and Grade Players
Saturday 18 February 2012
2-4pm, Amberley Domain
and

Sunday 19 February 2012
2-4pm, Culverden School Gymnasium
Subs required on the day
\$180 seniors
\$80 child

\$50 subsequent child
Subs paid in full on the day go in the draw to win \$100 cash

Coaches, referees and managers needed.
New members very welcome.

Any queries please contact
Rachel Anderson
Phone 03 3143531
or 0275143531

If you have not filled this form out and returned it to school please do so now.

Dear Parents

The information below is vital to the school. We need to be able to make contact with you or your child/children's emergency contact in case of illness or emergency.

Please fill in the form below so we can check that the details we have for your child/children are correct and send it back to school ASAP.

Student Name/s _____

Parents Names _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone Mum _____

Cell Phone Dad _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact

Name _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Relationship to child/children _____

Many Thanks from the Office Staff at Amuri Area School