



Amuri Area School



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Nothing But The Best*



Raising Achievement; Realising Potential; Encouraging Excellence

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NEWLETTER NO. 2

Week 2

Week Ending 8th February 2019

Tena koutou katoa

Swimming Champs

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at our annual swimming champs with race 1 starting at 9.10am. You can find the full programme for the day on our app. Let us hope for a continuation of the fine weather we have been having. We do have some shade available for students although there may not be enough for all spectators so a shade umbrella is recommended.

Policy Review

For parents and families new to the school you can engage with the policy review of the school using the school docs interface. To engage with this process follow the instructions below:-

1. Visit the website
<http://amuri.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (amuri) and password (area).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

This term the Policies for review are:-

Term 1 2019

School Swimming Pool

Alcohol / Drugs and Other Harmful Substances

Cyber Safety Workshop Wednesday 13th February at 7pm

This workshop will attempt to equip you as parents and caregivers with the skills to manage the perils of an online world. It is true to say that due to increased popularity of social media, this has opened up a whole new way for students to engage in positive and at times, less than positive ways. This event is funded by the Red Cross as part of our ongoing Wellbeing initiative and we would love to see you there in the Community Room.

Year 9 and 10 Football Tour

This tour to five Westcoast schools over five days heads away in March. Trials for this MIXED team will take place on Thursday 14th February after school with more information available from the office.

Best wishes from us all to one of our teachers, Sarah Helmore, who will be participating in the Coast to Coast this weekend. An inspiration for us all!

Kia Kitea Toikaka

James Griggs

Principal

Thanks so much to FIL for supporting us this year by supplying Chlorine for our pool. Such a great community we live in!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ICAS	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
HPSSA	Hurunui Primary Schools Sports Association Canterbury Country High Schools
CASA	Canterbury Area Schools Association

FEBRUARY '19

12th	Swim Champs
13th	Attitude Cyber Safety Yrs 7/8 @ 12:20pm / Yrs 9-13 @ 2:00pm
14th	Yrs 9-10 Football Trials
19th	Attitude Cyber Parents – 7pm
21st	Science in a Van
22nd	Senior Athletics
26th	Primary Swim Display
27th	CCHS Swimming
28th	Hamilton Assembly @ 10:00am HPSSA Swimming

MARCH '19

1st	1500m races
2nd	Amuri A&P Show, Rotherham
4th	3000m races
6th – 8th	Year 7 Camp
7th	CCHS Athletics
11th	Hurunui Zone Duathlon
14th	Science Roadshow
18th – 20th	Year 9 Camp
25th	PTA Meeting @ 3:30pm
25th – 27th	Life Education Visit
25th – 29th	Year 9/10 Football Tour – West Coast
29th	SISS Athletics

Junior School News 8th Feb 2019

Dear Parents and Whanau

There are many new students who have joined us in Years 1-8 and I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome all of them to Amuri Area School. The last two weeks have been a settling in period while teachers establish their classroom routines and the students get to know their classmates and teachers. The teaching staff has some new faces too. I would like to welcome Renet Van Der Merwe to our Primary Team. Renet is an experienced teacher and has just arrived with her family from South Africa. She has already started fulltime in Te Kooti, working with Denise Johnson and Tori McCulloch. I'd also like to welcome back Harriet Bremner who is working in Tekoa with Room 4. Harriet is working four days and Dee Shanks will be working one day with this class. Dee is returning part time from maternity leave and it's great to see her back at Amuri. Welcome to you all!

Formal standardised testing in Reading, Writing and Maths will begin in the next fortnight and we are working with our assessment timetable to ensure that our learners are not inundated with tests and to allow for other events to occur.

Tuesday 12th of February are our school swimming sports which are for all swimmers who can swim a length of our school pool. Teachers have been working with the students who have entered, practising for their events. Please check with your child as to whether they are entered in these sports. First place-getters from these sports in Years 4-8 will qualify for the HPSSA (Hurunui Zone) swimming sports in late February. Wednesday 27th February is our primary swimming display and will involve all students in Years 1-6. The students will be earning points for their Whanau and are for swimmers of all levels.

Now that we are swimming, please make sure your child has their swimming togs and a towel each day at school. We only get a short time for our children to make progress with their swimming skills so we need to make the most of the time we have. Every day counts!

Thank you to all Parents and Whanau who have supplied their children with hats. We promote being Sun Smart in Terms 1 and 4 and hats when outside are compulsory for Years 1-8. There are several children who are wearing caps which, whilst they are hats, are not suitable in providing enough shade to protect the neck and ears. Please encourage your children to wear a wide brimmed hat to school. We do have them available in the school office for \$12.00. Also please make sure your child's hat is named!

Finally, please put Tuesday March 12th in your diary as this is the date for our Years 1-8 Meet the Teacher meetings. All Years 1-8 teachers will be doing a short presentation on their classroom programme and expectations. These will be timetabled to allow for parents to attend as many presentations as they need to. The presentations will be scheduled between 3pm and 5pm. More information will be sent home closer to this date.

Nga mihi
Kylee Habgood

ABSENCES: If your child / children are to be absent from school, can you please advise the office first thing in the morning. A message can be left on the answerphone, otherwise an e-mail via the app. If your child is running late for school, they **MUST** sign in at the Office upon arrival. Unless we are advised, our absence programme will send out a notification to you to say that they aren't here, when in fact they are.

HEAD LICE

Please check your child/children for head lice as there is an epidemic at present.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL REPORTS

At the end of last term there was a problem with our Student Management System (SMS) regarding sending school reports. It appears that some of the emails may have gone to people's junk mailbox and some just didn't get sent at all!

Reports are also published to our **Parent Portal** on our SMS Edge, **these are accessible through an app which should be downloaded – instructions are included in this newsletter.**

Our IT technician has worked on the issue and tests will be made to ensure it is working correctly.

Unfortunately, once reports have been published, they cannot be resent as a bulk email deployment. Therefore, please access them through the **Parent Portal**.

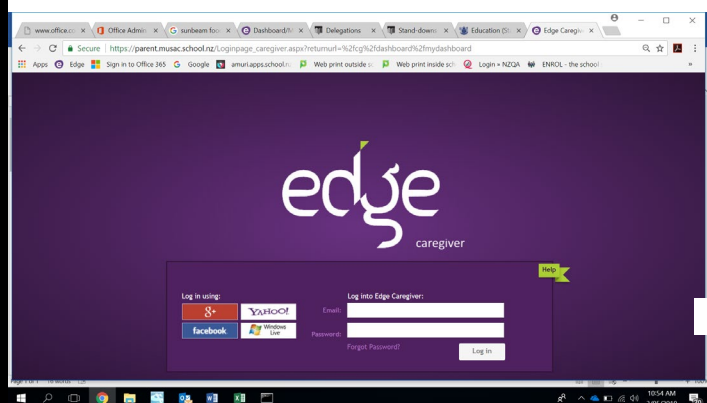
If you are unable to download this app, please contact the office and we will email you copies of reports.

Thank you for your patience.

Melanie Phillips
Office Manager

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS TO ACCESS THE PARENT PORTAL (MUSAC EDGE)

1. Google - Edge Caregiver login:



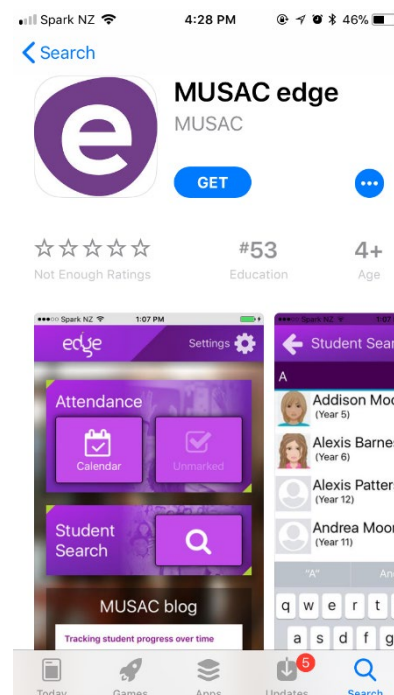
2. Type in your email address (you should have registered this with us) and **press FORGOT PASSWORD.**
3. A link will be sent to your email, follow those instructions. Once you have done this log out of Edge online.

4. Download the MUSAC Edge app from the app store on to your mobile phone.
5. Login to the downloaded app with the email address and password you just set up on the online version.
6. Enter a 4-digit pin (which you make up, if it asks for one).

The app is then ready to go!

If you do not have any information showing, you will need to register your email address with us. Please send an email to

office@amuri.school.nz with the words EDGE in the subject line and we will add it to our SMS programme. We will send you a brief email once we have loaded it. (If it still doesn't work, try deleting the app and reloading it.)



SENIOR STUDY DAY YEARS 10-13 MONDAY 13TH MAY 2019 ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE CHRISTCHURCH



Run by Academy Conferences in association with Oxford and Cambridge Universities UK.

The aim of this study day is to help students to:

- Improve their thinking skills
- Begin to be able to identify what is fundamental from what is trivial
- Become intellectually creative
- Identify assumptions and distinguish between good and poor arguments
- Think systematically and rigorously about relevant modern-day issues

Topics include:

- The Psychology of Outstanding Achievement,
- Knowing what you Know and What you Don't Know,
- Politics of Tolerance and Freedom,
- Philosophy, Love and Relationships and
- The Big Debate: This house believes that students should not be allowed cell phones in school.

For further information visit
<https://www.academyconferences.com/index.php/gif ted-and-talented-students/au-nz-programme>

Cost **\$45** per student plus travel costs, **\$55 in total**.

If you are interested, please email
susan@amuri.school.nz before the 21st February.

Permission should be sought from subject teachers to attend this day.

Susan Ibbetson
Extension Coordinator

2019 PIANO LESSONS

Have you ever thought about giving your child the opportunity to learn the Piano? Why not start now?



Learning a musical instrument has many proven benefits.

Some of these many benefits include ~

- Improved hand-eye co-ordination
- Memory
- Creative thinking
- Problem solving
- Language skills
- Confidence
- Discipline
- Patience
- Perseverance
- Communication
- Emotional well being

Piano and theory lessons are available every Thursday and Friday at Amuri Area School. If your child is interested in learning to play I would love to hear from you. Private lesson tutoring is available for 30 minute sessions.

I am keen to share my passion for music with your children. I am currently teaching at Woodend School, Amuri Area School, Hurunui College and Kaiapoi North School.

For all enquires please contact Andrea Hooper.

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Bus Safety on the Road



**“20km either way”
when passing a
stationery school bus**



Lily was playing with the maths books, then she fell asleep in an empty cubby hole. Now she's in the reading book box!