



Amuri Area School



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Week 5

Week Ending 1st March 2019

Tena koutou katoa

Upgrades and Improvements

It was great to see ground breaking for our multi turf on the senior side this week and we celebrate this week installing five more heat pumps meaning all our teaching spaces are now air conditioned to manage the changeable Culverden climate. Next week is looking like another hot week so students in rooms 20-22 will now have a cool climate for maximum concentration and learning to take place. We now have the admin block and the gym to transfer to a heat pump system before we can finally decommission the old boiler on the senior side once and for all.

Trips

A busy week for trips with year 6 having a wonderful day bushwalking and of course our competitors in the Hurunui Zone Swimming champs. Today our younger students head out for a farm visit. Thanks to all the staff and parents involved in making these trips happen. We could not offer these wonderful experiences without your help and planning. Our senior swimmers also made a great showing at the annual CCHS zone swimming champs in Rangiora on Tuesday. We look forward to receiving the confirmed results.

Uniform

As the colder weather moves in we see the return of the notorious hoody in the mornings. Sending your child to school without correct uniform sets them up for conflict with teachers who are working hard to enforce our uniform policy. This is completely avoidable and we ask for your support in this matter. For seniors a white thermal under a white shirt with our red jumper and black shell jacket is a very warm

combination and looks great. The older style green fleeces are still fine to wear and we have many of these at the office students can access at little to no cost whilst we are in the transition period this year. Please check your child as they leave the house to avoid this situation.

Year 7 Camp heads out next week and the weather is looking great. We hope you have an awesome time and best of luck to all competitors at the end of season swimming championships at Amberley Pool on Sunday.

For parents with students in years 1-8 make sure you put **March 12th** in your diary for the annual meet the teacher event here at school and although not yet confirmed, on **Tuesday 26th March** the joint Unions of the PPTA and NZEI have signalled a paid union meeting which will almost certainly necessitate an early closing of the school on that day. I will confirm this in the next newsletter if I have confirmation.

Have a great weekend

Kia Kitea Toikaka

James Griggs
Principal



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Our first senior athletic sports ran very smoothly and successfully last Thursday and participation levels were very pleasing. Great to see some records being broken – well done to those students. On a novel note Caverhill really did think outside the square presenting their house as a giant Eve apple for the most colourful house competition and yes, they finally picked up the prize.

As the year progresses there are many opportunities for students to be involved in sporting and cultural events where they are representing the school. The junior football team head off on tour this term and it is good to see students taking the opportunity to be part of these events, Both the Area School Trials and Casafest are coming up and we know many students will put their names forward to be part of these popular events. In all these activities students are representing the school so it is timely to remind everyone that students who do not consistently model the values of the school will not be considered.

This year we have 15 Year 11-13 students studying courses on line through Net NZ all of whom I am relieved to say are finally connected to their courses. The initial set up period was longer than hoped due to a change by Net NZ to the google addresses used. On line learning is a very effective way to learn but it does require students to be very self-motivated and able to manage time well as they do not have teacher supervision for their allocated periods. So far, I have had to remind some students of the expectations around unsupervised learning, but I am confident they will all settle accordingly.

The term is now well advanced, and assessment is getting underway, so it really is ‘business’ time all the time. All NCEA students have been given an NCEA Assessment Policy and Procedures book to take home for both students and parents to read. This is an important document as the rules around NCEA are set by the Qualifications Authority and there are many things to be aware of e.g. what constitutes an unjustified absence for an assessment. Please take time to familiarise yourselves with this book. Students also have an Authenticity Sheet that needs a parent signature - these should be returned promptly as no grades can be awarded without this sheet signed off. It covers students for all subject areas. We are always aware that many parents struggle with understanding NCEA so please do contact me if you need anything explained and make sure you have downloaded the free NCEA Guide app.

Finally, as we begin to experience colder weather it is very disappointing to see the odd hoody creeping in. We have an excellent school jacket, jersey and cardigan so there is choice, plus thermals of the same colour as the shirts can be worn underneath. We will not accept hoodies in school so please do not let your child wear one

- pride in our uniform is an example of modelling the school values and wearing it correctly demonstrates pride and respect. Our new uniform worn well really does look good.

Penny Mossman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ICAS	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
HPSSA	Hurunui Primary Schools Sports Association
CCHS	Canterbury Country High Schools
CASA	Canterbury Area Schools Association
MARCH '19	
1 st	1500m races
2 nd	Amuri A&P Show, Rotherham
4 th	3000m races
6 th -8 th	Year 7 Camp, Hanmer Springs
11 th	Hurunui Zone Duathlon
13 th	CCHS Athletics
14 th	Science Roadshow
16 th	4 & 8 Hour Mountainbike Event, Hanmer
18 th -20 th	Year 9 Camp, Windy Point
25 th	PTA Meeting @ 3:30pm
25 th -27 th	Life Education Visit
25 th -29 th	Year 9/10 Football Tour, West Coast
29 th	SISS Athletics
APRIL '19	
2 nd	HPSSA T-Ball
3 rd	SS Swimming
4 th	Caverhill Assembly @ 10am
4 th	School Photos
5 th	Huxter MB Race – Years 5-8
10 th -12 th	CASAfest @ Hurunui College
11 th	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
12 th	Term 1 ends
29 th	Term 2 begins

Calling all fantastic writers:

Would you like to make friends with someone your age in Africa? Then read on.....



One of the Extension extra curricula activities I am offering this year is the opportunity to take part in a pen friend initiative with a group of disadvantaged children in South Africa.

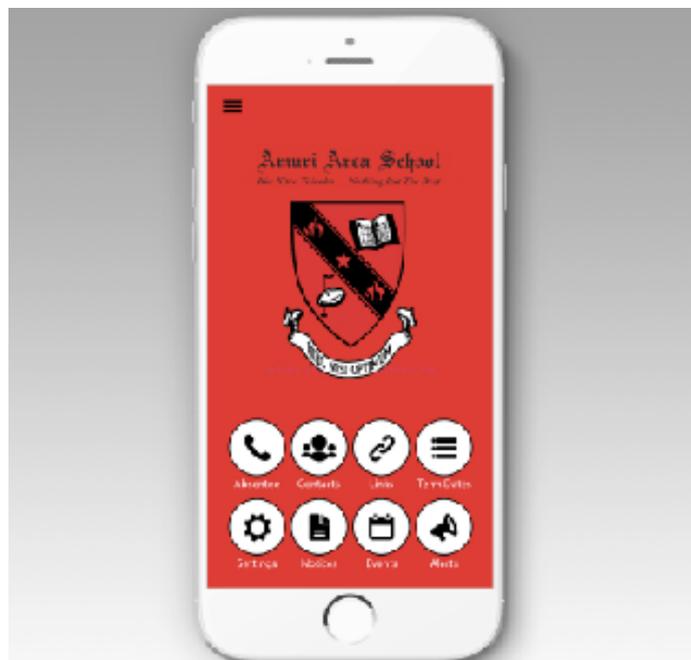


In January I visited the Kliptown Youth Program. Please take a few moments to visit their website: <https://www.kliptownyouthprogram.org.za/>

My aim is not to participate in fund-raising at this stage. I aim to promote traditional letter writing skills and hope that the students will share their experiences and gain more awareness of the differences and similarities between our cultures. I previously ran a similar scheme in the UK, so I am experienced in this, and know how much happiness it brought to students in both countries. I have been involved with programmes supporting and mentoring disadvantaged children in Soweto for the past 5 years and have visited them four times.

If you are year 7 or above and are interested in taking part in this scheme, which is free of charge, please see me in Room 22 or email susan@amuri.school.nz for more information and a parental consent letter.

Susan Ibbetson
Extension Coordinator



Amuri Area School now has a School App!

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and Search Amuri Area School to download the App to your phone or tablet.

Amuri Area School PTA Lamb Fundraiser



Welcome to 2019 and the new look Annual Lamb Fundraiser

For families new to the school this is an annual fundraiser where lambs are donated by our community and sold to market with the proceeds going to the Amuri PTA which then supports financial requests from the BOT and school for those special "we couldn't do it without you items" as diverse as Kapa Haka uniforms, sports trips, electronic devices, guest speakers for students and parents, learning resources and electronics.

Any school families are welcome to donate a lamb - maybe that cute little bottle-fed lamb that isn't so cute anymore or downsizing the lifestyle flock.

Or if you prefer to 'stick to your knitting' there is also the opportunity for donation of goods/services - things that you are expert at - that can be used as prizes at the combined calf and lamb celebration prize giving. A monetary donation is also gratefully received to assist with the running of the prize giving evening.

So, there's a way to be involved for every school family and all are more than welcome to be a part of this successful fundraiser that provides support to the school and enriches the learning of all our children / grandchildren.

Organising is well under way and the list of lambs pledged from our generous families is growing. Many of our supporters no longer even have children at Amuri Area School or are now supporting their families next generation of students.

Lamb pickup day is the week commencing 18th March 2019.

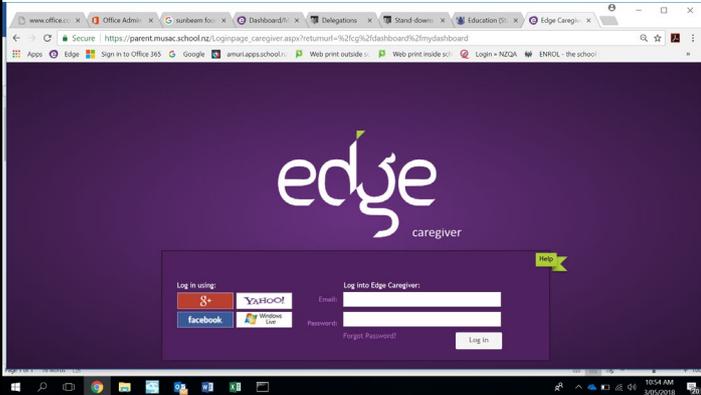
If you are keen to contribute in any way, please drop Charlotte an email at charlottehastings@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your support.

To enable you to access your students reports this year, you will need to download the following app:

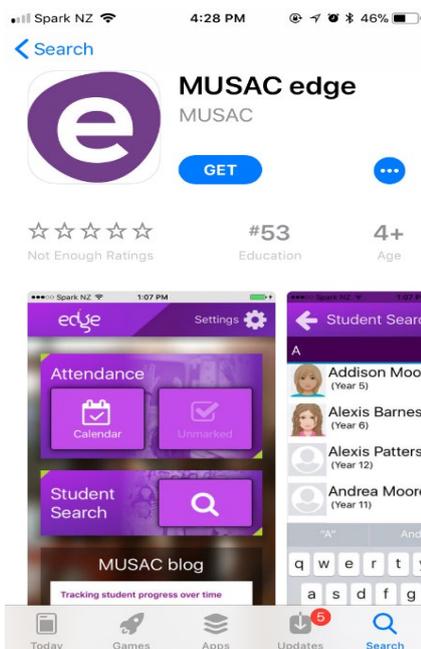
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS TO ACCESS THE PARENT PORTAL (MUSAC EDGE)

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).

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.)



The app is then ready to go !!

This term the Policies for review are:-

Term 1 2019

School Swimming Pool

Alcohol / Drugs and Other Harmful Substances

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.



Sign up for Football !

YRS 1-4

If you are Year 1-4 and are interested in football then Hurunui schools are organising a winter competition on Saturdays!! For all boys and girls, with hubs based in Amberley, Hawarden (Hurunui Area), Culverden (Amuri) and Waipara. To register your interest please email Tim Kelly tk@hurunuicollege.school.nz There will be 5 a side with Years 1-2 and then moving to bigger pitch with teams of Years 3-4. First game begins on 6th of May !

Competitive Football

If you were born in 2010 or are older then Hurunui Rangers FC is putting together teams into the Mainland Canterbury competition. Please register online <https://www.hurunuirangers.org.nz/register> or for any questions please email Nik Mavromatis president@hurunuirangers.org.nz or look us up on Facebook