



# Amuri Area School



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Nothing But The Best*



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## **Tena koutou katoa**

The cold weather has certainly hit this week. We have a lot of senior students turning up to school with very little in the way of layers on so now would be a good time to invest in those warm uniform options. Please ensure we have the most up to date contact details should we need to close the school for a snow event in the near future.

## **PTA**

Our PTA will be busy once again tonight putting on the annual Farmlands function alongside our Area Schools sports students and SISS Netball Team. This is a huge undertaking and once again I would like to thank them for all they do not only for our school but also to provide such a service to our community.

## **Reading Together**

Another great night on Wednesday where participants braved the cold to spend time in the library with a focus on choosing appropriate books for their child. Thanks to all that came along to support their child's development. Only two weeks to go and you will all be fully armed to take your children to the next level. Thanks to JJ in the library for her continued support and of course to Alison Nimmo as facilitator supported by Charlotte Campbell on the night. This course was oversubscribed which is a real indication of the level of engagement our parents have with their children.

## **Parent Teacher Evening**

I hope you have all managed to secure bookings using our online system. If you are in anyway stuck, please call the office and we can book for you.

## **School Football Team**

Our Year 7-9 team had a wonderful game this week against Cheviot Area School ..... We are looking forward to the away game in Cheviot next Thursday.

## **Turf Update**

The turf is laid and it really is looking good. Just some final concrete and fencing to be completed and we will announce the grand opening date! This funding was received from Pub Charities, Rata and the Lotteries Commission based on a strong application from our whole community not just the school. Once this is open, we encourage local sports clubs to talk to us to make arrangements to use it as it belongs to us all.

Have a great weekend.

Kia Kitea Toikaka

James Griggs  
Principal

# Senior School News

With a short week and the term more than halfway through we are looking closely at student progress towards and with assessments. Nothing substitutes for good organisational skills around study, revision and work completion. There are also extra tutorials being offered in some subjects at lunchtimes so there is no excuse for either getting behind or not knowing what to do.

This week the Gateway students have all experienced a formal interview in preparation for their work placements, while finding the process a little scary the feedback for each of them was very positive and they now feel much more confident about the job interview process. In many situations first impressions are lasting impressions and understanding the expectations of a job interview and the importance of a CV are an essential part of the process.

The University of Otago liaison person visited the school on Tuesday and spoke with interested senior students about what opportunities Otago offers – it is always great to see Year 11 students opting into these sessions as information gathering is an essential part of making wise tertiary decisions.

Next week the Year 12 & 13 Physics and Chemistry students are off to visit Rutherford's Den at the Arts Centre, where they will have access to expertise and hands on activities not available in the classroom, inspired by the work of the famous NZ scientist Ernest – Lord Rutherford. Thanks to Dr Owens Y De Novoa for organising this experience.

A group of Year 10 students have also taken up the opportunity of going to the NC Careers Expo at Rangiora High School next Tuesday with Miss Speakman – all costs are being met by the organisers so great again to see students intrinsically motivated to become informed consumers of the wide range of options for work and study beyond school.

As seniors are focussed on NCEA the Year 9 & 10 students are focussed on ensuring they have the skills, knowledge and work ethic required to be successful in their senior years. This can be an easy or difficult process and it depends on how much the students want to be successful themselves (intrinsically motivated), how much you want success for your child and have systems and structures in place to support this and the teaching that occurs at school. Our staff are constantly working on providing quality teaching and learning experiences – together we can make a difference.

Finally, congratulations to Amber Roberts for passing her Trinity College Piano Grade 6 exam with Merit and a special thanks to Amber for playing the piano for our National Anthem at assemblies – playing in front of the whole school is a daunting undertaking even for the most experienced of pianists. Well done.

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
CPS	Canterbury Primary Schools
TOSI	Top of South Island
SISS	South Island Secondary Schools
CSS	Canterbury Secondary Schools
<b>JUNE '19</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup>	North Canterbury Careers Expo
11 <sup>th</sup>	11AHBU Field Trip, Culverden
12 <sup>th</sup>	CASA Kapa Haka at Rangiora New Life
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Together Workshop @ 7pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Canterbury Primary Gymnastics
13 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 12/13 Chemistry/Physics Field Trip – Rutherfords Den
13 <sup>th</sup>	Football away game @ Cheviot
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Terry KOS visit – Years 1-6
14 <sup>th</sup>	HYP Winter Wonderland Junior Formal, Hanmer Springs
15 <sup>th</sup>	HYP Winter Wonderland Senior Formal, Hanmer Springs
18 <sup>th</sup>	Canterbury SS Gymnastics - Christchurch
19 <sup>th</sup>	CPS Cross Country, Halswell
19 <sup>th</sup>	Attitude Presentations – Community Room
20 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Terry KOS Years 1-6 visit
21 <sup>st</sup>	Grandparents Day
24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Interviews
26 <sup>th</sup>	CPS Cross Country, Halswell – Postponement Day
28 <sup>th</sup>	Kapa Haka Hangi
<b>JULY '19</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Vision and Hearing Testing – Years 7-8
4 <sup>th</sup>	Caverhill Assembly @ 10:00am
5 <sup>th</sup>	School Formal – Hanmer Springs
5 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 2
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Term 3 begins

### *Roll of Honour*

*Olivia Brogden, Kenn Egmao  
Ruby Glassey, Nicholas Kelly  
Angie Mones-Cazon  
Emerson Morgado  
Sophie Ockwell, Rory Palmer  
Van Samera, Hugh Shand  
Issy Williamson*

### *First Merit*

*Leighton Chinnery  
Ashleigh Clegg  
Meg Habgood  
Bella Newall*

Canterbury Primary Schools' Cross Country held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Here are our top 6 place-getters. Year 5 and up have qualified for Canterbury Primary Schools' Cross Country. Well done to all who took part.

**Year 4 Girls**

Mackenna Williamson 2nd  
Gwen Manifold 3rd

**Year 5 Girls**

Angie Mones-Cazon 1st  
Issy Williamson 4th  
Sophie Drummond 5th

**Year 5 Boys**

Hugh Shand 6th

**Year 6 Girls**

Pippa Ussher 6th

**Year 7 Girls**

Anna Rutherford 3rd  
Catalina Serrano 4th  
Annie Francis 5th  
Lexi Sandall 6th

**Year 8 Girls**

Bianca Jamieson 3rd  
Regan Kay 4th  
Tara Benstead 5th

**Year 8 Boys**

Phoenix Jimmink 2nd  
Seba Serrano 4th  
William Ockwell 6th

## Ski Trip for Years 7 - 13

Monday 29th July, postponement  
Monday 5th August.

All payments to be made on the day to Mt Lyford.

Thanks Bruce

## From the Art Studio#19

The studio no longer has device licences in Adobe Creative Cloud [Photoshop, Illustrator etc] on our computers therefore visual art students are now required to purchase their own user licence for \$20.00 annually [normal retail price is \$700-\$800 annually]. These can be used on any devices. Please ensure your child buys a license as soon as possible, they have all received a newsletter about this.

Also, for Year 11 visual art students, they are required to buy a paintbrush and pencil roll which protects and keeps their gear safe, this is available for \$8.00.

If any financial assistance is required, please speak with James Griggs.

We are now in Week 6 of Term 2 and visual art students only have one more term and the remainder of this term to finish their course and submit their folios. I would like your support as parents and caregivers please in ensuring your child is completing art, painting, photography or design homework. We have a sign-out system where they can use gear at home and return to school.

Visual art subjects are NCEA subjects and there is an expectation of homework as some mediums take time and/or their themes are outside of the school environment as well.

And since NCEA is very important I look forward to meeting up with you all at the parents/caregivers' interviews later in Week 9. Also, this would be a great opportunity for you to support your child by showing an interest in their visual art work.

Thank you.

denise judson

## Snow Plan

With winter arriving, this is a great time to check that we have your correct contact details to ensure that we can get in touch with you. School closures or bus cancellations will be sent out via our school app and text alert, therefore, if we do not have up-to-date contact details, this will cause issues on the day. If you have recently changed your phone number, please make sure that the office is aware so we can update accordingly.

## Grandparents Day

On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June the Primary side are celebrating 'Grandparents Day'.

Please bring along your 'Grandparents' or a 'Grand Friend' (parents are also welcome) and enjoy a presentation by the children in the Community Room followed with a celebration of learning in the classroom.

### Times

10am - 12pm: Te Kooti, Rooms 1, 1a & 2

12pm - 1pm: Lunch

1pm - 3pm: Tekoa & Teraku, Rooms 3, 4, 5 & 6

Presentations will commence in the Community Room.

More information to follow.



# Year 1-13 Parent-Teacher Interviews

Please find below the details on how to book your parent teacher conferences on the evenings of 24/25/26 June 2019. If you need help with this please call us on 03 3158233 and we can help you to book your preferred times.

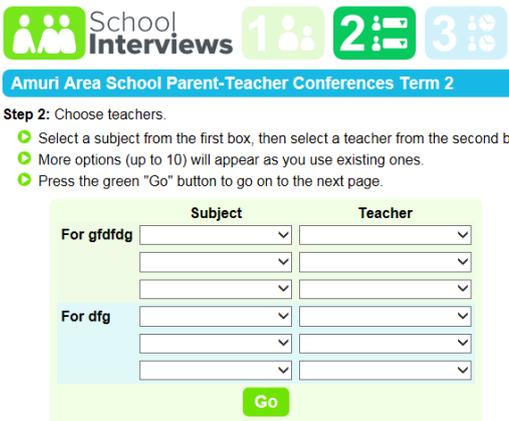


- Navigate to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)  
OR  
Click on the link in the LINKS section of the APP
- Where it says 'Enter code' enter the Amuri Area School code of **anb9q**

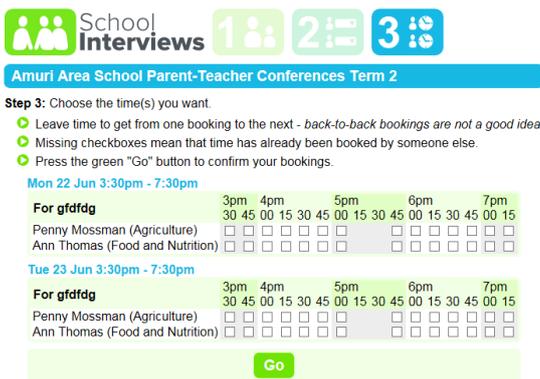


- The next screen will ask for your email address, your name, how many students you are booking for and then the students names  
*(Putting in your email address will create a personal timetable that will be emailed directly to you!)*

To know your child's teachers and timetable you can of course talk to your child **OR** download the MUSAC edge app **OR** Google - Edge Caregiver login then type in the email address that you have registered with us and press FORGOT PASSWORD. A link will be sent to your email, follow those instructions.



- The next screen asks for the subjects and teachers you would like to see
- First select the subject or year level
- Then in the second column you will be able to select the teacher *(talk to your child if you are unsure of a teacher's name)*
- In year 9-13 You can select as many teachers as you like, the boxes will continue to appear as they are filled in



- The last screen is where you select the time for your interview
- Each block lasts 15minutes by default. *(Please do not book more than one slot per teacher per child)*
- Make sure you are booking for the correct day
- The last step is to click 'Go'



# Year 1-13 Parent-Teacher Interviews

## Who can I see?

Our school is getting bigger and we want to ensure all parents have an opportunity to speak to the key people involved with their child. Please do not book DOUBLE slots with the same teacher unless it is for a different child. Experience from last year's process has taught us that this is often overkill and leads to a lack of opportunities for other parents.

**In years 1-8** You can book a time with the homeroom teacher who will be able to fill you in on your child's progress including their option subjects. If you specifically wish to speak to an option teacher, please arrange this directly with Lucy in the office.

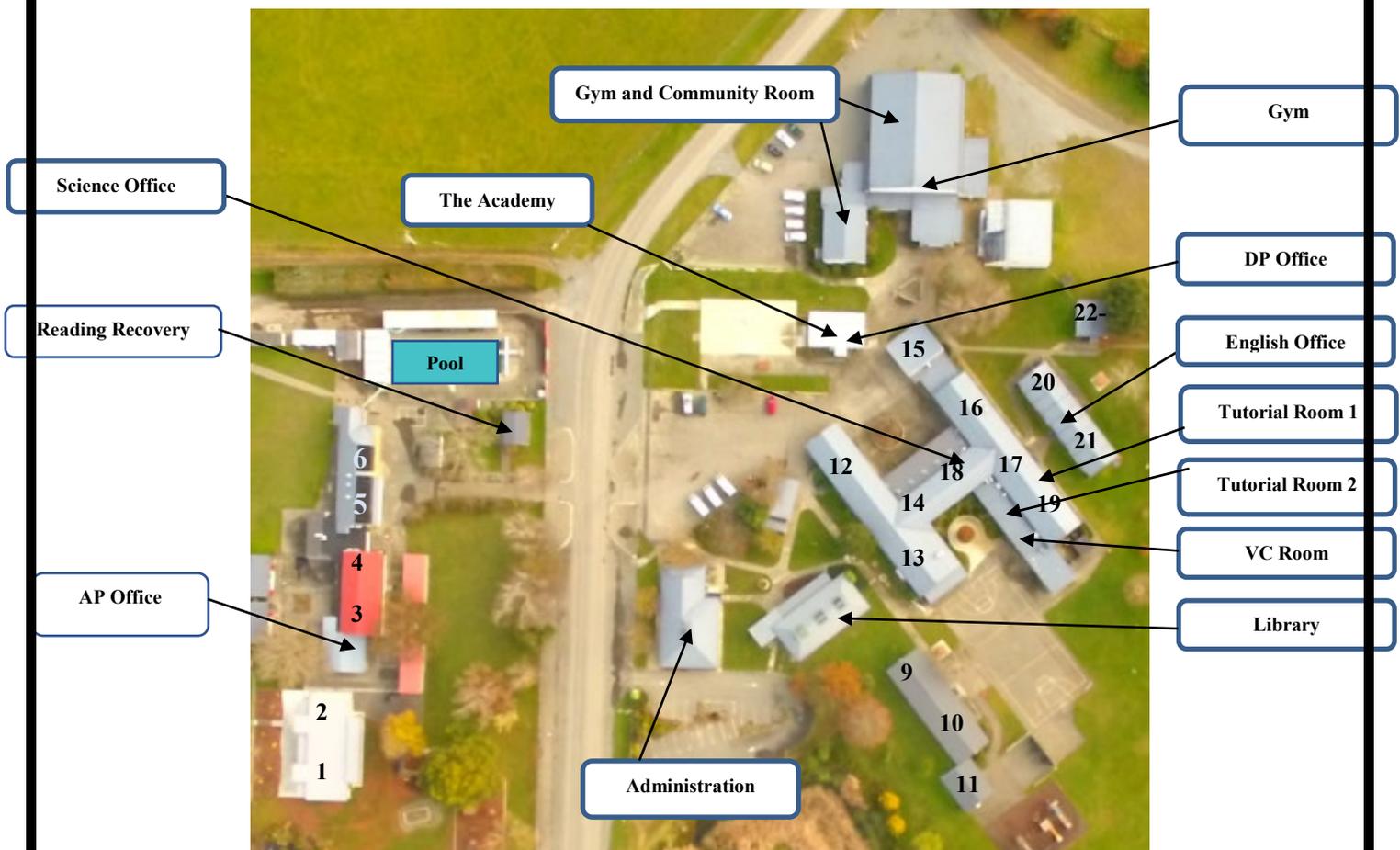
**In years 9-13** You can book to see as many subject teachers as you wish from your child's timetable. Please note there is insufficient time slots for parents to see form teachers. If you wish to speak to a form teacher please call or arrange an individual appointment as you would normally do.

## What to do if you don't have a computer or internet access?

No problem at all. Just call the office and talk to Janine and she will make the booking online for you over the phone.

## Where to go?

Your booking email will tell you which room to go to on the night. Please use the map below or simply go to the notices section of our app for the school map on the night.



Please note on Monday and Tuesday night the Community room will be open with Tea and Coffee for any parents wishing for a warm spot to wait between bookings.