



Amuri Area School



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Nothing But The Best*



Raising Achievement; Realising Potential; Encouraging Excellence

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NEWLETTER NO. 19

Week 8

Week Ending 21st June 2019

Tena koutou katoa

Sickness

This does seem to be the theme of the week with one day this week recording a record 60 students absent from sickness. This has also impacted on our teachers who have been catching the bugs with equal measure and we are so lucky to have such wonderful relief teachers at our disposal. Thank you for your support in keeping your sick children home in the warm where they belong. Although we strive at all times for 100% attendance, a sick child is not a learning child.

Parent Teacher Interviews

I will close off bookings this evening (Friday 21st). At the time of writing this we have 367 bookings across the school. Thanks to all who have booked a time. The school canteen in the community room will be available throughout the evening on Monday and Tuesday to keep warm and have a hot drink if you are caught between interviews.

Turf Opening

All are welcome on Friday 28th June 2pm for our Mayor to officially open our new turf. Also in attendance will be Black Stick, Leah Butt. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reading Together

On Wednesday this week, Marie Black presented our graduate parents with their Reading Together certificates to end their four weeks of training. Huge thanks to Alison Nimmo for organising and facilitating this course for our parents.

Board of Trustees

Welcome to Adam Williamson. Parent involvement in our Board is so important and something that I, as a Principal, truly value. The fact that we had enough candidates for an election is testimony to the strength of support we have for our school.

Bible In Schools

The Ministry of Education now require all attendance at Bible in Schools to have signed consent. We will implement this policy from the beginning of Term 3. Please look out for the permission forms that will be sent home with your child. Once permission is given, it can be withdrawn at any time with a phone call or message to the office.

Farewell Connor

This week we say farewell to Connor Mitchell who has been completing his teaching placement with us for the past seven weeks. Connor has been a great temporary addition to our staff and we wish him all the very best for the future.

This Weekend

A busy weekend at Amuri with Culverden club day for netball and the sun set to shine (I hope) so come along and enjoy watching a game or two.

Have a great weekend.

Kia Kitea Toikaka

James Griggs
Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Feedback from the 48 Hour Film Festival over the weekend was that it was great fun, challenging, hard work and enjoyable. We are looking forward to seeing the finished films at our final assembly for the term in Week 9. A great deal of time and effort was given by Ms Judson and others organising this weekend, a big thank you to them for ensuring it ran smoothly.

Tickets for this year's Formal are on sale at the office until Wednesday 26th June. The students have a theme of Casino Royale which I am sure will be evident in the decorating. This event is always a favourite on the senior student calendar and I thoroughly recommend it to all our Year 11-13 students. To see the students beautifully turned out and enjoying the luxury of a formal venue with a nice meal, good music and ample opportunity for lots of photos is a highlight of the year for staff as well. We have been in the fortunate position of running this event at The Heritage for a number of years without incident - a reputation as a school we are proud of. We do encourage students to support this event.

Reports have been emailed out for all students this week. These are important sources of information on what has already been done, what there is still to do and possibly any changes in effort or attitude noted to be actioned. We are expecting parents to have booked interview times to discuss progress and achievement with the teachers - if you are unable to make the scheduled times then we suggest you contact your child's teacher/s to discuss any concerns you might have. For NCEA students we recommend that you discuss each of the subject comments with your child at home, gather further information as necessary from the school interview process and plan actions for the holidays. All students at NCEA level need to stay actively engaged with their learning over the break period with:

- Revision – reviewing, highlighting, summarising etc
- Work completion
- Practise with old exam papers (resources available online)
- Workbook activities
- Revision websites
- Term 3 preparation

A successful achievement pathway requires positive communication, commitment and input from staff, students and the home.

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
JUNE '19	
24 th – 26 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
26 th	CPS Cross Country, Halswell – Postponement Day
28 th	Kapa Haka Hangi
JULY '19	
1 st	Vision and Hearing Testing – Years 7-8
4 th	Caverhill Assembly @ 10:00am
5 th	School Formal – Hanmer Springs
5 th	End of Term 2
22 nd	Term 3 begins

TURF OPENING CEREMONY

Please join us and Mayor Winton Dalley for the official opening of our new sports turf at 2pm on the 28th June at Amuri Area School

The PTA is wanting to know if anyone has a culled cow that they would like to donate to the school so that sausages and patties can be made for fundraisers throughout the year. Please contact Fiona Dwyer on 027-260-2027.

Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country Highlights

HUGE thanks to Lou Mones-Cazon and Mr Mitchell who drove students to the Cross Country and performed our required marshalling duties on Wednesday. Congratulations to the standout performers: Angie Mones-Cazon placed 27th of 120 runners, Seba Serrano placed 86th of 181 runners and Anna Rutherford placed 101st of 188 runners. Well done!

Thanks
Emily

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Roll of Honour

McKenzie Batchelor, Paige Brogden, Sam Bush, Heider Carreon, Blake Clisby, Valerie Croft, Jamie Dalmer, Daphne Delos Santos, William Dawson, Sophie Drummond, Stella Dwyer, Mikaela Easton, Charlotte Eggleston, Kevin Egmao, Olivia Ferguson, Clare Frame, Jaz Fraser, Molly Jones, Max Kinney, Catie Lattimore, Millie-Jane McIlraith, Crystal O'Neill, Anna Rutherford, Bryce Scarlet, Catalina Serrano, Gypsy Thornton, Eury Tumamoa, Tamika Van de Wiel, Sophia Vidal, Issy Williamson

First Merit

McKenzie Batchelor, Paige Brogden, Sam Bush, Laura Cundy, Charlotte Eggleston, Clare Frame, Ruby Glassey, Zara Hamilton, Bianca Jamieson, Mateo Jamieson, Max McCone, Angie Mones-Cazon, Will Neill, Van Samera, Bryce Scarlet, Hugh Shand, Issy Williamson

KEY CODES FOR
SCHOOL PHOTOS HAVE
ARRIVED FROM
PHOTOLIFE. THESE WILL
BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL
STUDENTS ON
MONDAY 24TH JUNE.



Junior Jump
Jammers in
action



2019 READING RECOVERY TEAM

