



Amuri Area School



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Week 10

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Tena koutou katoa

Goal Setting

Halfway through the year and a good time for us all to take stock of where we are in relation to the goals we set at the beginning of the year. For our Senior students this is a good time to really look at the credit progression they have and whether they are on track to ensure Term 3 brings success and preparedness for exams. For younger students this is a good time to reset learning goals for the remainder of the year.

Teachers Negotiations

It was with some relief we saw the resolution of the teachers' pay negotiations with the government and it is great to see our teachers recognised and supported by the public. There is still much to work through in the next few years, however this was a really good start to make teaching a sought after profession and encourage the very best people to take the plunge.

Farewell Mr Hallaran

Obviously today is the end of an era for Amuri Area School with Mr Hallaran heading into retirement. Brent has helped generations of Amuri children to gain a solid grasp of foundation skills to prepare them for the next stage of their education. There are also many children who now understand the value of old school country music as a result of his input. All the best Brent and thank you.

Sabbatical Term 3

Exciting times for me as I fly out tonight to commence my sabbatical term starting at Harvard Grad School on Sunday afternoon where I will be working with other educators from around the world exploring Leadership within the Educational Context. Although I am only there for a short time I am really excited about the programme on offer and the opportunity this presents. Bit of a wow moment! I am returning back to NZ late August and will be back at school at the start of Term 4 having completed my report to the Board which will be publicly available on the school website.

I have to thank the Board of Trustees for their support and Penny Mossman, Kylee Habgood and Gavin Cate who are all stepping up in my absence. Penny will be Acting Principal in my absence and I am leaving confident that the school is in very safe and competent hands.

Have a wonderful term break with your children and see you all back in Term 4!

Have a great weekend.

Kia Kitea Toikaka

James Griggs
Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

As Term 3 draws to a close it is also time when students leaving school at the end of the year need to be thinking about attending Tertiary Open Days which are mostly held in the holidays, and completing application forms for courses and accommodation. On Thursday I spent the day at Ara as part of my Careers role and a very clear message came through from them regarding applications and this will apply to all institutions. Makes sure that you:

- Complete the application form and check you have done so before ticking the check box at the end. A surprising number of students have not actually completed all areas.
- Seek permission from the people you want as referees before submitting your application.
- Ensure all covering letters are formally presented as in layout, spelling, punctuation, use of capitals etc. Txt speak on paper is NOT acceptable.
- Note closing dates – early applications are fine; late ones are not.

Remember that CVs and applications are the first impression people are getting of you so make sure it is a good one!

Staff teaching senior students appreciated the opportunity to meet parents at parent interviews last week. These face to face meetings are important to flesh out the report comments and also to ensure that everyone has the correct 'take' on progress and achievement. The most important element of the report is the what needs to be done next section, knowing is one thing but the actual doing is more important. As I have previously mentioned all NCEA students will have work and study that will need to be done over the holidays. A break from school is not a break from learning.

The senior Visual Arts students enjoyed a trip on Wednesday to the SOFA Gallery at UC to see the South Island Top Art Folio Exhibition a display of the top Level 3 Art folios from around NZ. Students described the quality of work as outstanding. A special thank you to Jacinda

Batchelor who drove one of the vans and accompanied the students and Ms Judson for organising the trip.

Term 3 will potentially be another cold term – the holidays would be a good time to make sure that your child has the correct uniform pieces to be warm at school. Thermals of the same colour under shirts/blouses is a good and cost-effective way of adding warmth. A reminder that hoodies are NOT acceptable, and students will be asked to remove these (can be swapped with a correct outer garment for the day) and they will be kept in the office. Please respect the uniform policy and do not provide a note for a hoody. All classrooms are heated.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone recharged and revitalised for a very busy Term 3.

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
JULY '19	
5 th	School Formal – Hanmer Springs
5 th	End of Term 2
7 th – 12 th	NZAS Sports Tournament, Rotorua
22 nd	Term 3 begins
29 th	Year 7-10 Ski Day, Mt Lyford
30 th	Mitchell Assembly
AUGUST '19	
1 st – 2 nd	Kapa Haka group to Takahanga Marae, Kaikoura
5 th	Year 7-10 Postponement Ski Day, Mt Lyford
6 th	Year 5/6 Ski Day, Mt Lyford
7 th	Year 5/6 Postponement Ski Day, Mt Lyford
14 th	Hamilton Assembly
14 th	Board Meeting
16 th	Year 7/8 Ski Day, Mt Lyford
23 rd	Year 7/8 Postponement Ski Day, Mt Lyford
27 th	HPSSA 7-Aside, Hurunui
28 th	HPSSA 7-Aside, Hurunui - POSTPONEMENT
30 th	Jumbo Day

Visitors on the Hanmer Bus

THE BUS IS FULL with six seats having three students on it.

There is never room on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday unless there is an absentee, which we wouldn't know until on the day.

Sometimes there are seats on the bus, Thursday (Sport) and Friday (ARA).

If a student wishes to travel on the school bus to Hanmer Springs on a Thursday/Friday afternoon, they need permission 24 hours prior. This permission is not given by the school, but by GO BUS. All applications need to go through the school office. The bus driver or the school cannot over-ride this. Even if permission is given, if on the day the bus is full and no seats available, these students cannot travel on the bus.

Please check with school that morning.

Thank you
Liz Teulon

Roll of Honour

*Ashlyn Abernethy
Brody Batchelor, Rachael Bell
Katy Burgess, Max Cater Reuben
Chinnery, Hannah Clegg
Annabelle Cundy, Jed Dwyer
Hailey Esperat, Rylee Gavin
Estelle Johnston, Grace Johnston
Meg Johnston, Rose Lilley
Arlie Marris, Archie McCone
Molly McKenzie
Daniela Panganoron
Fred McRae, Georgie O'Neill
Kaitlyn Palmer
Catherine Paragas
Charlene Paragas, Finn Parmar
Charlotte Schenkel
Jackson Schenkel, Fil John Suela
Emma Whittlestone
Sarina Woodhouse*

First Merit

*Tom Black, Olivia Brogden Reuben
Chinnery Annabelle Cundy
Daphne Delos Santos
Daniel Drummond
Sophie Drummond
Mikaela Easton, Duncan Eggleston
Kimberly Egmao, Nathalia Ferrer
Rylee Gavin Meg Johnston
Chloe Lilley, Archie McCone
Molly McKenzie, Sophie Ockwell
Daniela Panganoron
Finn Parmar, Sophia Vidal
Sarina Woodhouse*

We had a Kapa Haka hāngi on Friday evening to celebrate Matariki. Ange and Danny put the hāngi down at their house. The Kapa Haka group performed to their whanau and then shared kai together. We were very proud of all of the students who participated in this event. Thanks to all the parents who helped make the evening a success. We look forward to making this an annual event. 😊

