

Amuri Area School



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Week 5

Week Ending 23rd August 2019

Tena koutou katoa

On Monday the senior school held a memorial service for Braydon Porea to acknowledge his life and the positive way that he lived each day. It was a privilege to be joined by members of Braydon's whanau who added special meaning and contribution to the day. We were immensely proud of our Kapa Haka group who performed so well in memory of Braydon who was a proud member of the group.

Our Year 5 and 6 students, along with Ms Campbell and several parents enjoyed a great day out at the Antarctic Centre on Monday. We are fortunate to have this educational experience in Christchurch – the interactive nature of the experience and the 4D theatre all quickly capture the attention and interest of all age groups!

Among the many talented students here at school Esme Hewitt in Year 11 is currently preparing for the Irish National Dancing Nationals being held in the October holidays. To assist her preparation and skill development Esme was a participant at a DanceNZmade workshop in the CHCH Town Hall which enabled students to experience hip hop, jazz and musical theatre. Esme has a goal to qualify for an International Irish Dancing event in 2020 and we wish her every success. Thanks also to

Kaiapoi High School who included Esme with their group of students.

This week our Year 10-13 students have received a timetable for their Term 3 exam week which is being held in Week 7. For our NCEA students this 'practice' exam session is important for 2 reasons:

1. It is an opportunity to see how well prepared they are for the external exam at the end of the year.
2. The result gained can be used for a derived grade in the event of a serious disaster situation that prevents the student/s attending an exam at the end of the year.

The Year 10 students will sit four exams under the same conditions that they will experience for NCEA next year. We have found that this experience in Year 10 prepares the students for the rigorous conditions that apply to external exams. Another reason for the exams is to establish any knowledge gaps that need to be worked on before 2020.

Our advice to all students preparing for assessments is to be prepared with consistent study routines and regular revision of work. Anything less is simply not good enough.

Next Friday August 30th is Daffodil Day which symbolises hope for the 1 in 3 NZers affected by cancer. As school will be closed that day, we are intending to encourage our students to contribute to a coin trail at school on Thursday. This will not be a mufti day and the donation is voluntary but we hope all of our students and staff can find some coins to donate to this very worthwhile cause.

Penny Mossman

Roll of Honour

Hank Reed, Zedric Tabunar

First Merit

Maddie Bell, Alex Roberts

Molly Schuurman, Tenzin Woods

Junior School News

Dear Parents and Whanau

Since my last column we have had plenty of other activities going on both in and out of school.

We had outstanding success at the North Canterbury CantaMaths competition this year. Our Year 8 and Year 7 teams both placed 2nd in a hot competition and we are very proud of their result and the hard work they put into getting themselves ready. Our Year 6 team was placed mid-way in their competition and gained valuable experience for next year. Many thanks to Amy Cundy and Joc Kinney for providing transport for our teams. Shane Cundy has kindly offered to prepare our Year 7 and 8 teams for the Canterbury event, and we thank him for his input and look forward to hearing how they fare.

On Monday, Terako travelled to visit the Antarctic Centre in Christchurch with many parents accompanying them. The highlight is reported to have been patting the huskies and watching the penguins. Living rurally has its challenges when it comes to organising school trips. So much of our day is consumed by travel so the time we do have onsite is planned to the minute, not to mention all the Health and Safety requirements that must be completed to take children out of the school. Thank you to Ms Campbell and Mrs Wilson for their planning and to all our parent helpers who provided transport and supervision on the day. We simply could not do without your support.



Next week on Tuesday we have the annual HPSSA 7 aside tournament at Hurunui College. All Year 4-8 students will be travelling by bus to Hawarden to compete in netball, touch 7s and soccer against the

other schools in the Hurunui. This is a huge day out for us and again requires compliance for Health and Safety in the form of paperwork, as we transport 200 students to compete! It is a great day out with the focus being on participation and sportsmanship. The students are looking forward to competing on Tuesday and we hope to have a good crowd of supporters join us to cheer our Amuri teams on. Just a reminder that the postponement date for this is Thursday the 29th of August.

This term Bible in Schools becomes an opt in class, due to new Ministry legislation. You will have received an opt in form to be completed and returned to school if you DO wish your child/ren to be included in the group. If you never saw a form, please let me know and I will arrange to get one to you. This new arrangement has started at the beginning of this term. From now on, children will require written permission to me if they wish to withdraw. Children not attending Bible in Schools will be working in hub groups with the class teachers to complete a wellbeing program called Sparklers. If you would like further information about this program, please visit <https://sparklers.org.nz/>

Assembly Roster for Term 3

23 Aug – Rm 3
30 Aug – Teacher Only Day. School is closed for instruction.
6 Sept – Rm 2
13 Sept – Rm 1A
20 Sept – Junior Production week
27 Sept – Rm 1

These sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances and will be advised on the school app.

A reminder message from Room 5.....

Room 5 asks that you please consider the following:

- Try to reduce the use of plastic foodwrap and packaging.
- Use reusable containers and beeswax wraps.
- When using snaplock bags, encourage your children to bring them home to reuse.
- Put all rubbish in the rubbish bins provided.

Naku noa, na
Kylee Habgood

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
AUGUST '19	
27 th	HPSSA 7-Aside, Hurunui
28 th	Hamilton Assembly @ 9:00am
29 th	HPSSA 7-Aside, Hurunui - POSTPONEMENT
30 th	SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff Development Day
SEPTEMBER '19	
2 nd – 6 th	SISS Netball Tournament, Nelson
5 th	School for Young Writers Visit – Years 4-8
6 th	School for Young Writers Visit – Years 9-13
9 th – 13 th	Years 10-13 Exam Week
11 th	Get to Go Challenge
17 th	HPSSA Kiwi Sports
17 th – 20 th	Primary Production in Gym
19 th	Caverhill Assembly @ 10am
20 th	Year 11 Geography trip to Kaikoura
24 th – 27 th	VC Singers Voice Assessment Camp, Hagley, Christchurch
26 th	Years 11-13 Reports sent home
27 th	End of Term 3

Friday 30th August school will be closed for the day.

Staff will be attending a Community of Learning professional development day. ARA trades courses will be running as usual.

Change to Balmoral Bus run commencing Term 4, 2019

The Balmoral bus run will change substantially next term. In the morning the bus will do a full loop travelling South along State Highway 7 picking up students residing on the Balmoral Straight at approximately 7:45am. It will then turn into Balmoral Station Road then into Tekoa Road travelling as far as Sandford Downs. The bus will depart Sandford Downs at 8:00am (as at present) and travel back towards Culverden via Shortcut Road, Balmoral Station Road, Top Pahau Ford Road and Long Plantation Road. It will then travel down Pahau Reserve Road and then to school.

The bus will not travel the section of Balmoral Station Road between Tekoa Road and Shortcut Road so students residing here will need to get on/off at the bus at either Shortcut Road/Balmoral Station Road corner or the Tekoa Road/Balmoral Station Road corner (to be arranged with the driver).

In the afternoon the bus will travel South along state Highway 7 then turn into Pahau Reserve Road. It will then complete the loop travelling in the opposite direction from the morning, i.e., Long Plantation Road, Top Pahau Ford Road, Balmoral Station Road, Shortcut Road and Tekoa Road as far as Sandford Downs. It will then travel back to Balmoral Station Road and State Highway 7 dropping Balmoral Straight students off last.

If you have any queries regarding these changes, please phone the school office on 315-8233 and ask to speak to Miss Teulon.

Karanga mai ngā rangatahi Māori mā!

Calling to all students of Māori descent wanting to take advantage of our FREE Science and Math tuitions here at Ara.

This term, our Department of Engineering are facilitating free Math and Science weekly tuition sessions specifically for our rangatahi Māori. These sessions are to mentor Rangatahi Māori to help achieve NCEA in physics and algebra in year 11-13 and to those who have a special interest in Engineering related careers. Your taura will benefit from the specialist equipment and software available in our Engineering Department and will be able to relate their work and projects to Real-world situations. The sessions will run every Thursday from 4pm-6pm till 26th september.

If this sounds like an opportunity that your students could be interested in then please contact me for more info on:

Email: humarie.chick@ara.ac.nz or engagement@ara.ac.nz

Ph: 021 271 8340

For more information visit

ara.ac.nz

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Amuri Area School PTA Calf Scheme

The Calf Scheme we run every year is our No. 1 fundraiser for our school. Every year, thanks to your generous support, we raise in excess of \$30,000.00. All money raised goes to classroom resources, school excursions or any other needs within the school.

If you are keen to donate to this years' scheme, please let us know and we will get tags to you. This year, to avoid any mycoplasma bovis risk, the stock will be held at the Sale-yards overnight rather than on private property. The following day they will be transported to the sale.

If you would rather make a monetary donation, as any donation is greatly appreciated, please donate through online banking using your surname and first name as reference, code CALF. Our bank account number is 03-1582-0069597-00.

If you are after a tag or two or need any further information, please contact Vicky Hamilton on 021-134-1793 or Fiona Dwyer on 027-260-2027. Please note that you will need to ensure all donated stock are NAIT tagged.

Optional extension exams

ICAS exams are all online now, however the school needs to order them by a deadline as follows:

- Digital Tech - order by 26/8 - sitting date 2-3/9
- Science - order by 26/8 - sitting date 4-6/9
- Writing - order by 2/9 - sitting date 9-11/9
- Spelling Bee - order by 2/9 - sitting date 11-13/9
- English - order by 11/9 - sitting date 16-18/9
- Maths - order by 11/9 - sitting date 18-20/9

Each exam is \$15 payable to school account please.

Email susan@amuri.school.nz in advance of the deadline.

Visit <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/products/icas-assessments/> for further information.