

Amuri Area School



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*Raising Achievement; Realising Potential;
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Tēnā Koutou.

Balance:

This to me is the big dilemma. How much action is too much action? What are the risks right here right now and how should we respond? Calls to close schools are just too early. School remains the best place for your child to be and we need to balance the need for safety with a dash of common sense and an understanding that this issue could be with us for a while. Therefore, we need to take the right action at the right time. Our team here are committed to providing the very best for your child so until you hear otherwise, continue to send them in.

We have already seen a drastic change to our social landscape. The ways in which we are permitted to interact, the things we are allowed to engage in and I know the postponement of the start of winter sport training has hit particularly hard for many. This is a rapidly changing situation however, here are things as they stand from a school perspective as at today.

- School is OPEN! And will be until we are told otherwise.
- CASAFEST is postponed until further notice.
- Year 9 camp is ON!
- We have increased our cleaning regime to meet the Ministry Pandemic requirements.
- School assemblies will be cancelled until further notice.
- Children who are showing any signs of flu like symptoms will be sent home.

- Children arriving in the country from overseas will be required to self-isolate for 14 days prior to returning to school.
- All sporting events and some trips are cancelled.
- Preparation for our school production will continue.

Regarding Year 9 Camp Next Week

This is a rapidly changing situation and this may change over the coming days however, as at today Friday 20th March, Year 9 camp will go ahead as planned.

We have completed a risk assessment as a staff and as a Board and we have taken advice from both the Ministry of Education and our school nurse in making this decision. As part of the this risk assessment we have made the following decisions:-

- Any student that has been overseas in the 14 days prior to camp leaving will not be permitted to attend.
- Any student that has any flu like signs or symptoms, or has had any such indication in the 7 days prior to camp will not be permitted to attend.
- All students will be temperature checked prior to leaving.
- Any student who develops signs or symptoms on the camp will be brought home immediately.
- Additional cleaning practices will be taken during the camp.
- Students will be spaced as much as possible for the purpose of sleeping.

We believe that the students are with each other all day every day at school and keeping them together as a group at Windy Point offers no additional risk. We have no cases in North Canterbury at this time and no community transmission nationally.

We will review this on Monday and make the final confirmation on Monday afternoon.

IF (and its still an IF) the school needs to close!

At the request of the Ministry of Education we have developed a plan for teaching delivery should the school be closed for an extended period of time. This may or may not happen however, **you can prepare** for this by:-

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- Making sure we have up to date email and contact number for you.
- Downloading the Seesaw App if your class uses this.
- Downloading the school app and subscribing to alert groups.
- Where possible, ensuring your child has internet access at home and access to a working device should we need to use this.

There will be difficulties, there will be issues and we will have to get pretty creative for some families in some locations but we are committed to doing the best we can under trying circumstances.

Achiever of the Month

Esme Hewitt demonstrates our school values everyday. She is hardworking, diligent and a caring friend with success across all curriculum areas and particular prowess within the Irish Dancing Community. A well-deserved achiever of the month.



What we need right now is kindness. Find ways to engage and support each other. Realise people are experiencing this in very different ways for very different reasons and check in on your elderly neighbours. Most of all, let us not allow ourselves to rise to the media hype and deal with what we actually have in front of us as each day passes.

Kia Kaha

James Griggs
Principal

Roll of Honour

Lily Black
Lucy Cater
Grace Cundy
Frankie Davison
William Dawson
Anita Mones-Cazon
Hana Samera

Hopefully all families of students in Years 9-13 will have had a phone call from Form Teachers introducing themselves and giving a comment on how your child has settled at school and into learning. Making connections with families is important as is the timeliness with queries or concerns. If you have questions, concerns or queries, please make the class teacher the first point of contact. Making a time to see teachers at any stage of the year is best managed by making an appointment to see them.

Most of the Year 10-13 programmes of work are on Microsoft OneNote which always allows students to access course work anytime. This means that students who are absent can avoid being behind the rest of the class. As I mentioned last time and has been reinforced since, digital learning could take on a whole new dimension in the event of school closures or self-isolation.

Congratulations to our students who have been involved in a range of athletic and sporting events over the last couple of weeks. As you will see later in this newsletter, there have been some outstanding results. As you will be aware all school sporting events have been cancelled until further notice which is disappointing but a necessity in these difficult times.

As we near the end of Term, senior students will be completing NCEA internal assessments in all or most subjects. We recognise that pressure does come at this stage of each term so now might be a good time to check in with your child with regards to their assessment load and progress so far.

Year 10 are at an important stage of their learning and the skill acquisition required to successfully transition into Year 11 and NCEA Level 1. Key parts of this require the following:

- Attention to and completion of any set homework.
- Revision and review of the days work to help embed the learning so that it can be successfully recalled when needed.
- Reading is expected – it builds up vocabulary.
- Be serious about study and preparation required for assessments and any reassessments offered.
- Accept that while all aspects of all subjects may not be super exciting or fun all the time, they are very important in the big picture of learning.

- Your teacher is not a mind reader...if you do not know or understand something, please seek help in an appropriate and timely way.

If your child comes home and tells you that they have done nothing and have absolutely no homework (quite common in Year 10) be very suspicious! This would be a good time to sit them down and go through their lessons for the day (you do have access to their OneNotes) and you might just find the story changes a little.....

Stay safe.

Penny Mossman

Dates for your Diary

SISS	South Island Secondary Schools
CCHS	Canterbury Country High Schools
CSS	Canterbury Secondary Schools
MARCH '20	
24 th	11SGA Field Trip P1 and 2
APRIL '20	
1 st	CDEM Quake Roadshow – Years 7-10
7 th – 9 th	Life Education Visit – Years 1-6
9 th	End of Term 1
28 th	Start of Term 2

All Grandparents raising Grandchildren are invited for coffee and cake

Monthly meetings at
Rangiora RSA
82 Victoria Street
Fridays 9.30AM

Support - Connection - Guest speakers

3rd April 21st August
15th May 25th September
19th June 23rd October
31st July 20th November

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The **Hurunui Primary Schools' Duathlon** was held last Monday on a beautiful Hanmer day. Students ran, biked and ran over 2 different length courses (shorter for Year 5/6, longer for Year 7/8). Well done to all for completing the event and especially to these place-getters:

Year 8 Girls:

2nd Annie Francis (A)
3rd Anna Rutherford (A)



Year 8 Boys:

3rd Fergus McCone (A)

Year 7 Boys:

2nd Nicholas Kelly (A)



Year 6 Boys:

1st Hugh Shand (A)
3rd Blake Clisby (A)

Year 5 Boys:

2nd Alex Shaw (A)



ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP Results - 2020

SENIOR GIRLS	1st	Grace Moriarty	47 pts
	2nd	Celine Barnes	43 pts
	3rd	Ella Scarlet	30 pts

SENIOR BOYS	1st	Hunter Archbold	149 pts
	2nd =	Nathan Kay	34 pts
	2nd =	Dominic Brett	34 pts

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	1st	Meg Habgood	44 pts
	2nd	Myla Roberts	37 pts
	3rd	Hana Samera	36 pts

INTERMEDIATE BOYS	1st	Mateo Jamieson	45 pts
	2nd	Kaesyn Batchelor	40 pts
	3rd	Arie Newall	36 pts

UNDER 14 GIRLS	1st	Bee Jamieson	41 pts
	2nd =	Catherine Paragas	35 pts
	2nd =	Catalina Serrano	34 pts

UNDER 14 BOYS	1st	Max Jackson	42 pts
	2nd	Jourdyn Keepa	30 pts
	3rd	Phoenix Jimmink	26 pts

UNDER 12 ½ GIRLS	1st	Pippa Ussher	41 pts
	2nd	Hollie Scarlet	36 pts
	3rd	Valarie Paragas	33 pts

UNDER 12 ½ BOYS	1st =	Atama Roberts	35 pts
	1st =	George Flintoft	34 pts
	3rd	Jakob Bush	29 pts

WHANAU POINTS

1st Caverhill	2nd Mitchell	3rd Hamilton
1106 pts	1046 pts	701 pts

Most colourful whanau - Hamilton

Most colourful individual - (Sean Moriarty) from Hamilton

RECORDS BROKEN

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time/Distance</i>
Over 15 Boys	Triple Jump	Hunter Archbold	12.16m
	Long Jump	Hunter Archbold	6.00m
	High Jump	Hunter Archbold	1.73m
	100m	Hunter Archbold	11.58s
	200m	Hunter Archbold	23.38s