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Christmas Newsletter

**Prize-giving starts at
6.00pm tonight in the
Domain Pavilion.**

Tena koutou nga mihi ki a koutou - greetings to all

We made it!! After such an 'up-n-down' year, and a particularly 'jammed-packed' 8 week final term (like Santa) I'm sure we're all looking forward to a well-deserved summer break with family and friends.

Board of Trustee's News

2012 classes were posted on Monday and last night our BoT had further discussion on the upcoming Room 7 extension project and decided that the Room 7 class will relocate to the PRIDE room in Arahura from the start of next year. Although draft plans have been drawn up, contractors have not been finalised and we're therefore uncertain on an actual start and completion date. The BoT believes this air-conditioned, roomy area will be an ideal location for our Room 7 children, and certainly less disruptive to begin the year in the PRIDE room. Other school activities normally held in this area (e.g. weekly assembly) will be adjusted, and minimal disruption is anticipated.



Some exciting development planned with new classroom to be built next year - the BoT has conducted some early consultation on the new classroom, with a wonderful new, purpose-built new entrant / Year 1 classroom being decided on. This may also result in an extension to our very popular Year 4 programme which currently operates on a Thursday afternoon. We're also planning on a lot more interaction with our two terrific local pre-school centres next year, as we love having the littlees about our school!

Staffing - Congratulations to our 2 new teachers for 2012! The new Mrs Kate Frame (Lumsden) has won the permanent position in Room 2, after a wonderful first year at Amberley. Ms Annabel Chambers, who completed a very successful term in Room 1 earlier this year, has been appointed to Room 4. Well done ladies!

Stationery lists - were distributed to all children this morning, with information on how to book your children's stationery online.

New school sign on Lawcocks Road - lovely new welcome sign being installed this week, with further development work planned in this bottom playground corner over the holidays (largely drainage and landscaping improvements). I'm sure you'd all agree that our hard-working caretaker Nigel Stewart (and school gardening committee) has done a fabulous job with recent ground improvements

Playground Awards: *Toby Moore* for playing "Piggy Backs: carefully with Braedyn

Amberley School Football team success

The Amberley School football team completed its term 4 competition with an 8-0 win against Ashgrove School last Monday afternoon. The win gave Amberley first place in section two of the North Canterbury Primary Schools competition, for which the school wins a prize pack from the Waimak United football club. The only team to beat Amberley in the competition was Southbrook School, who won the section one competition, and Amberley only lost that game by conceding a goal in the final 20 seconds of the match. Overall, Amberley's record was three wins, a draw, and that one frustrating loss. Team coach Tony Trewinnard praised his team for "sticking with the game plan by keeping control of the ball and putting in plenty of shots on goal". Tony nominated room 7's Fletcher Newell as his player of the competition, noting that Fletcher had given 100% in every game, scored a few goals, and worked hard to assist others in the team to score. The North Canterbury Schools competition will be back in term one next year.

On behalf of our Board, PTA committee and our wonderful staff I'd like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Take care and enjoy the break, and here's to a (much!) more settled and less stressful 2012!

School closes at 12.00pm this Friday and re-opens at 9.00am on Tuesday January 31

(the school office will be open on Thursday January 26 and Friday January 27 from 9.00am to 12.00pm)

Best wishes


Kev O'Halloran - Principal