

# From the Principal

Tena koutou, nga mihi ki a koutou - greetings to all

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Jack Carson, Seb Hewson, Tom Barnes, Corbin Lyell, Grace Gormack - and welcome back to Chelsea Vujcich and Jamie-Lee Barnes

- we hope you enjoy your Amberley experience:

Hi, so special to welcome a number of new children to the Amberley experience over the past two weeks. Equally exciting to see the planning for the Room 7 extension and the new NE / Year One classroom taking shape.

The new classroom will be outfitted with the latest learning technology and already one national company (Activboard) has expressed interest in helping with the classroom resource design. So NE / Year one parents we trust you're continuing your IT upskilling before your 5 year olds leave you behind! Our wonderful PTA are also on board with the decision to purchase the latest 'activtable' - now on order for Room 2.

The other related development is that we have received official notification that the school will be hooked up with ultra-fast broadband in late April / May. So after our BoT, lead by the ICT Development Committee, having spent around \$150 000 in the past 2-3 years on the ICT buying / upgrade programme, it's great to see ultra-fast!

### (temporary) Friday Assembly and Privilege structure

Because of the current school building programme and Rm 7 being located in the PRIDE room (Arahura Centre), our weekly assemblies are at 1.30 in Arahura, with Friday (celebration) Privilege operating from 2.00 till 2.50pm.

### Staffing News (please check the job vacancies on pg 3)

Marriage is "in the air" about the campus at present with Kate Frame married in November, new Room 4 teacher Annabel Chambers getting engaged prior to Christmas, and now Beth Moody getting engaged last weekend!! CONGRATULATIONS ladies!!

As a teaching staff we're thrilled with the extra BoT-funded staffing that has been agreed to for 2012, with 0.8 (almost a whole teacher!) being budgeted for extra learning support, reading recovery (4 extra children), in-class music teacher, and a sum of \$\$ set aside for another teacher once the new classroom is completed (July

A great deal of discussion was had at last night's PTA meeting on what fund-raising the PTA may be able to organise in the community to support this extra teaching commitment - so please keep an eye out for how you may be able to support any such activities -it's about our kids!

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### Head Girl / Head Boy / Student Council

A number of Year 8 children will be delivering speeches in front of the Year 4-8 students in Rewi Alley Hall tomorrow morning in their quest to be elected Head Girl or Head Boy - we wish them good luck!

Rooms 5 to 9 are also electing their student councilors in the next week, so our Council is in place earlier this year.

### Meet the Teacher Afternoons

These important parent / teacher sessions conclude tonight with the junior syndicate teachers available. Thank you to those parents who've been able to get along.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT as we start off another busy school year together:

- \* coming together is a beginning
- \* keeping together is progress
- \* working together is success

Henry Ford

### Two Year EOTC / Camp Schedule

There has been some 'fine-tuning' done on our EOTC 2 yearly schedule recently, with the following programme now in place for Years 5-8 children:

**Year 5/6:** Year A (odd years - 2011, 2013 etc) - term 4 Hanmer Forestry Camp; Year B (even years—2012, 2014 etc) - term 1 Kaikoura marae

**Year 7/8:** Year A - term 4 Wellington Camp; Year B - term 1 Wainui Camp

### Board of Trustee's News

Our Board is hosting a beginning of the year "welcome" barbeque from 5.30pm on Friday 2nd March for all school families here at the school. An invitation, with all the details, will be issued by the Board next week. Love to see a great roll-up folks!!

### School Communication "extra"

After a significant discussion period the school management has agreed to introduce a school / parent community "Twitter" for EMERGENCY USE ONLY, as we're already well-served with newsletters, school website, KiT notices and other school letters, along with the recently introduced google calendar system (see school website - and well done IT gurus Belinda and Mike) that parents can subscribe to. Details on joining the school Twitter emergency system will be sent home in coming weeks.

### Amberley School Vision

Through our example, effort and encouragement our students will develop knowledge, attitudes and skills which enable them to be successful and contribute positively to their community.

...the future is not a place we are going, it is one we are creating...

# SCHOOL HAPPENINGS...



# Welcome Back!

Please remember to update your family details if they have changed since last year. It is important we have your correct contact phone numbers and address etc. If your 'in case of emergency' details / people have changed, please let us know immediately. *Thank you.*

**IT Agreements sent home week 1**  
Apologies for the incorrect parent IT agreement form being issued last week. The corrected one is attached to this newsletter - note the comment that you only have to send it back to school if YOU ARE NOT HAPPY with this family agreement. Thank you.

*The sun is still shining*  
- please ensure you bring your school hat to school every day for Term 1 and Term 4 as per our school sun safety policy. Remember: **No Hat, No Play!**



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**CAN YOU HELP??** Our Amberley School PTA are looking for volunteers to help one day per week (day to be negotiated) to help with the "sausage sizzle" roster. This would mean one or two days per term to help for 1.5hrs. Please phone Anna: 03 314 7400. **Remember \$\$ raised helps pay EOTC / camp costs (\$10.00 per child for Years 5-8 camps later this term!!!!!!)**

## 2012 TERM DATES

- TERM 1:** Tuesday 31 January - Thursday 5 April  
**TERM 2:** Monday 23 April - Friday 29 June  
**TERM 3:** Monday 16 July - Friday 28 September  
**TERM 4:** Monday 15 October - Tuesday 18 December



## Administration of medication during school hours

Please remember school staff will not issue medication of any sort to children (including pain killers), except on written permission from a parent or caregiver. An updated register of medications is kept in the school office. Please contact the office if your child(ren)'s medical details need updating. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.**

## School Uniform

We still have some school uniform items available at the school office. **20% discount for the month of February.**

School photos are booked for **Thursday 24th May**. More information coming soon...

## School Planning re Teacher-only Days in Term 1

Each year school staff are required to undergo ongoing training to widen and improve our teaching and learning (curriculum) programmes.

This professional development / training is often done outside school hours (e.g. syndicate and staff meetings, or after-school PD sessions off-campus), or in holidays / weekends. There are also so many "teacher-only" days allowed for each year for whole staff development. This term we have an early finish day - **Wednesday March 21 @ 2.00** an one teacher-only day on **Wednesday March 28** for further Habits of Mind and Key Competencies PD.

Week 3	Mon 13th February	Tues 14th February	Wed 15th February	Thurs 16th February	Fri 17th February
				*Music	*1.30pm - Room 2 Assembly (Sunsmart presentation) *2.00pm Privilege
Week 4	Mon 20th Feb	Tues 21 February	Wed 22 December	Thurs 23 December	Fri 24 December
		* AMI Classes *Rooms 1-5 Mystery walk * Kea Crossing PD		* 1.30 Kapa Haka * Rooms 4 & 5 Sleep-over	* 1.30pm Room 3 Assembly * 2.00pm Privilege

## School Employment Opportunities

### (a) School Cleaner

Position involves 17½ hours per week (3 1/2 hours each day → 3.00 - 6.30pm) during the school term, commencing as soon as can be negotiated with the successful applicant. Please send a covering letter, including the names and contact details of 2 appropriate referees, to the Principal PO Box 148 Amberley, or email to: [kohalloran@amberley.school.nz](mailto:kohalloran@amberley.school.nz) Applications close on Monday February 13.

### (b) Learning Support Teacher Aides

As part of extension plans to the school's successful learning support programme, interested people are encouraged to phone the school on 314 8309, or email [office@amberley.school.nz](mailto:office@amberley.school.nz) to register interest in upcoming in-class teacher aide (part-time) positions. CVs do not need to be sent, although applicants may like to send in a covering letter with mention of any past experience in teacher aiding, along with the names and contact details of 2-3 appropriate referees by email or post to PO Box 148, Amberley. Expressions of interest close on Fri February 17.

### 2012 - Tigger Kids!!!

(proudly sponsored by Video-Ezy)



Do you have the TIGGER

FACTOR????

Tigger bounces back and *persists* even when things are tough and don't go his way - he's a legend!

Last week's 'TIGGER AWARD' goes to

**Georgia Howe**

for coping so well while teacher aide Julie is away - well done Georgia

### HAVE YOUR SAY! VISIT THE AMBERLEY SCHOOL SCHOODOCS WEBSITE

1. Visit the website:  
<http://amberley.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the user name (amberley) and password (pride)
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed
4. Read the policy
5. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent"
7. Enter the password "pin"
8. Enter your name (optional)
9. Submit your ratings and comments

If you don't have internet access, our school office staff can provide you with printed copies of any policies under review, along with the review form

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**MESSY CHURCH** - Sunday 26th February, 4.15pm in the hall next to the church, Church Street, Amberley. All children welcome - with accompanying adult - to join us for fun crafts, story, games and songs. Our theme this time: Noah's Ark

**CELEBRATING PANCAKE DAY!** Friday, 17 February, 2012, Anglican Church, Church Street, Amberley, 5.30pm BYO Frying Pan!! Pancake tossing races, Egg and spoon races, Sack races. Light meal of pancakes to follow - (Gold coin donation per person). Challenge your family, neighbours, colleagues and enter a team of 4 - or just turn up!

**LOST PROPERTY AT THE AMBERLEY POLICE STATION:** Green bike, Black bike - both left by library xmas eve.. older brown bike found Chamberlain park and the rip stick - pink thing found in your school grounds over holidays. Senior Constable Arnold Hooykaas, Amberley

**IRON RIDGE QUARRY SCULPTURE PARK presents: Weekend of live music, sculpture, art, photography, jewellery, food, wine, beer & coffee, 11-12 February 10am- 5pm, 'The Eastern', 'Courtenay Washington Trio' & 'Two Armed Men', Adults \$20, under 16yrs free, Presold tickets available at Sally Mac's Amberley \$15. Sign posted from the Mud House north of Amberley. See website for details: [www.raymondherber.com](http://www.raymondherber.com)**

**RUGBY 2012 SEASON - GLENMARK RUGBY JAB REGISTRATION - 15<sup>TH</sup> February at Omih Hall 3.15 - 5pm.** People interested in coaching or managing a team, please let us know on the day. New registrations very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there. Any enquires please contact Hamish Murray on 033143718 or 0274192528.

**HYP - HURUNUI YOUTH PROGRAMME - Bronze Medallion, Bronze Star + Award of Merit Swimming/Lifesaving courses** The internationally recognised Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion award aims to develop the level of knowledge, judgement, technique and physical ability required to carry out safe water rescues. HYP are offering the following: Bronze Star training course for under 14 year olds, Bronze Medallion for 14 years and over, Award of Merit Training for those who already have their B.M Award. Two day Training Course Dates: **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012.** Will be held at the Amberley Swimming Pool - Douglas Road. Assessment date: 25<sup>th</sup> February. Course Cost= \$20, Assessment Cost= Approx. \$25. Register online at [hyp.hurunui.govt.nz](http://hyp.hurunui.govt.nz) or collect a registration form from the Amberley Library, Amberley Pool or contact Sam.

Check out all that is HYP on the new website - [hyp.hurunui.govt.nz](http://hyp.hurunui.govt.nz)

**GLENMARK SCOUTS** - meet every Thursday 7pm at the Waipara Domain. New Scouts welcome. Come along and meet the leaders this Thursday.

**PIANO LESSONS** available. Please ring Rosina Schultze 314 9249

**AMBERLEY GIRL GUIDES** - recommencing Wednesday 8th February. **Pippins** 5-6 years 4pm-5.30pm; **Brownies** 7-9 years 5.30pm-7pm; **Guides** 10-13 years 7pm-8.30pm; **Rangers** 13-18 years 7pm-8.30pm Mondays. All meet at Scout Den in Chamberlain Park. New Members welcome. Inquires phone Katrina 3148153 (evenings)

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**ST JOHN YOUTH** - Learn first aid, healthcare, leadership skills and much more. Our Penguin Programme is for 5-8 year olds and our Cadet Programme for those 8-18. Come and check us out at Amberley St John Hall on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February at 5.30pm or for further information [www.stjohn.org.nz](http://www.stjohn.org.nz) or contact Youth Support on 0800STJOHN.

**Amberley Rugby Club** - Registrations 4.30 to 6.00pm on Monday 13th February down at the Amberley Domain Pavilion. Call 0272281720 for further information

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