

From the Principal

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



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

- we hope you enjoy your Amberley experience:
Tyler Gamble and Savannah Bonnett-Hunter (Room 3)

Hi, some FANTASTIC 'fun day' activities planned for next Thursday from 10.30am - love to see a BIG ROLL-UP of family and friends as we celebrate another successful term, but more so appreciating each other's company and meeting new people as we continue to move confidently forward into a more settled period in the Canterbury region we hope. We think especially of the significant number of families who have joined our community from Christchurch this year, we hope you're enjoying Amberley.

DON'T FORGET THE HANGI FOLKS!!

Mid-Year Reporting

Senior classes reports are being sent home with your children tomorrow. They will be in envelopes addressed to parents and children will be told not to open them. As we have updated families on in earlier newsletters, these are *interim reports* and are not yet referenced against National Standards - that will happen at our school in December this year, after we hold further parent information evenings on the standards over the next two terms, and our teachers continue with further professional development. For many parents, children's grades for writing, reading and mathematics in December won't hold too many surprises; but one of the major concerns with this new national reporting system is that the actual standards (or the "bar"), particularly in reading and mathematics, have been set too high. Hence all the negative newspaper articles, and the significant number of schools who are refusing to implement these standards. Great for all of us to aspire and set higher expectations in life as long as we (*the education system*

Further reminder for next Monday July 11

Classes will be finishing at 2.00pm next Monday July 11 for mid-year parent / teacher interviews from 2.15

largely in this case) are setting realistic expectations to help children develop and achieve success with their learning.

Way to go Cross Country Athletes!!!

CONGRATULATIONS Travis and David Jennings on being selected in the Canterbury team to compete in the NATIONAL cross country championships in Blenheim!!!

2010 Prize-Giving Cups NEEDED BACK PLEASE

We are still to receive a number of cups back to the office for engraving. Please get these back to Belinda and Robyn next week so we can have them engraved over the holidays to return to children after the break.

Lost Property - no shortages at present!!

The office ladies will have the current lost property items available for classes to look through next week before we pack them up for the local clothing bin. If you are missing school clothing items please pop in to the office for a look through before next Friday.



Happy winter

VOCAL FORCE

Our wild and wacky 'Vocal Force' Choir have been practising all term for their end of term concert at Adriel Rest-home. They will also be performing at this week's assembly. Come and see them rock the house!



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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.

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

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS...



School Awards

Room 1, Week 9: *Alfie Lotz, Laura Newman, and Montana-Rose Anderson* all received awards for working co-operatively with a partner to balance the rocker in PMP; *Toby Moore* for telling us all about his holiday in Australia and for showing us the fantastic diary he wrote.

Room 4, Week 7: *Megan Higgins, Rebekah Thomas and Thorne Cooper*

Week 9: *Charlotte Eggleston* for a great attitude to learning, especially in maths; *Caitlin Hewett* for a great attitude to new ideas in maths; *Mason Simms-Eder* for being super organised in the mornings

Room 8, Week 9: *Tessa McGirr* for following through with your homework expectations by knowing your speech; *Brianna Tobin* for presenting her speech in front of an audience with PRIDE!

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Georgia Howe for reading nicely in the library; Josh Bolstad for picking up rubbish

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★ **Room 8 Celebrations** ★

★ We wish to send our congratulations ★
 ★ to: **Harri Tait** and **Sascha Moriarty** ★
 ★ who were the two top scorers in our ★
 ★ speech competition. They will be pre- ★
 ★ senting their speech at the Syndicate ★
 ★ Speech Competition on Thursday 7th ★
 ★ July at 11.00 am in the Arahura Cen- ★
 ★ tre. The 3 runner-ups were **Tessa** ★
 ★ **McGirr**, **Ebony Williams** and **Jake** ★
 ★ **Macham**. The quality and content was ★
 ★ very high. The next steps would be ★
 ★ delivery when presenting a speech. ★
 ★ Mahi pai everyone and all the students ★
 ★ did so well. We will keep you informed ★
 ★ of the Syndicate Winners, who will be ★
 ★ presenting for Prize Giving Awards ★
 ★ for Public Speaking. You are to be ★
 ★ very proud of this. Well done Team! ★

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★ **Katrina Shepherd** ★

★ **2nd Deputy Principal** ★

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The CURE KIDS RED NOSE DAY is on next THURSDAY JULY 14, to support research into finding cures for the many childhood diseases that affect our kids - please give generously and order your nose, bracelet or Red Nose Day Jaffas from the office today!!! (all items are \$2.00 each)

STORIES FROM OUR RECENT FERRYMEAD TRIP

Our Trip to Ferrymead

We went to Ferrymead on the bus last week with Mrs Dean. When we went to Ferrymead we got dressed in old fashion clothes and I did the cookies first and then we went to Mrs Grey's house because we did some work. My favourite thing was the cookies and we had to cook the cookies in the olden days' oven. My next thing was the scrubbing house and we did the washing on the washing boards and it was fun because it was work.. **By Phoebe Poultney**

Our Trip to Ferrymead

I went to Ferrymead on the bus. When I went Ferrymead I dressed up in old fashion clothes. I went to the movies and it was funny. I baked a cookie at the bakery.
By Mitchell Thomas-Orpwood

MORE POEMS FROM OUR RECENT TALENTED WRITERS COURSE

Rodeo Road - Thandi Graham

Pine tree scent
 wafts in the breeze
 on Courage Road,

 my BMX bike
 a bucking bronco,
 cows and sheep
 rodeo spectators.

I am cowgirl
 hurtling down
 loose shingle slides
 with wet hair
 that whips the horse.

Radius and ulna
 snap like twigs
 and I lie in the grass
 with a green stick fracture.

Sandpit Pyramids - William Whiteman

After school
 boys build pyramids
 with plastic buckets
 and metal spades.

Sandpit archaeologists
 dig for the bones
 of Pharaohs.

Hieroglyphic birds
 spin around my head
 after a spade
 has grazed my eyebrow.

The doctor's bandage
 around my face resurrects
 an ancient mummy.

News from Mr Clemens and Room 9 scholars!!

As we get near the end of Term 2 in Room 9 we celebrate the efforts of the students during our Writing Unit. We have all been very busy learning about New Zealand icons and writing speeches to convince people of what should be regarded as a New Zealand icon. Researching our persuasive arguments took us from the heights of Mount Everest to the rolling hills of Pearoia in search of iconic symbols. This Thursday we have the finals of our Senior (Yr 7 & 8) Public Speaking Cup and we are very proud of our representatives!
Good luck Anna, Ned, and Samantha.

Fun Day "Hangi"!!!!

Reminder to get your hangi orders into the office by tomorrow (Friday). This is a great chance for some of our students to experience their first hangi, and to wrap up our World Famous in New Zealand topic. Only \$8 per plate for a selection of yummy meats and vegetables.

Senior classes ski trip - had your say yet

*A number of survey forms have been returned to the office, many with some great suggestions!!
 Be great to get a wide-representation of comment from parents please. So we will continue to collect the survey forms till next Monday through the office*

Week 11	Mon 11 July *SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM to allow for: * 2.15 - 8.00 pm mid-year parent/teacher Interviews: (office bookings)	Tues 12 July *3.15 - 5.30 Mid-year parent/teacher interviews	Wed 13 July	Thurs 14 July "FUN DAY from 10.30"	Fri 15 July * 9am Assembly - Student Council *1.45pm Class Privilege
Week 1 Term 3	Mon 1 August Classes resume	Tues 2 August	Wed 3 August	Thurs 4 August	Fri 5 August

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.

2011 - 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!

This week's 'TIGGER AWARD' goes to
Rebekah Thomas

WAR! The battle has reached North Canterbury. Tug of War at Sefton School, 300+ competitors and no second prize. Sunday the 10th of July starting at 10am with food, kids entertainment, the battle royal and \$1000 up for grabs. Check the web site

<http://www.tugofwar.sefton.org.nz/> and enter a team, or just come and enjoy the spectacle.

Absences - IMPORTANT!!

Sadly there was another abduction of a young child en route to school in the North Island last week. After being driven around in a car for 25 minutes the girl was released physically unharmed.

PLEASE HELP THE SCHOOL KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE. If your child is absent from school please ensure that you phone the school office on 314 8309 or text 027 753 6530 stating your child's name/room number and reason they are absent. If the absence is not confirmed via a phone call to the school your child is automatically given a 'Truancy' code on the computer system. The Ministry of Education require that we always record a reason for any absences. If your child is away for more than one day, you are required to call every day they are away - it is a very **time-consuming exercise** for office staff to have to call homes each morning when parents don't notify a child's absence.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HYP YOUTH PROGRAMME - For all 12-18 year olds

Movie Nights - All movie nights start at 6.30pm, \$3 entry. Amberley Library - 29th July- Amberley Library. **Club HYP** - Thursdays 4-6pm in the Amberley Library - Wii, Singstar and movies. To register or for further info on any of the above contact Sam 027 4271087 or email hyp@hurunui.govt.nz

Ice Skating Trip, Friday 22nd July. Alpine Ice Centre- ChCh. Bus Departs Culverden at 12noon - Pick-ups at Waikari and Amberley. Return to Amberley- 5.30pm approx. Return to Culverden - 6.30pm approx. \$20- extra \$ needed for food and drink. Register by Tuesday 19 July. Contact Sam to register or collect a registration form from your library.

HYP Website Competition Design the HYP Website and be in to Win: 1st- Ipod Nano, 2nd:- Book voucher + technology to value of \$100, 3rd- Book Voucher + technology to value of \$75 Collect an entry form today from your library or area high school and start designing Entries Close: Friday 29th of July 2011. Entry Criteria and guidelines on Entry Form

PINECONES FOR SALE - proceeds to Amberley School

\$4 per bag (collected) or \$6 per bag (delivered in Amberley Area). Phone Amanda: 314 8288

ALPINE ICE - Holiday Programme - Week 1: JULY 18-22nd or Week 2: JULY 25-29th
Time : 9.00-9.45am. Cost per week:\$100.00 hire skates. \$90.00 own skates. For an additional \$35.00 your child can stay for the 10:00-12:00 noon public session for the entire week!
www.alpineice.co.nz

LEARN TO RELAX & HEAL - With Sharron Maree (CHTP; Dip HE) - Introductory Workshops on Sunday 3rd July and Saturday 6th August. 1.30-4.00pm; 2.30-5.00pm. 53 Douglas Road, Amberley. \$25 per person. Includes workshop, manual and cuppa. For more information phone: 03 314 7645 or email: valleyguide@callsouth.net.nz or visit www.healingtouchnz.com

MESSY CHURCH It's fun church for children and adults. We explore a bible theme through story, song, crafts etc - that's where it gets messy! We finish with a shared meal. **Next session Sunday 31 July, 4.30pm** in the hall next to Holy Innocents church, Church Street, Amberley. All children welcome with accompanying caregiver(s). Bring finger food to share. We will provide some hot food and drinks. And we clean up the mess so you don't have to!

DESPERATELY NEEDED!!! Grazing for one well-bred warm blood weanling filly. Beautifully natured. Ideally with other young stock. Short or long term. Please phone Kathy: 314 9176

MASSIVE GARAGE SALE/Car Boot Sale to be held at the Amberley Rugby Club carpark/club rooms 23rd July from 10am-1pm. Limited tables/stalls avail. @ \$5 each. Fundraiser for Rugby Club. Sausage Sizzle. Contact Tania 3148392 or Carrie 3149314.

CANTERBURY MUSEUM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: Dino-size and Fossil-wise! 18 - 29 July, 10.00 am - 12 noon, St Albans School, 17 Sheppard Place, Christchurch. Have some Dino-size fun these school holidays with Canterbury Museum's fantastic holiday programme at St Albans school. Think like a palaeontologist and find out how dinosaurs lived, survived and died. Create your very own fossil or design a dinosaur mask. Cost: Discovery Club members \$4, non-members \$6 per child. Bookings essential: telephone 021 366 553 or email education@canterburymuseum.com. Caregivers are welcome.

DENTAL CARE OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Monday, 18th July - 29th July 2011 (excluding weekends).

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance. You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 84 69 83 or 335 4222. Alternatively, your school dental clinic phone will have a message on how to access emergency care.