

## From the Principal

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



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT - Duncan Eggleston** - we hope you enjoy your Amberley experience

Hi, if you've been up at the school today you would have seen the lovely new entrance sign. Although it's not totally new folks, as we have re-energized(?) the original metal sign that was made by local blacksmith Gordan McEwan in 1978 to commemorate our school's centenary. We're currently working on further plans to improve the front entrance way now that the big gum tree has had to be removed - including realigning the front fence and reclaiming a sizeable chunk of school property.

Keep a look out for the wonderful new "Amber and Lee welcome mural" (*front wall of Rewi Alley Hall*) that our talented year 8 team and Robyn Williams are developing at present. They're hoping to start the painting this term

### Tree Planting Ceremony

At the conclusion of our Room 1 Assembly next **Friday 2nd September** we will be holding a special tree planting ceremony. All students will be attending and families who offered to purchase a tree last term will be planting their tree! **BIG THANK YOU** to Jodie and Megan Pringle's grand-dad Peter for the wonderful plaques!! We welcome you all and hope you will join in and celebrate another fantastic garden committee project!!



**BIG NEWS:** tomorrow is our "welcome to spring" mufti day to celebrate Daffodil Day thanks to our wonderful student council, with the gold coin donation being contributed to the Amberley Cancer Support Group and Child Cancer Research. There are individual class awards and an overall award for the best spring-theme costume!!

### **Outstanding ICAS Science results**

Congratulations to the following children who received outstanding results in the recent ICAS Science testing:

**Distinction Awards:** *Rhiannon Hewett* (Yr 5), *Mick Latham* (Yr 7), and *Eddie Trewinnard* (Yr 8).

**Credit Award:** *Lucia Grigg* (Yr 5)

### **Happy Camping Room 6 and 7 children!!**

Many thanks to the parents who are supporting Beth and Debbie with the year 5 and 6 camp at the Hanmer Forest Camp next week. Fingers crossed for fine weather!

### **How lucky are our children, but we'd love more support**

At Tuesday's PTA meeting a further \$1500 was granted to the school by our hard-working PTA executive for the purchase of 3 new tables for the library, carry cases and

recharging units for our 15 new laptops and 20 I-pads, as well as a \$7.50 subsidy for each Year 5 and 6 child going to Hanmer next week (*from the EOTC sausages account*). I know the executive do get frustrated with the limited support they receive from parents, so please consider joining this fund-raising group, as all our children benefit

### **Senior Classes Ski Trip to Mt Lyford**

To date there has been a rather limited response to the September 12 ski trip proposal. Return slips and required payments are due on **September 5**, when final decisions will be made on whether the trip goes ahead. An update letter will be issued after September 5.

**"Bring home the bacon" - Thanks Jenni and teachers**  
Librarian Jenny Yates has recently set-up a World Cup display in the library foyer. Feel welcome to drop in any rugby memorabilia that Jenny could add to our rugby world cup winning spirit display - go the mighty Blacks!!

### **C21 learning/ Habits of Mind Information**

The staff have all been hard at work integrating the Habits of Mind into their classroom teaching programs. There have been many successful activities undertaken, including thinking skills, striving for accuracy and questioning. I found this poem the other day and thought it was a great introduction to the Habits of Mind.

### What is a Habit?

*A Habit is something you repeat and repeat,  
Like saying 'hello' to the people you meet.  
Some habits are good; some habits are bad.  
Some make you happy; some make you sad.*

*Habits are like a garden full of seeds.  
Some grow into flowers; others into weeds.  
Habits like exercising are good to do.  
Habits like smoking are bad for you.*

*Some habits are noisy like cracking your toes.  
Some habits are gross like picking your nose.  
Once you have a habit it's very hard to lose.  
So be very careful of the ones you choose.*

*Allow me to speak to you as a good friend  
And suggest the habits that I recommend.*

*They are habits for your mind  
- that's right - just for you.*

*They help you solve problems and know what to do.  
Enjoy - from Jenni McQuillan - C21 lead teacher*

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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.*



### School Awards

**Room 1, Week 2:** *James Rhodes* for excellent listening skills; *Noah Sunnex van DerLee* for showing an improvement in Maths; *Ethan Wallace* for making progress with his reading and self correcting if he makes a mistake!

**Week 3:** *Hayley Painter* for doing some basic facts work at home; *Jackson King* knows how to write wonderful stories and he can spell most of the words correctly; *Emily Wain* always works quietly and tries to do her Personal Best.

**Room 3, Week 2:** *Rachael Burnett* for being so helpful and tidy; *Grace Heke* for being an all round super star; *Brynn Hingston* for fabulous reading;

**Week 3:** *Isaak Hunter* for a super snow story with fabulous describing words; *Harry Upston* for being a very kind and caring friend; *Kiri Hunt* for a super description of her snowman!

**Room 8:** *Ebony Williams* for the ability to show maturity and demonstrate responsibility with PRIDE; *Alastair Bellamy* for an improved attitude towards learning and supporting others; *Heather Gardiner-Preece* for showing greater independence and believing in yourself.

**Week 3:** *Megan Pringle* for transferring her knowledge into other curriculum areas using the Habits of Mind.; *Jaydin Creamer* for showing enjoyment in his learning and supporting others.

### PLAYGROUND AWARDS

*Cody McMullan* for playing Soccer really nicely with his friends

### Well Done Chess Club Team!!

On Wednesday 24 August 4 students from the Amberley Chess team competed in the Inter-School Zone Chess competition, held at St Peter's in Beckenham. *Rory Trewinnard*, team captain lead our team into battle against teams from more than 20 schools in the greater Christchurch area. Team members *Rhiannon Hewett*, *Jayden Tutbury*, and *Fee Sunbeam* played some excellent gambits and Rhiannon and Jayden were victorious on two occasions. The winners of this year's competition go on to play for the South Island Championships and then onto the Nationals later on in the year. Mike Clemens

### NUT-FREE A reminder - that we are a 'Nut-Free' School .

We have children at school with **allergies and medical conditions** that we need to monitor and provide as safe an environment as possible for. One of the major conditions is the allergy to peanuts. This is potentially life threatening with a major anaphylactic shock. All we ask is that children do not bring **ANY NUTS (in any form)** to school or have peanut butter sandwiches. Allergic reactions are not only started by eating the nuts but also by being touched by the nuts or by hands that have touched nuts.

Please also be vigilant in checking muesli bars and their contents as they often contain nuts, even if they don't say they are a nut bar.

**Thank you for your understanding and support of this policy.**



Room 1 and 2 children had an informative talk about Fiji, as part of this term's 'Pacific' TOPIC study. Here, some of the children are dressed in Fijian Sari's and Sulu's brought back by Robyn Williams after a recent holiday.

### Crossing on Douglas Road up from the Railway Tavern

Due to ongoing safety concerns we have decided to trial a supervised crossing at the marked crossing site just up from the Railway Pub on Douglas Road. We have a group of 4 volunteers who will each man the crossing in the afternoons, approx. 3.00 to 3.20pm each day. We are looking for more volunteers - another 6 would be fantastic, allowing us to form a roster so that we each do one afternoon per fortnight, with plenty of people to swap with if need be. Please contact the school office or speak to Debra Whiteman if you can help get this volunteer group started. Thanks, Debra Whiteman (*School Travel Coordinator*)

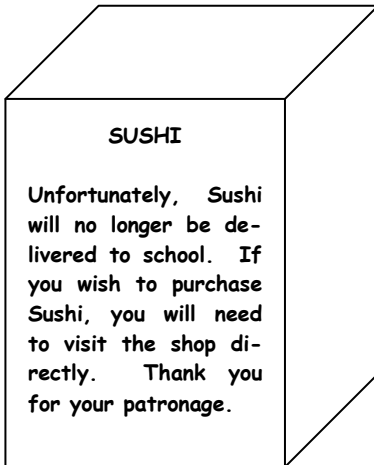


<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Mon 29 August</b>	<b>Tues 30 August</b>	<b>Wed 31 August</b> *Rm 6/7 Camp-Hammer	<b>Thurs 1 September</b> *Kapa Haka *Rm 6/7 Camp-Hammer *4 yr old programme	<b>Fri 2 September</b> *9am Assembly - Rm 1 *Tree Planting Ceremony *Rm 6/7 Camp-Hammer *1.45pm Class Privilege
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Mon 5 September</b> * senior classes ski trip returns due in	<b>Tues 6 September</b> *AMI PE programme	<b>Wed 7 September</b>	<b>Thurs 8 September</b> *Newsletter No: 13 *4 yr old programme *Kowai Winter Sports	<b>Fri 9 September</b> *9am Assembly - Room 8 *Amberley Idol Heats

**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.



**Absences**

If your child is absent from school please ensure that you phone the school office: 03 314 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.



**HYP YOUTH PROGRAMME - For all 12-18 year olds -**

**Gazump- Cyber Safety Awareness Nights - New Dates** - This was postponed due to the snow. HYP is bringing speakers to talk to you about Cyber bullying and the effect that it is having on our young people. Two Nights both starting at 7pm - Open to all - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October- Culverden Community Room, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Cheviot Community Room GAZUMP is not against technology; the message is about how important it is to be safe users of it and to grow an awareness of the powerful effects it can have on some people's lives.

**Movie Nights:** All Movies start at 6.30pm, entry \$3, pop-corn provided, food and drink available for purchase. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August at the Amberley Library

**Coming Up:** October Holidays - First Aid Courses , 5-7 December- HYP Leadership Camp

**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](mailto:hyp@hurunui.govt.nz)

**PINECONES FOR SALE** - proceeds to Amberley School

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

**FOR SALE:** Sheep manure for under 7's rugby team. Well rotted and easy to spread.

Sack \$5 to \$10 depending on size, or a trailer load for \$100 (good 7x4 trailer), Ph: 314 8288

**RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME (ACE)**

Accessible and affordable education for adults. Our term 3 & 4 brochure is now available through Rangiora High School office, Rangiora Library, and various high street outlets. Also available via our website [www.northcanterburyace.net.nz](http://www.northcanterburyace.net.nz) or contacting Sally McGill on 03 311 8888 extension 2130 or [sally.mcgill@rangiorahigh.school.nz](mailto:sally.mcgill@rangiorahigh.school.nz). New classes include Practical Philosophy, Knitting, Astronomy, Beginners Guitar, Calligraphy, Creative Journaling, Limestone carving and a day-time ZUMBA class! We look forward to welcoming you to the programme. Term 3 commences 8 August.

**AMBERLEY PRESCHOOL & NURSERY - BOOGIE NIGHTS FUNDRAISER**

3rd September 2011—7.30pm-midnight at the Amberley Tin Shed. Live Music from the "Vague as Brothers" - 80's supper provided. (R18) Tickets available from Amberley Preschool; Emma 314 9147 or 021 251 1727 \$25.00 each. Bar facilities available.

**AMBERLEY MARCHING NEEDS YOU!!**

We are looking for girls between the ages of 7-11 years to join our team. If you are interested please ring Tania: 314 9021

Children's Sculpture at **ART IN A GARDEN**, Flaxmere, Hawarden, 27th to 30th October 2011. A new section for creative 8-15 year olds. Entries close 1st October. Bookings also being taken for children's sculpture and art classes. For further information on all activities take a look at our website [www.artinagarden.co.nz](http://www.artinagarden.co.nz) under *Happenings 2011* email [pipmiller@clear.net.nz](mailto:pipmiller@clear.net.nz) phone Pip 03 960 6374

**WANTED TO RENT:** 3-4bedroom home on a lifestyle block of 10acres or more. For considerate and careful tenants, a family with 1 small dog. Ph: Anna 314 7400

**WANTED TO LEASE:** Land up to 20 acres in Amberley/Sefton area. Ph: Mark 027 229 7310

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