

# From the Principal

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



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT - Maniah Donaldson**

we hope you enjoy your Amberley experience:

Hi, our Student Council is hosting a "BLACK-OUT Day" tomorrow prior to the AB's finals campaign. There will be no coin collection, just a fun day to finish a busy term.

A reminder that school resumes for Term 4 on **Tuesday October 25** (after Labour Day), and concludes on **Friday December 16**, with the Big Day Out at Waipara on **Thursday December 15**.

### Amberley Idol Success!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the children involved with Amberley Idol - a FANTASTIC "show-case of talent". Special thanks once again to **Ned Lester** and his organising committee.

After 12 wonderful performances **Tessa McGirr**, **Imogen Bradbury** and **Brooke Mitchell** were declared the 2011 winners!!!

### PTA BOOK FAIR

Don't forget the Book Fair this weekend in Arahura - starts tomorrow = see details on next page.

### Junior Classes PMP Finished

The PMP (*Perceptual Motor Programme*) runs each year in terms 2 and 3 for our Year 1 and 2 children. This is a fantastic programme that helps children improve their confidence and coordination (*and ultimately their learning!*). It is a very intensive programme and requires a number of adults to maximize the benefits for our children. To this end we receive fantastic help from parents each year, so once again a BIG thank you to this year's PMP 'parent helper crew!' Liz Dean

### Children Road Crossing Awareness

**In response to growing concerns with the busy main road and children crossing issues the Police and the school will be running a special road crossing (safety) awareness programme in the second week of Term 4.**

**In the meantime we encourage you to talk to your children about being very careful when crossing the busy main road.**

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### Early (2012) Holiday Planning??

School

term dates for next year are:

**Term 1:** Tuesday January 31 - Thursday April 5

**Term 2:** Monday April 23 - Friday June 29

**Term 3:** Monday July 16 - Friday September 28

**Term 4:** Monday October 15 - finish date is still to be set by our Board of Trustees (must be no

### Culminating Activity - Years 5-8

Rooms 6, 7, 8 and 9 are looking forward to celebrating their culminating activity with family and friends with the school-wide performance that is booked for week 6 in Term 4. This is based on the 'Performing Arts' curriculum, and all the classes will be celebrating this by putting on a performance culminating all of their learning and knowledge.

Our 'Global Gifts' integrated curriculum is still continuing into term 4 for Amberley School, hence we are still developing our performance. We look forward to celebrating this with you in term 4. Room 6 is showing their learning through Dance/Drama, Room 7 will be retelling through Music/Dance/Drama, Room 8 are using Dance/Drama as the basis for their performance, and Room 9 will be using the Visual Art component to transform their knowledge and learning of Global Gifts.

**Ka kite Ano - Senior Syndicate Team**

later than December 20)

### Term 4 Swimming Update

Because of the very short term (7 and a half weeks), along with earthquake-related problems at the Kaiapoi Swim Centre (for Room 1 & 2 children), there will be no swimming programme in term 4 this year. Although the local swimming pool will be used for some fun days in the last couple of weeks of the school year.

### 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...



### School Awards

**Room 7, Week 8:** *Room 7* for showing your Amberley PRIDE all week, focusing on all your work, looking after each other and looking after your teacher. You are awesome!!

**Week 9:** *Rory Trewinnard* for showing focus, determination and personal best with your topic poster. You worked productively with your buddy to produce a detailed, interesting project; *Rhiannon Hewitt* for showing focus, determination and personal best with your topic poster; *Bella McBreen* for showing PRIDE in all your work. Your standard of presentation is always improving and you are working with focus and determination on your own to complete your project.

**Room 8, Week 9:** *Eddie Trewinnard* and *Jason Ramos* for their leadership and encouragement to support the junior students with our cricket game for privilege; *Sam Grigg* and *Matthew Stackhouse* for their participation and enjoyment in our privilege cricket game.

**Room 9, Week 8:** Ben McNeill for determination for your efforts to improve the quality of your descriptive writing; *Matthew King* for general Pride for the positive attitude you have towards Maths; *Samantha Slatem* for Personal Best for your constant diligence towards your leadership role as Head Girl; *Holly Road-night* for Personal Best with your efforts in Information Literacy (*using ICT*).

### PLAYGROUND AWARDS

*Georgia James* for letting Catelyn play with us; *Ethan McBreen*; *Zac Taylor* for playing fair with the new play equipment; *Ashleigh Brown* for helping in the library happily.

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## Amberley School PTA Book Fair

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plus more.....

Friday 7 October 1 pm – 7 pm Saturday 8 October 10 am– 4 pm

### School Privilege

Lots of children have been enjoying candle-making for Privilege over the last two terms. We would love any donations of old wax or bits of candles that are no longer useful to you, as they can be melted down and used again. If anyone has an old crock pot or slow cooker (electric) that they don't want, we would love to take it off your hands! These are great for heating the wax in. Thanks! Robyn Graham.

### Lost Property

We have acquired a huge amount of lost property over the last term but unfortunately cannot return it as it is mostly unnamed. **Please** ensure all your child's uniform is clearly named so we can return it if it does go astray

### Front Entrance Improvements

The Board has planned to complete the school entrance improvements over the upcoming holiday break, with the front fence being realigned and new asphalt laid. Thank you for your patience with the rather unsightly Douglas Road frontage since the gum tree was removed in the last holiday break. There will also be a second school sign erected in Lawcocks Road early in Term 4.

### The Irish on (World Cup) Tour Duties??

Mick and Paddy were walking home from the pub. Mick says to Paddy, 'I cant be bothered to walk all that way.'

'I know', says Paddy, 'but we've no money for a cab and we've missed the last bus home.'

'We could steal a bus from the depot,'

Mick suggests. They arrive at the bus depot and Mick tells Paddy to go in and get a bus while he keeps a look-out.

After shuffling around for ages, Mick shouts, 'Paddy, what are you doing? Have you not found one yet?' Paddy shouts back, 'I can't find a No. 91' 'Oh Jaysus, ye thick sod, take the No. 14 and we'll walk from the roundabout.

My Irish doctor said I was paranoid... well, he didn't actually say it, but I could tell he was thinking it.

\*\*\* A police recruit was asked during the exam, 'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?' He answered, 'Call for backup.'

\*\*\* When an Irishman says it's a silly, childish game, it's probably something his wife can beat him at!!

Week 1	Mon 24 October LABOUR DAY NO SCHOOL	Tues 25 October *TERM 4 BEGINS	Wed 26 October	Thurs 27 October *1.30 Kapa Haka *4 yr old programme	Fri 28 October * 9am Assembly - Rm 7 * 1.45pm In-Class Privilege * Saturday 29th A & P Show
Week 2	Mon 31 October	Tues 1 November * Amberley Athletics Carnival at the Domain	Wed 2 November	Thurs 3 November *4 yr old programme * Newsletter No: 16	Fri 4 November *9am Assembly

## 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.

**Amberley Police** bring you ..... *So you think you can drive?* Get the low down on what police are looking for when they see you driving?

### Learn how not to get tickets!

Learn some of the many road rules, laws and obligations to driving a motor vehicle. What happens when it all goes wrong? A light hearted presentation on how to stay out of trouble and save yourself serious \$\$\$\$

Where: Arahura Centre, Amberley School, 7.30pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011, FREE

### Children Sickness

**There has been a few complaints during this (winter) term concerning children being sent to school unwell, and consequently exposing other children to flu / sickness.**

**Children have also had to be sent home when it has been discovered they have hair lice.**

**Families are asked to be more vigilant with their children's health, and also be more considerate of others. Thank you.**



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

**Movie Nights:** All Movies start at 6.30pm, entry \$3, pop-corn provided, food and drink available for purchase.

**Paper-making Course** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10-4pm, Amberley Library. Learn how to make paper from natural resources using paper making machines - Cost: \$10

**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)

**TENNIS COACHING**—If anybody is interested in professional tennis coaching, starting Monday 31.10.11, please phone Felicity: 314 7303 or if you just want to learn the basic (5-7yr olds), there is a free session for 1/2 hr on Wednesdays starting 2nd November.

**ACTIVE KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** - registrations are open now. Our programmes are a fun, safe and affordable option for the holidays. Operating from Monday 10 - Friday 14 October. The morning programme focuses on sport, skill development and improving coordination. Staff are trained, enthusiastic and encourage enjoyment and achievement. Visit our website and register online: [www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)

**STRIKE FORCE AT WIGRAM** The Air Force Museum is under threat from an alien invasion force and we need new troops fast! Enlist today and get ready to be trained in skills of combat, agility and stealth. Complete daily physical challenges, take part in covert operations, and discover more about the mysterious Zalks from the Planet Zalkatron. To become part of Strike Force at Wigram contact our Public Programmes Team now on (03) 343 9504 or email us at [programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz](mailto:programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz).

**DATES:** 10-14 and 17-21 October 2011, **TIME:** 8:30am-12:30pm (4hr) or 8:30am-3:00pm (6.5hr), **AGES:** 5-12 years

**COST:** 4hr programme \$25 per day, 6hr programme \$35 per day or \$170 for the whole week with no added costs.

**CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - Brian Brake: Lens on the World.** Ever wanted to know how to take great photographs? Come to Canterbury Museum these school holidays and learn about one of New Zealand's most renowned photographers, Brian Brake. You will learn the art of taking portraits, and then armed with a digital camera, supplied by Fuji, you will become a portrait photographer for the day. You will have the opportunity to manipulate your images on a computer before printing them out to take home with you.

10 - 21 October 2011. Meet outside Discovery. Juniors: 10:00 am - 12 noon (3 - 7 years)

Seniors: :1.00 pm - 3:00 pm (8 - 13 years)

Cost: Discovery Club members \$4 and non-members \$6 per child.

Bookings essential: telephone 366 9429 ext 817 or email [education@canterburymuseum.com](mailto:education@canterburymuseum.com)  
Caregiver optional, free.

**KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY GOLF PROGRAMME** Get into golf these school holidays with coaching and lots of fun games. We are offering beginner, intermediate and advanced sessions at Hagley, Kaiapoi and Ferrymead Golf so there is something for everyone. For coaching venues, and times check out details at website [www.canterburygolf.co.nz](http://www.canterburygolf.co.nz) or contact Rachel - 359 4000.

### SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICES

**Re: Access to School Dental Services over the October school holiday period**

The Community Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary school children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times.

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October (excluding weekends)**

Routine treatment will **not** be offered/available over the holidays and any accident related issues will be referred to Community Dentists as per usual practice.

**DO ALL YOUR SHOPPING FROM HOME [YOURFASTSHOP.CO.NZ](http://YOURFASTSHOP.CO.NZ)**