



From the Principal

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

FANTASTIC school athletics carnival at the Domain on Tuesday, and great to see so many parents cheering on the children. Big thank you to sports coordinator Beth, caretaker Nigel and staff on such a fun, well-organized day! Children have now been selected for our Kowai athletes Carnival that's on at the Domain next Monday Nov 7

Rewi Alley Garden - Gum tree chairs project

Thanks to the fund-raising efforts of a number of families, two massive garden "gum chairs" (carved from the big gum removed from Douglas Road last term) have been positioned in the Rewi Alley garden. Special thanks to Kate Dodd, Kerry and Nick Rutledge, Amanda and Richard Grigg, and Mike Luck for driving this beaut project.

Further landscaping is planned in this front area over the next fortnight before we plant a replacement memorial Red Beech tree kindly donated by Ali & David Robertson.

PTA Support Just Keeps Coming

In the past few weeks our PTA has raised over \$4000 for further resources for our children, through a very successful Book Fair and through it's amazing catering efforts at the A & P Show last weekend. WELL DONE!!!!

The PTA has its next meeting on Tuesday night at 7.30 in the staffroom. This smallish group would love some new members. So if you're a new family in our school community you may like to come along and share some ideas and enjoy a cuppa with the PTA crew.

Tomorrow's Room 5 & 6 Assembly

Our weekly assembly is being held in the Domain Pavilion at 9.15 tomorrow, to allow the two Jump Jam teams to use the wonderful new stage facility, and have a final

dress rehearsal in front of the whole school before their South Island finals in Christchurch on Saturday.

A & P Show - Children's Displays

If you visited the Pavilion display on Saturday I'm sure you'd agree the standard of work on show was truly amazing! Our children took out a big number of awards.

A full list of results will be available in the office foyer, and will be posted on our school website shortly.

Well done children on your wonderful "talent display"!

Ongoing Road Safety Awareness Campaign

Through the school's road safety committee, Police Road Safety officer Karen, and school coordinator Debra Whiteman, plans had been made to run an extra road safety awareness campaign this week. Those plans have had to be changed, with the intention now to run this Police-sponsored "Stepping Out" programme in term 1 next year. In the meantime we encourage parents to keep reminding children (especially the littlees!!) on safe road crossing and safe cycling expectations.

Year 7 & 8s Wellington Camp

After a 3-4 month preparation period, all plans are now finalised for the Wellington Camp. BIG thank you to anyone who supported the children's last fund-raiser efforts at the show last weekend. Good luck kids and travel party

2010 Audited Accounts- legal notification expectation

Under the Education Act schools are required to inform the community on annual audit outcomes. Our 2010 school accounts have been audited - with a very positive report to be tabled at the BoT's November 10 meeting.

To our amazing Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 Teams:

Good luck in the NZ Jump Jam finals this Saturday

On the 1st November 2011 Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 excitedly gathered at the Amberley Domain for Athletics. The classes started their activities which went for 45 minutes. The activities were high jump, long jump, discus, shot put, sprints and long distance. 30 Amberley records were broken and we have lots of athletes going through to the Kowai Athletics Carnival on Monday 7 November. At 3pm all of the senior students went home tired and pleased with themselves. Thank you to our caretaker Nigel for the awesome job he did setting out our events.

Bella Robertson and Ethan Thomas

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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.

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

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS...



School Awards

Room 1, Week 1: *William Grant* for making fantastic progress with his reading; *Duncan Eggleston* for having great ideas for his story writing; *Jonty Dodd* for always doing beautiful neat work in his reading activities.

Room 3, Week 1: *Isaak Hunter* for being so enthusiastic when he was sharing his RWC parade news; *Jodie Pringle* for being a very keen writer; *George Hicks* for very creative art work

Room 4, Week 1: All for personal Best in art work for the Amberley Show - *Oliver Creagh*; *Mollie McWhannell*; *Caitlin Hewett*

Room 5, Week 1: *Jasmine Luck* for your amazing Pacific art; *Danielle Hooper* for your awesome Pacific and flower artwork; *Leo Hunter* for your wonderful artwork this week; *Mitch Berry* for your wonderful artwork this week.

Room 6, Week 1: *Ethan Thomas* showing determination during numeracy; *Marcus Wesselingh* showing determination during numeracy; *Tom Wallace* awesome problem solving skills

Room 7, Week 1: *Leyland Doig* for showing focus and enjoyment while sharing ideas and planning your narrative writing; *Eru Collings* for showing focus and enjoyment while sharing ideas and planning your narrative writing; *Georgia Rowe* for showing personal best in all your written work by focusing on your given tasks, using quality thinking skills and presenting your work to a high standard.

Room 8, Week 1: *Alastair Bellamy* for being a responsible and considerate class member; *Danielle Robins* for showing determination and enjoyment in her learning; *April Millar* for her willingness to do her personal best in Room 8.

Room 9, Week 1: *Aimee McQuillan-Reese* for the inspiring piece of film production based on your topic work; *Anna Bennetto* for the quality work on your interactive presentation based on your topic work; *Tyrone Jagers* for the quality planning you showed in your recent written work.

Prize-giving Cups

Please return all your 2010 Prize-giving Cups to the school Office ASAP, so we can get them engraved for this year's recipients. Thank you.

Lost: School Polo fleece from Room 3: Named Chrissie Millar. Please hand in to school office if found.

Christ's College - Looking Ahead - Year 7 Information Evening

Thursday 3 November - 7pm Old Boy's Theatre. An informal introduction to our school for Year 7 boys and their parents. Hear from the Headmaster, Mr Simon Leese, meet some of our boys, explore the facilities and talk with staff. Please RSVP before 1 November to: registrar@christscollege.com or phone: 03 364 6836

The sun is starting to shine - children please ensure you bring your school hat to school every day for Term 4 and Term 1 next year as per our school sunhats policy. Remember: No Hat, No Play!

Since Term 3 we have had 4 awesome basketball teams participating in the Friday night competition. They are the All Stars coached by Hayden and Leanne Lye, Wildcats coached by Miss Moody, Cobras coached by Stacy Tait and Mrs. Graham, and the Raptors coaches by Sam Watkins. All of the teams have had a great start to the basketball season. Congratulations to Samantha Crossley and Chan Cope for making the North Canterbury Under 12 girls team!
Brianna Bailey and Georgia James

AMBERLEY A&P SHOW

On behalf of the PTA I would like to thank all our families who kindly donated baking. Once again we had a great result and a huge variety. We had lots of positive comments from the Judges and Stewards (approx 150) on how wonderful it was to get good country food at the show. We would like to thank our tireless helpers on the day, for some a very long day, your time and effort were greatly appreciated. Once again thank you so much for your support. - *Lynette Gray, PTA Secretary*

And a huge thank you to the PTA for their amazing efforts yet again this year. A little birdy told me that Lynette Gray was at the Helm from 7am!!!

Also - a massive thanks to Robyn Graham for all her work behind the scenes, organizing judges, art work, setting up our children's displays etc. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our school is about to launch a **Galaxy of Books** Scholastic Book Fair in the Arahura Centre. We would love to see you there. Our Fair will be a wonderful reading celebration giving your family the perfect opportunity to select books together. Plus your support of this fundraiser provides valuable learning resources for our school. The Fair will be held for 4 days from Monday to Thursday next week, and opening times are listed on the flyer that has been sent home. As it is a short week the book character dress up parade that was to be organized for Thursday is now not happening. **Jenny Yates**

Week 3 BOOK FAIR - ALL WEEK	Mon 7 Nov *Kowai Athletics	Tues 8 Nov * Student Council *7.30pm PTA Meeting	Wed 9 Nov	Thurs 10 Nov *1.30 Kapa Haka *4 yr old programme *7pm BOT Meeting	Fri 11 Nov CANTERBURY SHOW DAY - NO SCHOOL
Week 4	Mon 14 Nov	Tues 15 Nov *AMI PE Classes *Yr 7/8 Wellington Camp (4 days)	Wed 16 Nov	Thurs 17 Nov *Kowai Art G&T day *4 yr old programme * Newsletter No: 17	Fri 18 Nov *9am Assembly - Room 2 *1.45pm Privilege

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.

National Standards Reporting

After a limited parent turn-out at the last National Standards Information evening in Term 3, the next planned meeting that was scheduled for November 9 has been cancelled.

The new reporting systems are now fully implemented throughout the school, with a little fine-tuning still to be completed on the new report card.

The new Years 1 - 8 report cards will be in a folder in the office for public viewing from week 5, so parents can gain further understanding of this new reporting approach before reports are issued on December 9.

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.

DO ALL YOUR SHOPPING FROM HOME

Amberley School Book Fair

On behalf of the PTA we would like to thank all those who offered and came to help on the days. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank everyone for their kind donation of books, games etc. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Gillian Trewinnard our book fair coordinator for all the time she put in to gathering, sorting and storing the thousands of books etc we received. It was a mammoth task but one Gillian took on and turned into a great event. Thank you to the crew who came and helped sort books at Gillian's and also to Rose for storing books when we ran out of room! I'm sure the Trewinnards and Beckdahls are now happy to have their garages back for their vehicles. Our book fair was a great success and raised over \$3,500.

- Lynette Gray, PTA Secretary

Amberley School at the Christchurch A&P Show on Friday November 11th. - Inter-School Calf Competition

Loads of fun will be had at the A&P Show Inter-School Calf Competition and our school is lucky enough to be represented by Holly Roadnight, Charlotte and Duncan Eggleston with their respective calves, who have all been in rigorous training! Look out in our next newsletter for our results and Good Luck Holly, Charlotte and Duncan!

COMMUNITY NEWS



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.

Blue-Light Disco - Amberley, Friday 25th November 7-9.30pm, Amberley Anglican Church Hall - Church Street. Theme- Fluro, Entry just - \$2. Open to all Year 7-13's. Food and Drink Available

Hurunui Youth Council - Applications for the 2012 HYC are now open. Are you: 15-21 Years old, a resident of the Hurunui District, Wanting to make a difference in your community. If you are interested in being a member then collect a form from your school office or library or contact Sammy 027 427 1087, hyp@hurunui.govt.nz

SPORT CANTERBURY will be running a Holiday Programme from Monday 19 - Wednesday 21 December 2011 based at the Amberley Pavilion, Amberley Domain and running daily from 8.30 am - 5.30 pm. The morning programme focuses on sport and physical activities which help improve a child's skill development and coordination ability. The afternoon programme is a combination of offsite visits to local attractions and onsite activities. Passive activities are included in afternoon sessions. You can register online at www.sportcanterbury.org.nz If you require further information please contact our office on: 03 373 5060. Programme information for 2012 will be available shortly.

PINECONES FOR SALE - proceeds to Amberley School

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

WAIPARA GUYFAWKES DISPLAY - A family friendly fireworks display held annually at the Waipara Domain. This year's event scheduled for Friday the 4th November, postponement Saturday the 5th. Gate charge \$5 an adult, \$2 a child, preschoolers free. Gates open 5.30pm, refreshments available. Phone 3146022 for further information.

House wanted: 3-4 bedrooms - must allow pets. Ph: 314 8356



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