

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:
Meg McWhannell and Jesse Lee

"...tonight's the night..."

LOVE TO SEE YOU at tonight's Century 21 Parent Information evening in Arahura Centre at 7.00pm

Our three Year 8 students, Samantha, Holly and David did a fantastic job at last Friday's special Memorial gathering in the Tin Shed. A number of people have requested copies of the 3 readings they shared - one reading ("We can") is printed in the next column with the others copied and available in the front office.

Earlier in the week we received a special thank you letter from the City Mission director Gray Crawford. He and his City Mission team are extremely grateful for all the support our school community has provided. His letter is posted in the front foyer - extract follows:

"...for the 10 day period, Wednesday 2 March to Friday 11 March, the City Mission gave out over 300 hot meals to people without electricity to cook, saw 1094 people for social work support and food assistance, and gave out 3387 food parcels..." (Gray)

*** our community non-perishable food collection has dropped away, but I would ask you consider continuing to drop food items into the office collection area up until the Easter holidays***

Another Amberley "wow" event coming up

The children are organising a wonderful fund-raising "talent extravaganza" on the last afternoon of term 1 in the Arahura Centre, with each child (and attending parents/ friends) asked to donate a food item at the door for the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Appeal.

Children's Goal-setting Interviews

Great to see such a good roll-up to the two afternoon sessions last week. I had the privilege of attending a couple of 'three-way conferences' (lead by the children), and fantastic to see the real sense of openness, direction and confidence (purpose!!) our young people have in preparing themselves for a happy and successful future in this somewhat fragmented world we live in at present.

You don't need me to tell you (but I will!!), you all have some amazing kids folks!!

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On a slightly different tangent, but related to our children and our PRIDE values, I read Andre Agassi's autobiography over the holidays ("Open - an autobiography" a great read!), and was particularly struck by the discipline philosophy the new school he founded has adopted:

"The essence of good discipline is respect.

Respect for authority and respect for others.

Respect for self and respect for rules.

It is an attitude that begins at home, is reinforced at school, and is applied throughout life."

Consultation - Kowai Schools' Maori Strategy

Our 8 Kowai cluster schools are undertaking a significant Maori consultation process before the end of term 1 to help guide the **"Kowai Maori Strategy - success for all"** project we're developing together this year. A consultation/reply letter will be sent home shortly, and I'd encourage all families to complete the brief survey.

'We Can' by Tessa Wilkinson

We can climb the highest mountains.

We can visit the darkest valleys.

Along the way we may feel lost, hopeless and afraid
but with friends walking beside us
we will find the way through grief
and arrive at last feeling joy in our hearts again.

We can shed tears that they have gone,
or we can smile that they have lived.

We can close our eyes and pray that they will come back
or we can open our eyes and see all the good that they
have left us.

Our hearts can be empty because we cannot see them,
or our hearts can be full with love that we've shared.
We can turn our backs on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or we can be happy for tomorrow, because of yesterday.
We can remember them and only that they have gone,
or we can be happy for tomorrow, because of yesterday.

We can remember them and only that they have gone
or we can cherish their memory and let it live on.

We can cry and close our minds,
be empty and turn our backs

Or we can do what they would have wanted:
Smile, open our eyes, love and go on.

Century 21 Staff Training Session

To enable our staff to attend a 2.15-7.00pm PD session, classes will finish at 2.00 on the last Wednesday of term (April 13).

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 6: *Maddison Sincock* for being able to retell a story in her own words using wonderful expression and detail; *Grace Rhodes* is trying very hard to put down the sounds she can hear in story writing; *Toby Moore* always presents all his work beautifully

Room 4, Week 6: *Griffin Evans* for improved work habits and working to his Personal Best; *Katie Keith* for a fantastic attitude to new learning and her super friendly smile; *Ethan Mc Breen* for a fantastic start to Room 4 and already improving his listening

Room 5, Week 6: *Sapphire Sunnex* for your beautiful smile and your cheerful attitude - no matter what happens; *Marnie Gray* for your fabulous memore recount. We loved hearing your funny and beautifully described story; *Leighton Carmicheal* for your fast and accurate basic facts work. And it was beautifully set out too!; *Zoe Millar* for being a kind, caring and reliable buddy for Shanaye during Maths and Reading time. I love your cheerful and friendly attitude to everything you do.

Room 6, Week 6: *Conor Higgins* for your awesome comprehension during reading; *Marcus Wesleyingh* for being a positive member of Room 6, keep up the good work!; *Tayla Kemp* for always displaying PRIDE values and being a helpful member of Room 6

Room 7, Week 5: *Ethan Purvis* for showing personal best and determination as you have been learning to swim. Your confidence has grown and your swimming skills have improved; *Ashleigh Brown* for showing determination and personal best by challenging yourself to swim lengths of freestyle at the swimming sports; *Lily Hadler* for showing determination and personal best by swimming a length of freestyle and backstroke at the swimming sports. You have a beautiful swimming style.

Week 6: *Georgia Rowe* for showing personal best in all your classroom work. You show all aspects of Amberley PRIDE at school; *Bella Deans* for showing personal best by finishing your autobiography and your statistical investigation to a very high standard, in a very short time; *Maddie Bond* for showing personal best in all your classroom work. You show all aspects of Amberley PRIDE at school; *Chan Cope* for showing personal best in all your classroom work. You show all aspects of Amberley PRIDE at school.

Room 3, Week 5: *Charlotte Rhodes* for clever thinking in Maths!; *Harry Upston* for super reading and a big effort in handwriting!; *Ryan McManus* for a huge effort in writing!

Week 6: *Kiri Hunt* for being a wonderful worker and a super kind friend!; *Danielle Ward* for clever adding up in Maths!; *Quinn Jerebine* for putting his head under and blowing bubbles in the pool.

SUSHI—every Wednesday at school. Collect your order form from the school office and place in Sushi box by Tuesday afternoon. Sushi delivered to office for lunch on Wednesday.

Do you have any 'dress up clothing' or clothing we could adapt for drama. Our Senior school are going to be performing drama this year and we require anything and everything to 'create the mood' eg: swords, hats, scarves, clothing, jewellery etc. If you can help please hand items to Belinda or Robyn in the school office. Thanks for your support.

Could parents please check the name in your child's sweatshirt. Georgia Rhodes and Caitlin Rhodes have misplaced their sweatshirts and may have come to your home by mistake. Thanks.

PTA's WEEKLY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Please support this awesome fundraising opportunity coordinated by Gwyneth Rhodes, as all profits assist our children with proceeds going towards school camps and excursions. Cost \$2.00 or \$20 per term. Please ensure your order is placed on the Tuesday prior to Wednesday's Sausage Sizzle. Sausages can be collected at lunch time outside the staffroom. GLUTEN FREE AVAILABLE!

School Uniforms—Postie Plus

Postie Plus are happy to take phone orders for our school uniform. Unfortunately due to the recent earthquake, stock has been low, but should be replenished and available at the time of this newsletter going to print. Still some uniform items (new and second-hand, available through the school office.

Congratulations - talented swimmers off to Canterbury Swim Championships

Sasha Moriarity, Anna Bennetto, Georgia Moore and Samantha Slathem have been selected to compete in this carnival on April 7 at the Wharenui Pool.

We are a nut-free school??

There have been a couple of questions asked recently, particularly by new children/parents, on why the school is nut-free. 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.

WEKA PASS - end of term outing: Tuesday April 12

An information letter will be sent home tomorrow, inviting families to this Term One culminating activity. We will need transport assistance, so please consider the day's outing with your children. It'll be a blast!!



Week 9	Mon March 28	Tues March 29	Wed March 30	Thurs March 31 *4 yr old programme *7.00 Kowai Schools combined BOT meeting	Fri April 1 *9.00 Assembly - Room 2 *1.45 Privilege
Week 10	Mon April 4	Tues April 5	Wed April 6	Thurs April 7 *4 yr old programme	Fri April 8 *9.00 Assembly Student Council * 1.45 Privilege *Kowai enrichment at Omih School Rm 3

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.

Year 8 girl drummer looking to form a band, needing musicians & vocalists - please call Madz on 314 6115 or text 029 776 7726

Piano Tuning in your area

For bookings please phone Alex on 021 027 190 05

ChCh workshop 03 337 5983 or email: alexpianotune@gmail.com

It's happening!!!!!!!

Our talented children's "earthquake recovery extravaganza"!!!!!!!

Classy entertainment from 1.30pm Friday April 15th in our Arahura Centre.

Entry by gold coin / food item.

Big Gum Tree overdue for a "trim"??

Many people are aware that there has been a number of concerns (complaints) with the big gum on the footpath outside the front of the school, with the Council also discussing it's long term viability with the Board of Trustees. The Board will be consulting on this issue next term

DO ALL YOUR SHOPPING FROM HOME AT YOURFASTSHOP.CO.NZ



ST JOHN—AMBERLEY is starting up a new penguin group. For ages 5 to 8 and from there they go to cadets. For an affordable out of school activity which also teaches them valuable life skills come along to a Tuesday night at the St John rooms (behind council buildings) at 5.30pm, or call Carrie Keith 03 314 9535. Look forward to seeing you there.

HURUNUI THEATRE GROUP INC AGM, Thursday 31st March, 7.30pm, Waipara Memorial Hall. All Welcome.

CLUB HYP - Starts up again this week (17th March), Thursdays 4-6pm, Hurunui Memorial Library - Amberley—, wii, movies, sing star—No cost.

To register or for further info on any of the above contact Sam 027 4271087 or email hyp@hurunui.govt.nz

ACTIVE KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES are a fun, safe and affordable holiday option, combining sport and fundamental skills along with a mixture of offsite and passive activities. Our programmes are aimed at children aged 5 - 13 years.

Monday 18th - Thursday 21st April 2011 - Amberley Domain

The Active Kids Holiday Programmes are approved for OSCAR subsidies. Eligible families may apply for assistance towards the cost of the programme through Work and Income New Zealand. *How to register?* Visit our website and register online www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

HORSE RIDING LESSONS/Horse Exercising-Schooling. Horse riding lessons for 8-16 year olds. Horse Exercising and/or schooling. Horse experiences for the nervous or people with special needs. Kathy offers quality and experience. Call 021 058 6920 to talk more.

AMBERLEY FOOTBALL CLUB - Registration closing soon. First game of season on 2nd April. To get registered contact: Scottie Cameron 021 314 721 or Rachael Anderson 027 514 3531

GLENMARK R.F.C. JAB - Training will be held at Omihi for U11.5 & U13 this Thursday 24th March @ 3.30pm. Future trainings may change. Late registration will be welcomed especially in the Under 13's. Enquiries please phone: Hamish Murray 314 3718

SUPPORT TO THE AMBERLEY SCHOOL COMMUNITY AFFECTED BY THE CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKES - Hi, my name is Mikal. I'm a new parent at the school after relocating here with my family from Hawke's Bay.

I'm a personal & professional development coach by profession and would like to offer my free support/coaching over the coming months to the school community that has been affected by the Christchurch earthquakes. I have 26 years of experience with personal development, 18 of those as a facilitator. Feel free to call or email me to see if I can be of support through this time. Phone 027 235 0003. Email info@mikal.co.nz

FOR SALE - Computer desk with CD rack—\$30 Phone: 314 9232

BALLET FOR EVERYONE - North Canterbury Ballet, Mary 0273 522 622. Catering for all ages and abilities of ballet from 5yrs and upwards, boys and girls, and adults. Focusing on fitness, fun and technical aspects of ballet. In the North Canterbury Musical Society Hall, Rangiora, various times during the week. Give Mary a ring, and give Ballet a go!