

# Waiau School Newsletter

Learning for Life

Term 1 . No 3  
19th February 2018

## 2018 What's Happening

Tuesday 27th February  
Hurunui Swimming Sports  
(pp 1st March)

Friday 2nd March  
O'Malley Cup

Saturday 3rd March  
Amuri Show

Tue 6th - Fri 9th March  
Wellington Camp Yrs 4-6

Saturday 17th & 18th March  
Trailride Weekend

Tuesday 20th March  
Soft Ball /Tee Ball  
(pp 22nd March)

Tuesday 27th March  
BOT Meeting 7pm

Friday 13th April  
End of Term 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was fabulous to see so many parents and friends coming along to support the children at our recent swimming sports. The weather was just perfect and I was really impressed with the determination every child gave in their various events. I would like to thank Mrs Pugh and Mrs Clark for all their hard work in organising such a successful day and to WaiSwim and Caroline Eastmond for their hard work in getting the children prepared for this event.

Last week we announced to Room 2 the various leadership positions for 2018. Each position has a simple job description to provide greater guidance. The children then ranked the positions they were interested in and then the various Houses were asked to vote for their leaders.

I am pleased to announce the following appointments:

Head of ICT: Shyan Te Wao  
Head of Peer Mediators: Molly Jones  
Head of Learning: Caroline Catton  
Head of Sport: Tom Galbraith and Ewan Dalmer  
Head of Environment: James Wallace  
Head of Library: Hendrix Hammond  
Head of Annan House: Todd Williams  
Head of Lyndon: Tom Galbraith  
Head of Highfield: Rachel Forbes

*"The most dangerous leadership myth is that leaders are born – that there is a genetic factor to leadership. This myth asserts that people simply either have certain charismatic qualities or not. That's nonsense; in fact, the opposite is true. Leaders are made rather than born." – Warren G. Bennis*

All the best for another busy week.

Kind regards,  
Peter



12th Feb - 19th Feb

## Hollie Scarlet

Hollie has shown amazing sportsmanship and selflessness. She is not afraid to take on a challenge, and is able to be confident while still humble. She is also helpful and respectful in the classroom, which makes her a very valued member of Room 2. Congratulations Hollie.

## BOT Report

Welcome back to a New Year, hope you all had enjoyable holidays.

Firstly, I would like to just reiterate that Mary has taken Term 1 for her sabbatical leave and will be returning to Waiau School at the beginning of Term 2.

During the middle of last year Mary applied for a one term sabbatical for 2018. Principals can apply every 5 years as part of their career structure and the leave is to engage in a balance of professional learning, reflection and rejuvenation.

Miss Kimber's research project is on researching and investigating plans with the outcome of updating and extending our own Communication Plan.

We look forward to hearing all about it when she returns in Term 2.

The Waiau School Board of Trustees is thrilled that we have been able to make the installation of the heat pumps a reality, even if it was on the last day of the holidays! We have also agreed to install heat pumps in the Office area and the Principal's office.

We are also in the process of ordering the new swings for the playground, which we anticipate to have installed during the school holidays.

As you know we also received funding for a new skate park, now the planning begins. The Board have asked Peter to go back to the teachers and gather information from the students on what they would like their park to include. From what I've seen so far the children have taken this extremely seriously and the plans that are being created are pretty epic!

At our last meeting Peter gave us an overview on what the teachers covered on their Teacher Only Days, we must also thank the teachers for giving up a day of their own time as the allocated days weren't long enough.

They also attended a Visible Learning Conference at Amuri School. The goal for the teachers is to see learning through the eyes of the students and the students to see themselves as being their own teacher.

Going forward some of the things the Board is reviewing and updating is our School Charter, the ICT Code of Conduct and making sure we have the right testing in place so we are able to communicate effectively to you the Parents/Caregivers as to how well our children are progressing.

At the beginning of the year we elected a new Chairperson. We are thrilled that Emma Duncan has accepted this role.

Finally, the Board would like to thank Chris Scarlet for all of his hard work he did as the Trailride Board Representative and welcome Greg Williams to fill this much important role.

## Trailride

The Trailride will be held on: Saturday 17 March 2017 & Sunday 18 March.

Trailride Entries:

Entries are now open please encourage your friends and family to enter. If you are on Facebook we encourage our families to share the event.

## A big Thank You - Solveig Northcote

We would like to thank Solveig for all the work she has done in our school library last year. She puts in many volunteer hours. Managing our library system, preparing new books, stocktake just to name a few.

## Swimming Sports

The results from the very pleasant afternoon at the pool on 15th February were:

The Burbury Cup for Champion Boy Swimmer: **Todd Williams**

The McNuer Cup for House Relay: **Highfield**

The day concluded with the parent / children relay, always a very competitive event especially between the parents. The winners were: **Lyndon Parents**



## F.Y.I

### Assembly

Assembly is held at 9.00am on Monday mornings and we do encourage you to join in.

Kind regards,

Peter Kay

*Relieving Principal*

# Parenting Helpline

get support, advice  
and practical strategies

we can help  
with any of your  
parenting concerns

**Call 0800 568 856**

9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

[www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)

**Parent  
Help**  
For Good of  
Your Area

## YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR FAMILY FRIENDLY LET'S CONNECT EVENT

A catered evening for the community to catch up over some kai.  
You will have the opportunity to hear updates and ask questions from the  
following:

The Hurunui District Council:  
Community Team  
Demolition & Waste Team  
& The Building Team

NCTIR  
ECAN

**6 MARCH  
6PM TUESDAY**

**WAIAU HALL  
3 Cheviot Street**

This is a child friendly event.  
Entertainment and kai will be  
provided.





## Do you want to play soccer this year?

Hurunui Football is holding an information and registration afternoon on *Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March from 3.15 at Amuri Area School Community room and Hanmer Springs School Korimako TBC*

In the meantime, we are taking pre-registrations so we can sort out the teams and coaches as early as possible. If you are keen to play, please text or email Nick Hirschfeld with the name(s) and birthdate(s).

This year subscription fees are increasing by \$20. This is to cover the cost of a few hours per week for a paid administrator as the club has not been able to find a volunteer to fill the administrator role. The subs are still comparatively low and will be confirmed at, or prior to, the registration afternoon.

Once again the club will apply for an isolation travel grant which is given out in the form of petrol vouchers to parents during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season. As with last year, practices will be on Thursdays at Amuri Area School in Culverden along with home games. The age-groups and competition structures will be as follows:

Turning 5-6 during 2018: First Kicks: In house

7: Dependant on experience, ability, confidence can play in First Kicks or Mini-Football

8-9: HRFC Mini Football League: In house 5-a-side competition. (Other options e.g. Waimak United competition are not suitable).

10+: Junior Football 10+ Grades: Mainland Football competition with away games in Christchurch

Away games will be in Amberley for year 5-9, or Christchurch for age 10 upwards.

This year we are looking for help with coaching, managing and refereeing. No experience necessary, training will be available. We will ensure that each team has a coach and are keen for parents to volunteer to assist with coaching on a fill-in or co-coach basis to cover for absences and spread the load.

Please call, text or email Nick Hirschfeld on 0274 716115, [njhirschfeld@gmail.com](mailto:njhirschfeld@gmail.com) to pre-register &/or volunteer to assist with managing or coaching.



# Seminar for Parents

## Understanding 'WHY CHILDREN BULLY'

Bullying is a universal problem. It exists in every country, in every school, irrespective of size or social economic status. It seems to be more prevalent today, no thanks to computers and mobile phones. It can begin on Day-1 of the school year. Your child/teen could be very happy at school this week, with a secure group of friends. However, on Monday, everything can change as this 'best friends' group has now become her 'worst enemy.' How did this happen? Why did this happen? If it is baffling for the child, it is even more baffling for parents.

Boy-world is considerably simpler than girl-bullying, and has a complexity of its own. There are boys who are reluctant to attend school each day as a result of being constantly teased by peers. Why are boys underperforming at school? Might this have something to do with bullying? Boy's bully for different reasons than girls, and there are similarities. Why a particular boy bullies another can be different to why another boy bullies the same individual. There are a range of motives. Hence the complexity. Boy-bullying is essentially teasing.

This seminar will assist parents to understand WHY CHILDREN / TEENS BULLY. It will provide parents with the bigger picture behind this social problem, and with this knowledge, assist parents to engage in the necessary background conversations with their sons and daughters that will assist in minimizing this growing problem. It is easy to take a denial-approach to this problem and lay blame at the feet of teachers, or parents, or the mass media, or dismiss it as 'boys will be boys.' We don't seem to have a cliché-equivalent for girls (!) yet girl-bullying can be more horrendous than what happens in boy-world.

The School Staff will be spending a day with the Presenter (below) to learn how to address this universal problem in an educational manner. Policies are insufficient to curtail this growing issue. The school's response needs to be educational. For parents to play their part in reducing the effects of bullying on children that are not their own, we need to have the same understanding of this social issue that the teachers will be gaining from our staff day.

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**DATE:** - Tuesday 13 March

**TIMES:** 7.00 pm

**Cost:** - NZ \$ 10.00 pp

**VENUE:** Amuri Area School

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**Speaker: Robert Pereira** from Australia, is an educational consultant in this area of school bullying. He is the author of a resource entitled '*Why We Bully*' which reports on his findings from lessons with over 160,000 students from Kindergarten to Year 12. He is not going to impart statistics, but rather, share his face-to-face experiences with children and teens with whom he has engaged in classroom conversations about this universal problem. Apart from Australia, he has in-serviced school staffs in New Zealand, and international schools in Sth. Korea, Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou, Guangzhou, Xiamen, Hong Kong, Singapore, Hyderabad and Kathmandu. He will provide parents with a Model which can enhance your conversations with your own children about the complexities of this problem. Copies of his resource: 'Why...Just Why...is MY Child Being Bullied' will be available @ \$10.00

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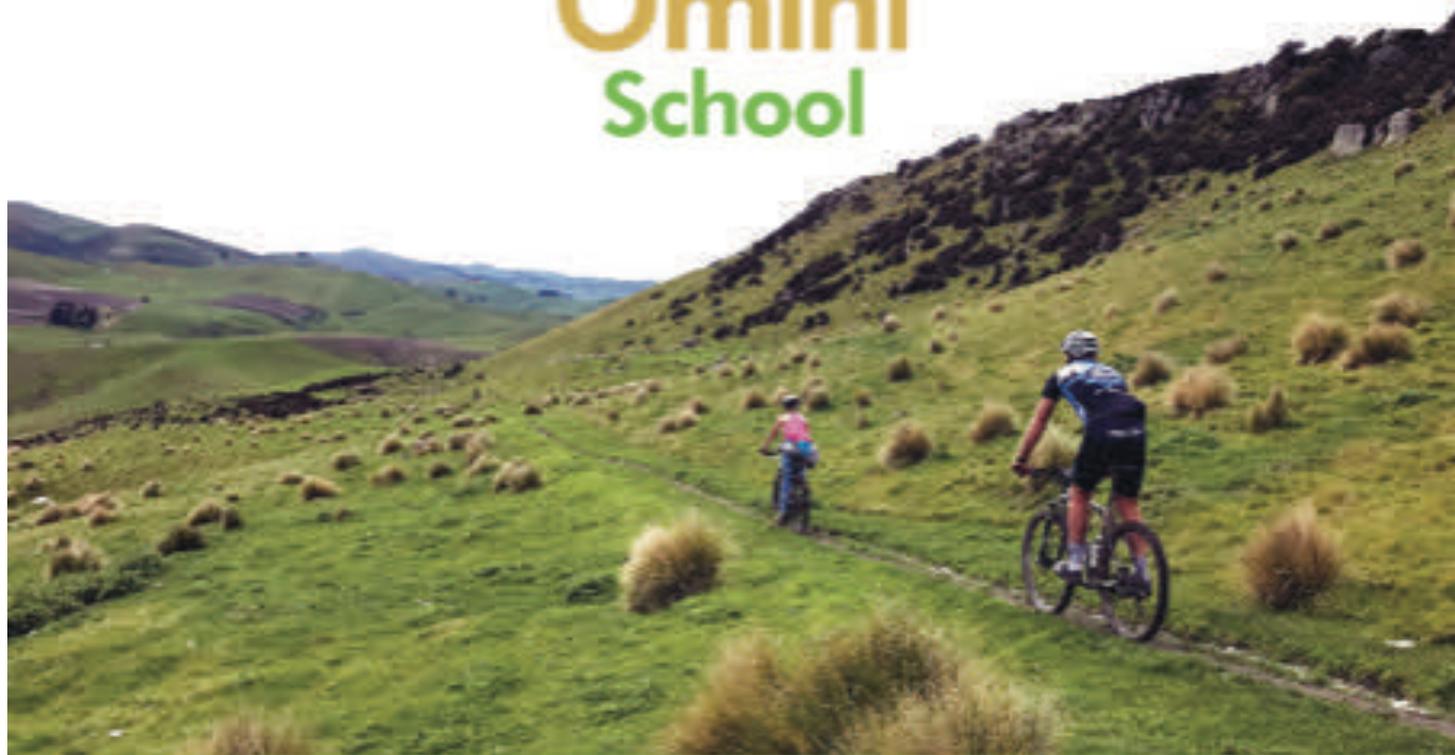
Tickets can be purchased through Lucy at the Amuri Area School office.

Any questions or queries please feel free to email me [julia@amuri.school.nz](mailto:julia@amuri.school.nz).

Kind regards,  
Julia Steel



**Omihi**  
**School**



Sunday 25th March 2018

# Omihi School Farm Race

**Bike.**

26km or 17km  
starting at 9:00am

**Run/Walk.**

11km  
starting at 10:00am

**Great prizes to be won!**

All races start and finish at Omihi School

Entry form and further details:

<http://www.omihi.school.nz/bikerun>  
Maree Lucas, 021776864

