

# Amisfield School 2019

Term 3 Week 3

Together we Achieve

- Respect
- Excellence
- Commitment



8 August 2019

## Upcoming Events

### Assemblies:

**Week 3:**

**Friday 2.20pm**

**Rooms 1 and 2**

**Week 4:**

**Friday 2.20pm**

**Totara**

**Board of Trustees meeting:**

**Monday 19 August**

**5pm, Staffroom**

**Term Dates:**

**Monday 22 July to**

**Friday 27 September**

The weather has meant that we have a lot of children who are sick and many more who get wet, either on their way to school or before school playing. Please ensure that you send children with something suitable to change into if they are going to be out in the rain!

Over the last three weeks we have had lots of parents collecting children early from school, not for doctors' or dentists' appointments or in emergency situations, but because of other reasons. Just a reminder that children should be at school from 9 to 3, unless there is a special reason to collect them early. This is recorded in their attendance. In past years there have been few parents who collect children before 3, but lately it has been daily. We look forward to returning to a 3 o'clock pickup. Should you have a medical appointment or emergency then please let the office know. It is essential for an adult to sign them out at the office. This is part of our safety plan.

If your children need to cross regularly on State Highway 1 before school we have a process to ensure they are accounted for in the mornings. If this is new for you, please contact the office for more information.

The Board of Trustees is beginning to plan for the next three years. This is usual after a new board, and is part of our strategic planning cycle. A hard copy of the survey is attached to this newsletter. If you would rather fill the form in online this is the url: <https://forms.gle/cknCNFBkTM2TqRb39>

We are hoping everyone will take the opportunity to have their say so that we are able to effectively plan for the future of the school. The board will be meeting at the end of term to look at community responses. The survey will also be sent to all those on the email newsletter list, our staff and our senior students.

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## Welcome!!!

Welcome to the new students who have joined us recently! It is always exciting to meet new children and welcome them to be part of our Amisfield family.

Ava

Max

Lachlan and  
Oliver

 Welcome  
To Our School

## Watties Cans for Good

### Watties Cans For Good

All through August, Amisfield School will be collecting cans for the Wattie's cans for good.

Watties Cans for Good collects cans from schools all around New Zealand to help families that are low on supplies, such as food.

For every can you bring in you will be rewarded 100 house points. When all the cans are collected Amisfield Student Leaders will be sending them to the Salvation Army. Please bring a can or two, to help those in need!

Thanks from  
Amisfield Student Leaders.



# ROOM 9 – Mini Inquiries

## Banning Single Use Plastic Bags

On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 a new law in New Zealand was passed that businesses cannot provide customers with single-use shopping bags. This law is to help reduce the amount of plastic that is going into our environment.

We all completed a mini-inquiry that set out to answer ONE question around this issue. Here are some of the findings our students shared using visual presentation.

My question was ... Why is plastic non bio-degradable? I found out that plastic needs sun to break it down. This is often impossible when our plastic waste is under the sea.

My question was ... Who invented plastic and why? I found out that Leo Hendrick Baekeland made plastic in 1907. He made it out of phenol and formaldehyde.

Did you know that there is a lot of plastic rubbish on Mount Everest. I found out that 24,000 pounds of garbage was pulled off the mountain in a 45 day clean up organised by the government.

I found out that just shutting down the plastic factories is not easy because it will affect many people's lives and jobs.

I created a diorama to show my understanding of how plastic is harming our oceans, especially our ocean wildlife.

We worked together to find out some facts about plastic and what damage it is doing. We created a poster and a Google Slide to show our learning

This term we will be continuing our inquiry learning with a stronger science focus. We look forward to sharing our learning with you at the upcoming Science Fair.