

Amisfield School 2020

Term 1, Week 1

Together We Achieve

- Respect
- Excellence
- Commitment



Upcoming Events

**Assemblies:
Week 2:
Leadership and
Introductions**

**Monday 10 February
2.15 pm, School Hall**

**Board of Trustees
meeting:
Monday 24 February
5pm, Staffroom**

**Term Dates:
Monday 3 February
to Thursday 9 April**

**Waitangi Day:
Thursday 6 February**

**Teachers Only Day:
Monday 16 March**

Dear Parents, Families and whānau

Welcome to another new and exciting year. It has been a very busy few days already. A reminder that it is **Waitangi Day tomorrow, 6 February, and school is closed**. We are, however, open Friday.

We have some new teachers and different classrooms for this year.

Room 1	Maggie Clarence	Year 3 and 4
Room 2	Megan Upton	Year 4 and 5
Room 3	Gemma Coffin	Year 5 and 6
Room 4	Deirdre Hearmon	Year 6, 7 and 8
Room 9	Carol Morris	Year 1 and 2
Room 10	Claire Levin	Year 2 and 3
Room 11	Sheree Jansen	Year 0 and 1
Learning Support	Delwyn Taylor	

It is great to have such a wonderful team of dedicated teachers. They are all working hard to build strong relationships with your children so they can engage in a teaching and learning partnership built on trust and respect.

We are still sorting out the situation with the buses, as there have been some changes to the Ministry of Education bus routes. One of the effects of this is that, unlike previous years, there will no longer be a duty teacher in the playground until 3.30pm. Please be aware that children should not be expected to be supervised by staff after 3.15pm.

In the morning please ensure children arrive between 8.30 and 8.55am. Some children are getting to school well before 8.30, and we accept that for some working parents this is a necessity. However, there is no teacher on duty until 8.30am, and classrooms may not be open until this time. 8.15 is the earliest children should be at school unless there is an agreement between parents and myself.

Do your children have their stationery yet? Please ask the office if you have lost your stationery form. Should you find it challenging to purchase stationery at this time please talk to Fern in the office, as we may be able to assist.

The Board has agreed that there will be no donations or other fees this year. If you have an automatic payment with us, you may find this is no longer necessary as the Board will fund most trips and events in the school, including swimming. Aside from sports fees, which are charged by outside agencies, there is little you will need to pay for in 2020.

You are probably aware that the Board is currently appointing a new principal, as I am retiring in April. If you wish to have a say as to the kind of person you would want in this role you are welcome to contact: chairperson@amisfield.school.nz and let the Board know your thoughts.



To all our new students and their families. A very warm welcome to Amisfield School.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?

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- * Events
- * Notices
- * Notifications
- * Absentee
- * Newsletters
- * Permission Slips



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In the Play Store and App Store search 'Skool Loop NZ' and choose our school once installed.

CROSSING STATE HIGHWAY 1

My child..... will be crossing State Highway 1 daily

In the afternoon

in the morning

My mobile number is:.....

Please fill in the form above and return it to school should your child need to cross SH1 daily. If your child crosses only some afternoons they can simply join the group on the day. If you wish them to cross only some mornings, please contact the office and we will arrange a process with you for that to happen.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

I would like to receive the school newsletter by email: my email address

is:.....

I would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter. The child who should bring the newsletter home is.....in Room.....

FAMILY NAME:.....

Please fill in the above form and return it to the office so that we know how best to communicate with you.

At the end of last year, we farewelled four members of staff. Mrs Sharlene Salale has taken a position at Tokoroa Central school, Mrs Gennie McCloskey has furthered her career goals by going to Tokoroa Intermediate, and Ms Charisse Rudolph has taken on a new position at Tainui Full Primary School. Our librarian, Mrs Adrienne King, has taken the opportunity to retire from her role at Amisfield to pursue other interests. We wish them all the best with their new opportunities.

Please note that our assemblies are now taking place on Mondays at 2.15pm. Our first assembly for the year will be this coming Monday, the 10th of February. All members of the Amisfield community are most welcome to attend.

Should you have queries or concerns that you would like to discuss with someone about your child, in the first instance please contact your child's teacher. Each teacher will be sending a newsletter home early next week, which will include their contact details. Please add them to your email and phone contacts lists, so that you can work with them directly.

There are no school lunches this week. Ka Pai Kai will not be available this term, but the children will be able to order Subway every day from week two onwards, with a sushi option on Wednesdays. More details will be made available soon.

Our transition to school programme, ABC, will be starting in week three of this term. We are moving these sessions from Wednesday afternoons to Friday mornings, from 9 to 11 am in Room 11. Please contact the office if you have a child who will be turning five this year, and we can provide further information.

Finally, a reminder that parents are required to inform the school when their children are going to be absent. You can do this by leaving a voice message on the school answer phone, texting the absentee line on 027 454 3656, emailing the office at office@amisfield.school.nz or through the free Skool Loop app. We need to record the reason for all absences, so please be aware that your child may be classed as Truant if a reason is not supplied.

All the best for a safe and happy school year!
Chris McLiesh
PRINCIPAL