

Amisfield School 2019

Term 4, Week 7

Together We Achieve

- Respect
- Excellent
- Commitment



Upcoming Events

Assemblies:

29 November
NO ASSEMBLY

Service Assembly
(Final assembly for the year)
2pm - 6 December

Prizegiving
11.30 am
11 December

Full School Disco
Christmas Theme
Friday 29
November, 5pm

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

Term Dates:
School finishes on
Wednesday 18
December at
1.30pm

Don't forget the
Christmas Disco!
On this Friday from
5 – 6:30pm in the
school hall.



27 November 2019

Dear parents, families and whānau

As the term draws to a close we are celebrating all the wonderful achievements of our students over the last year.

Next week we are having an end of year musical celebration "Grandma McKiff and the Moffat Street Gang". This is a fun opportunity for students to be part of a musical performance. All children are included! Teachers will be sending out information as to specific details for their classes soon, so keep an eye out for that. There is an early evening performance on **Thursday 5th December** at 6.30pm and one on **Friday 6th December** at 12pm. We hope that you will take the opportunity to come to one of these performances.

The Service and Special Awards Assembly is on **Friday 6th December** at 2pm. This includes the presentation of all the certificates for service to the school, such as monitors, choir and Kapa Haka.

Our school prizegiving is on **Wednesday 11 December** at 11.30am. At this event we present the various cups and trophies for the school, along with certificates for the students in each class who have consistently shown our school values.

Our Year 8 students have their Graduation on **Thursday 12 December** at 4pm. This is where we celebrate the achievements of our most senior students and farewell them as they go on to High school. Leadership in Year 7 and 8 is an important part of our school's point of difference and we celebrate their growth as leaders at this time.

End of Year Musical Celebration Grandma McKiff and the Moffat Street Gang.

Students and staff are preparing for our Inaugural End of Year Musical Celebration. Please make sure you lock the dates into your diary. Your child's teacher will be sending out more information this week around anything they will be needing.

WHEN: Thursday 5th Dec

TIME: Show starts at 6.30pm
Students to be at school 5.45pm

Matinee: Friday 6th Dec

TIME: 12 Mid Day

At this stage running time approximately 1.15 hours.

More information will be sent this week.

"When she was young, Grandma McKiff had just as much energy as she does today. Turning up as a volunteer to help out a nearby rest home, she discovers some of her mischievous friends from her childhood days who reminisce on their dance troupe adventures." Come and hear about their memories.

Summer SIZZLER

Waikato River Trails

11TH JANUARY 2020

22KM / 11KM / 6KM

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We are conscious that this time of the year brings uncertainty with the prospect of new teachers and classes for the beginning of the new school year. While we have not yet finalised our staffing for 2020, this is because we are endeavouring to find the very best teachers for your children. You will be aware that, nationally, there is a huge shortage of teachers across the country. This means that experienced teachers are likely to be given incentives to fill vacancies in schools, as happens in every occupation when there is a shortage. My aim will be to let you know the staff for 2020 as soon as they are confirmed. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or things I should know about for class placement please let me know.

Over the last term the Tokoroa Host Lions have been working on the scooter section of the Bike and Scooter track. This is now complete and we look forward to completing the last section over the next couple of months. Our children are really enjoying the new track and are using it at playtime and lunchtime extensively.



The first day of Term 1 in 2020 will be February 3. We will be sending home stationery lists in the last few days of school with instructions as to how these items can be purchased. On March 16, 2020 we have a teacher-only day that affects all the Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) schools.

The school Charter and Strategic Plan for the next three years is available on our school website: <http://www.amisfield.school.nz/board-of-trustees/>

The Plan will be confirmed in February, so if you have any comments or factors you would like the school to consider please email the office: office@amisfield.school.nz and the board will consider your feedback before this is finalised.

I have advised the Board of Trustees of my resignation, effective from the end of term 1, 2020.

After fifty years in teaching and thirty as a principal I have decided it is time to retire. Our school is lucky to have a great Board of Trustees, with dedicated people, who will ensure that the new principal will be able to lead the school into the next stage of the journey. Their experience and common-sense approach govern the school effectively.

And finally, I know that there have been lots of discussions around collaboration and the role of classrooms that promote this, so I want to share this article with you – it is from TKI, which is the Ministry of Education website for schools.

All schools are expected to work towards collaborative

practises, both within and across schools, with the aim of improving the learning for all our students. The work of the Kāhui Ako is already showing the strength of collaboration and working together for a common goal – our children's learning. However, not all teachers are yet comfortable with collaboration and this will take some time for the barriers to be broken down.

Shifting from “my learners” to “our learners”

Active collaboration requires a shift from managing the learning of a single group of learners to taking collective responsibility for the success and wellbeing of all learners. Innovative learning environments (ILEs) are changing the ways that teachers teach, plan, and inquire into teaching together, but regardless of the teaching environment, effective collaboration requires a shift of thinking from “me” to “we” and from “my learners” to “our learners”.

We must stop allowing teachers to work alone, behind closed doors and in isolation in the staffrooms and instead shift to a professional ethic that emphasises collaboration. We need communities within and across schools that work collaboratively to diagnose what teachers need to do, plan programmes and teaching interventions and evaluate the success of the interventions. We need communities that promote and share professional development aimed at improving teacher effectiveness and expertise, that devise performance 'dashboards' to show success in learning and achievement and that build a coalition of the successful.

 ***What works best in education: The politics of collaborative expertise*** 

This is my last newsletter for the year, as there will be individual notices for events over the next two weeks.

Thank you to all those who have been so supportive and helped in so many ways!

Chris McLiesh PRINCIPAL

Christmas Disco

Get into the Christmas spirit by coming along to the FOS full school Christmas disco.

Come in fancy dress and show off your dance moves for the chance to win a prize!

When: Friday 29th November, 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Where: Amisfield School Hall

Who: All Year Levels

Price List

\$3 Entry Only

**\$5 Entry with a drink
and sausage**

**\$2 Flashing toys and
accessories**

\$1 lollies

\$2 sausages

\$1 drinks

