

DATES TO REMEMBER

30 Nov	Board of Trustees Meeting
6 Dec	Service Academy Graduation 3:30 pm
7 Dec	Prizegiving 7 pm
7 Dec	Term 4 ends
30 Jan	Year 7 and Year 13 Students only
31 Jan	Whole School Attends
6 Feb	Waitangi Day
13 Apr	Term 1 Ends
30 Apr	Term 2 Begins

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NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Friday

8:00 am to

4:00 pm



Dear Parents and Caregivers

This is our second last newsletter for the year. The end of the school year is on Thursday 7 December and concludes with our Prizegiving in the evening. It would be wonderful to have a strong whanau presence to celebrate our students' achievement. Letters will soon be sent to all students receiving certificates and prizes at our evening ceremony.

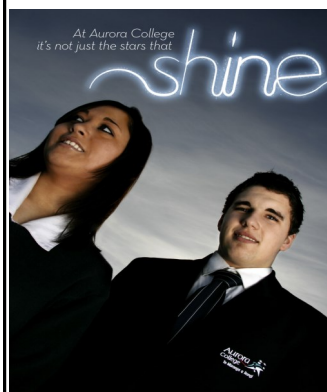
We have been really pleased with the Year 11, 12, and 13 students who have been coming in to complete unfinished work over the last two weeks to maximize their credit count, and to ensure that they gain the appropriate NCEA certificate if at all possible. A greater sense of urgency earlier in the year would have been preferable but the old saying, "Better late than never", certainly applies.

Please encourage your sons and daughters to finish their school year off strongly. Attendance and correct uniform remain important factors at this time.

The consumption of energy drinks and carbonated sugary drinks (fizzy) will be prohibited during school hours on the school site next year. Two new water dispensers have been installed in the school grounds this year and water bottles have been distributed to most students.

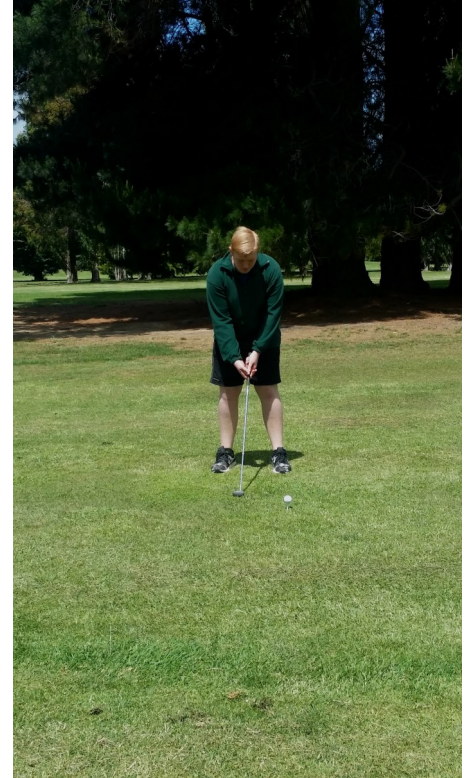
A reminder that school finishes at 12:05 pm on Monday 27 November for a Staff Professional Development afternoon.

Robyn Hickman
Principal



SPORTS REPORT

On Tuesday 21 November our Year 9 and 10 students took part in Southland Secondary School Sports "Have A Go Day". The purpose of this day is to encourage participation and to promote a variety of traditional and non-traditional sporting codes.



SPORTS REPORT



YEAR 10 STAR TASTER DAY AT SIT

On Thursday 23 November all Year 10 students participated in a 'Taster Day' at SIT. This day gave students the opportunity to engage in, and explore, an elected area of learning at the Southern Institute of Technology, Invercargill. The faculties that were available were - Film making, Beauty Therapy, Hairdressing, Sports and Recreation, Vet Nursing, Audio/Music and Construction. In each of these areas of learning, students were provided with hands-on activities and opportunities to ask questions about possible career pathways.

Mrs Carol Tawhai
Junior Careers Advisor





TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Year 7 Sea Creatures Cushion prototypes. Proud students from 7HA.



PHYSIO

A Physio from Sportsmed Southern Physio visits our school every Friday at 11 am, if you have any aches or pains or injuries that need looked at see Mrs Jordan at links@aurora for an appointment.

ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE CHANGES



Please contact the office urgently if your address and telephone number/s have recently changed



SUBJECT CHOICES FOR 2018

Year 9—10—11—12

Your child will shortly be making subject choices for 2018. Entry to courses with high material costs such as Food Technology, Art, Hard Materials, and Fabric Technology is dependent on payment arrangements being in place to cover the take-home components of these courses and the payment of 2017 school fees.



This year CoderDojo ran every second week from Term Two. We experimented with learn-to-code apps, explored programmable robots and micro bits, played network games, and ate pizza! Thanks to all that helped run and support Coder Dojo this year. About CoderDojo <https://coderdojo.com/>

Last day for CoderDojo is next Tuesday 28 November. We will be playing networked computer games and eating pizza!. Cost = \$2.



Y7 and Yr 8 Shining Behaviour Awardees Week 4 & 5

Zadia Westrupp, Shania Blackler, Tyson Materoa-Paaka, Martin Williams, Tane Craig, Tatiana Burgess, Charne Barwick, Destiny Collins, Makayla McKay-Edwards, PJ Holland, Emily Levi, Rivah-Jae Ruki-Materoa, Maddie Sutherland, Zack Webb, Sean Smith

Students of the Week—Week 4 & 5

Lucan Milne, Emma Richards, Tyson Materoa-Paaka, Kyran Fredericks, Chante Thompson, Wiremu Kingi, Aaron Crichton, Destiny Collins, Zoe Alderton, Tangaroa Tuhakaraina, Nelson Bragg, Josh Korff, Brent Hick, Nevaeh Skerrett, Aaron Watson, PJ Holland, Zadia Westrupp, Tere Kimiora, Hunter Dunnage, Rivah-Jae Ruki-Materoa

Year 8 Dean's Award—Week 4 & 5

Akasha McBain, Sean Smith, Shanla Renwick, Keegan Gamble, Aiden Scobie, Chante Thompson, Destiny Collins, Zadia Westrupp, Christie Moyles

Mr Bringins' Quiz

Here are some words translated from an artificial language:

granamelke means big tree
pinimelke means little tree
melkehoon means tree house

Which word could mean "big house"?

- A. granahoon
- B. pinishur
- C. pinihoon
- D. melkegrana

Which of the following statements is true?

Erin is twelve years old. For three years, she has been asking her parents for a dog. Her parents have told her that they believe a dog would not be happy in an apartment, but they give her permission to have a bird. Erin has not decided what kind of bird she would like to have.

- A. Erin's parents like birds better than they like dogs.
- B. Erin does not like birds.
- C. Erin and her parents live in an apartment.
- D. Erin and her parents would like to move.