

AMBARGRAM

Week 5, Term 4 2025

PICTON SHOW



The weekend of October 25 and 26 was a fantastic one for Ambarvale High Students!

We achieved some amazing results at Picton show in the Agriculture and Art categories. Not only did we win the majority of our categories, we were also awarded:

- Champion School,
- Champion Junior Produce Exhibitor and,
- Champion - Best Junior Art Exhibitor - Bailey W - Year 10

Other results included:

- First and second place in drawing, sculpture, photography, decorated eggs and lettuce
- First place mulberries, mulberry jam, collection of herbs, decorated rock
- Second place eggs and flowers
- Highly commended in pet rock, decorated rock and decorated eggs.

Congratulations to all students involved. You should be immensely proud of yourself and what your work has achieved!



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A message from Mrs Fitzgerald

Firstly, a big congratulations to our Year 12 students who are currently sitting their HSC examinations, I am proud of the dedication, effort and growth I have seen in each of you. The examination period concludes on 6 November, with Year 12 Sign Out scheduled for Friday 7 November. Students also have the Year 12 Formal to look forward to on Friday 5th December 2025.

To Year 8 and Year 10 students: this term you are finalising your elective choices for 2026. It's an important decision. Speak with your teachers, careers advisor and family to ensure your choices align with both your passions and your long-term possibilities. Remember, electives should offer both enjoyment and challenge. Choosing wisely this year will set you up well for your elective choices in your future learning.

Term 4 also brings the culmination of another year of learning. Student reports will soon reflect not only learning achievement but also growth. This is a time to 'finish strong'. That means demonstrating expected behaviours such as being organised, punctual, maintaining effort, collaborating positively, seeking feedback and acting on it, and showing improvement over time.

Students, whatever your year group, whatever your subjects—this is your opportunity to demonstrate your commitment and to leave this year knowing you did everything you could.

Join us & fuel your day

Breakfast Club

A Delicious Start to a Wonderful Day.

8:00 - 8:30 am

Mon, Wed & Fri

Common Room



IMPORTANT DATES

Stage 4 Presentation Assembly - Monday 15 December 2025

Stage 5 & 6 Presentation Assembly - Tuesday 16 December 2025

Sports Assembly - Wednesday 17 December 2025

All presentations will occur in Week 10 of Term 4 in the school hall. Please note that presentation assemblies are invitation only to students who will be receiving awards. If your child is invited, you will be notified via School Bytes. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend the event.

Stage 5 Food Technology Students Brew Up New Skills

Our Year 9 and 10 Food Technology students recently took part in a hands-on Barista Course, gaining valuable insight into the art of coffee-making. Throughout the day, students learned how to operate professional coffee machines, steam milk to perfection, and create a variety of café-style beverages.

The experience not only strengthened their practical food preparation skills but also gave them a taste of real-world hospitality training. Many students discovered a newfound appreciation for the precision and creativity behind every cup of coffee.

A big thank you to our instructors for sharing their expertise—and to our students for their enthusiasm and willingness to learn. We can't wait to see these new barista skills in action at future school events!



Year 7 and 8 Silver Ambassador Camp

Thirty-three Year 7 and 8 Silver Ambassadors travelled by bus to the Wooglemai Environmental Centre for a leadership camp. During camp, they took part in a range of initiative games that encouraged teamwork and problem-solving: cooperation was key, as no task could be completed without everyone's input! They also explored renewable energy by designing and building their own wind turbines.

The food was amazing, with highlights including delicious burgers and bacon and eggs for breakfast. After a hot day, a cold ice cream cone was the perfect treat before our evening walk to watch the sunset from a lookout. On our bushwalk, we discovered a plant called *Banksia spinulosa* — also known as the Hairpin Banksia — and observed how the bush was recovering after a planned burn.

Archery was another favourite activity; everyone improved with the help of the camp instructors, and many of us even hit the bullseye! A definite highlight was the massive game of spotlight we played after dark under a sky full of bright, beautiful stars. Surrounded by the sounds of the bush, it was the perfect way to finish an unforgettable camp experience.



Support Unit

The WINK Project

Students in the Support Unit recently participated in the WINK Project, a comprehensive 5-week Work Readiness program.

Throughout the program, they developed essential skills such as resume writing and cover letter preparation, interview techniques, job research, communication, social skills, teamwork, as well as time management, punctuality, and work ethics.

This valuable experience has equipped them with the tools needed to confidently prepare for future employment opportunities.



Year 10 Child Studies

Food and Nutrition in Childhood

As part of their recent assessment task on Food and Nutrition in Childhood, our Year 10 Child Studies students had the opportunity to plan, organise and “run” their very own children’s birthday party and they absolutely loved it!

Students worked collaboratively to select a party theme and design every element of the celebration, including invitations, decorations, a balanced and creative menu, and fun party games suitable for young children. They also had the chance to get hands-on in the kitchen, preparing healthy party foods and decorating their own cupcakes to match their chosen theme. This engaging and practical assessment allowed students to apply their understanding of children’s nutritional needs, safety considerations, and the importance of planning age-appropriate activities. The classroom was filled with laughter, colour and creativity as students showcased their organisation, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

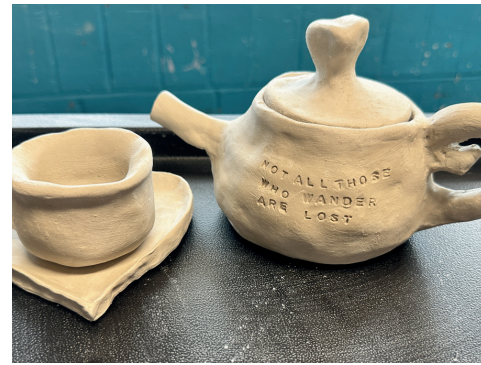
It was a fantastic way to bring learning to life and the students’ enthusiasm and effort made the ‘parties’ a huge success!



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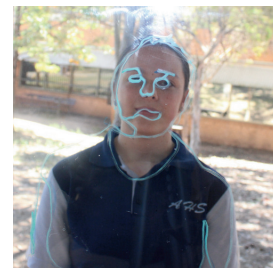
11 CERAMICS TEA PARTY

Year 11 Ceramics were set the design brief to create a teapot set, consisting of 3 items all connected by a recurring motif. Students worked hard to gain inspiration from the world around them, and all designed and created original and resolved teapot sets. Students used the coiling method to hand build their pieces and are currently in the process of using underglaze to decorate each piece.



YEAR 10 PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 10 Photography and Digital Media explore the introduction to portraiture and line art while making creative pictures in pairs during Miss James' class. Students could use a paint pen or whiteboard marker to trace the models face, and then line up a portrait through the window.



YEAR 9 PHOTOGRAPHY

Miss Tobin's Year 9 Photography and Digital Media class have been learning about light in photography. They have completed a series of workshops to begin navigating the correct camera setting to best suit different light scenarios. Students will build on these skills throughout the term and have the opportunity to use professional equipment while building their individual portfolios.





AMBARVALE HIGH SCHOOL'S

ANNUAL CAPA EXHIBITION 2025

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A WONDERFUL YEAR OF
MUSIC, ART, DESIGN, PHOTOGRAPHY & CERAMICS.

**WEDNESDAY
10 DECEMBER**

3:30PM - 5:30PM

LOCATED IN H BLOCK

SEE THE AMAZING ARTWORKS CREATED BY
OUR TALENTED STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE
SCHOOL AND WORKS FROM OUR LOCAL
PRIMARY SCHOOLS