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## **TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau

I would like to welcome you all back to the new week especially all our new families, "A big warm TAPS Welcome". Just to recap, our school virtue for the next 3 weeks is 'Duty' and the goal that all classes will be focusing on will be: "A willingness to do what is right". We will be talking about how to show concern for the well being of others in our school and outside of our school environment and also;

- Serving others
- Anticipate the needs of others

We know that service helps build community, so all children will be encouraged to find ways over the coming weeks to exercise duty.

We wish farewell to Ms Joanne Kennedy from the Office Administrators role that she has been in for the last 4 years. We wish Joanne and her family all the best. For all your school related queries and needs please call the office and speak to Mrs Sue Packwood who has taken over in this role for the remainder of the term.

**Our quote for the week:** "The most powerful force in your life is what you say to yourself" D M Quinn

# **SCHOOL NOTICES...**

## **Board of Trustees News**

The Board of Trustees is reviewing the Strategic Plan and would like your thoughts about school direction for the next 3 – 5 years. We would like this process to be organic for all involved. BOT members will be out in the community talking to you about your thoughts and gathering feedback from you. The question that will most likely start the chat will be: 'How is school going for you and your family?' A very easy two minute chat to enable us to collect some data.

Here are the names of some of our BOT members and their home phone numbers if you would like to chat:

Bruce Airey - BOT Chairperson	871 2702 A/H
Monique Mexted	871 8919 A/H
Lanah Gibbes	871 5378
Gareth Duncan	871 5378
Roger Waitere	870 5162 A/H
Karen Gillum	871 8516

Please feel free to contact any of us over the coming weeks. Bruce Airey, Chairperson.

## **School Photos**

School photos will be taken by Friis Photography next Wednesday the 6th August. This year our House Leaders and School Council members will be invited to have their photos taken along with the usual team photos. All children should have brought home their envelope for you to place an order. If your child is having a team photo please ensure they pick one up from the office.

## **Art Workshop**

We are again privileged to have Graham Braddock visit our school to take a workshop on "Fun with Portraits". The cost will be \$3.00 per child. Please send money to the classroom teacher in a named envelope as soon as possible. Children from rooms 5-20 will be included in this workshop.

## SCHOOL NOTICES CONT..

### Agricultural Day

It's that time of the year when calves, lambs and kid goats are arriving, along with the mud and rain. If your child is keen on having an animal to train for our Agricultural Day which will be October 15, now is the time to start looking. If you want any notes, CDs or have questions about training and care, please feel free to visit Jessie Monk in Room 10.

### Milo Monday

Milo Monday is back for morning tea. Children can purchase a Milo and cookie for \$1 from the Tuck Shop each Monday morning play time until further notice.

## TEAM NOTICES

### Syndicate One News

The children really enjoyed *Maori Language Week* and took every opportunity to practise using Maori language as well as producing artwork related to legends. To further develop their interest the children visited our library on Monday to look at a range of artefacts (displayed for us by the local Museum). This generated lots of discussion, especially about the patu (weapon) and the spear.



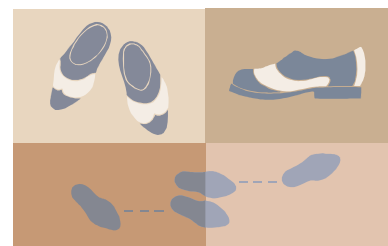
#### Cross Country - Thursday, 21st August

Children have started training, so please mark this date on your calendar.

It is a good idea to send along an old pair of shorts for your child to run in each day.

### Syndicate Two News

All of Syndicate 2 is currently immersed in the Nationwide "My Greatest Feat" Programme (when it's NOT raining!). Our pedometers are getting a good workout. The aim is to walk the length of New Zealand. If you would like to track our progress please log on to [www.mygreatestfeat.org](http://www.mygreatestfeat.org) Your child has a personal password. Just ask the teacher.



At this time of year especially, some children require a spare change of clothes at school (for sports on the field etc). Please talk with your child to see if this is something you child may benefit from.

This week's assembly (Thursday 2.15pm) will be a singing assembly.

Did you see our Syndicate 2 Team notice? If your child did not bring one home please see the classroom teacher.

### Syndicate Three News

Wow! We can't believe that week one is over and the term is in full swing. Just a reminder to parents that children will be bringing their homework home on a Monday and homework books are required to be returned to school each Friday morning with your child. With the current buzz over our New Zealand Olympic team travelling to Beijing, children will be embarking on some Olympic activities over the next few weeks.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Brazilian Futsal /Indoor Soccer.** Junior Soccer Development Programme, Te Awamutu classes Wednesday. First session 30<sup>th</sup> July at Te Awamutu Intermediate School. To register ring Carlos on 078278999 or 0211894915

**Waipa Tennis Academy.** Winter tennis coaching is now available. Enquiries/bookings contact Quentin Wallace on 07 871 5988 or 027 242 8468

**Harlequin Swim School.** Learn to snorkel at the Te Awamutu Events Centre, Tuesdays after school. Classes for children 6 years and up. Five lessons for \$60. Book now on 07 871 2080.