

## TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau

It is timely to give reflection to our busy lives as parents and for me as Principal to acknowledge the amazing work and support you give to your children...thank you from your children and their teachers.

We have had really sad news in our community of children passing away and this is traumatic for anyone facing this loss. I would ask that we keep the Mateara Family in our thoughts and any other parents that are going through loss at this time. Te Awamutu Primary School is a place where we are able to think about others needs and supporting our neighbour...please look around at this time and reach out where we can. (There are support collections been received here at school for the Mateara Family and any food items would be greatly received. Thank you Gareth)

Thank you all for supporting our school events over the last few weeks. We had children representing our school at the local Cross-Country event held at Kihikihi domain today and also our very own Cross-Country last week. These are fabulous events to share the TAPS sporting culture with you all. THIS FRIDAY we have the Mini Olympics – Please come and join in, we will be starting at 10.45 am on the bottom netball courts.

WOW – Circus Maximus!!! Yesterday the children were entertained by two VERY skilled Clowns for over an hour and the school was a buzz, ask you children about their experience.

Have a great week and please feel free to go onto the school website and download your very own newsletter online, or read about other things happening at school. <http://www.taps.school.nz/>

Yours in learning at TAPS

*Gareth Duncan*

**Board of Trustees News** – A reminder for all those people who have been involved in the Strategic Planning focus groups (and anyone who is interested to be apart of the conversations). Please diarise Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 5.30pm – 7.30pm. This will be the second meeting for those interested and will be held here in the school hall as the numbers are growing; hence we need the room for planning. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks Bruce Airey, BOT Chairman

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **Mini Olympics**

TAPS Mini Olympics is this Friday 29 August, 10.45am until 2.45pm. This day is a mufti day and each class has chosen a country to represent so it would be great if each child could wear their country colours with pride. We will be having an early playtime at 10.20am and children will be back in class at 10.40am. At 10.45am we will gather on the bottom netball court by the swimming pool for an opening ceremony and parade. Olympic activities will then take place from 11.15am and each station runs for 15 minutes. Children will be in mixed aged groups to compete in these fun activities and there will be medals rewarded for effort, enthusiasm and attitude. We will have lunch at the usual time and continue the games after lunch. The closing ceremony will be held on the bottom netball court again at 2.30pm. If it is wet the postponement day is Monday 1st September. Parents and caregivers are very welcome to join us on this fun day, see you there!



### **Children's Art Calendars**

Please see the back of the green "School Events Calendar" that has come home with your newsletter today. It has all the details about viewing your child's art and ordering a calendar.

## **Note from the PTA**

The teachers, children and the PTA, need your help with the upcoming Gala in October. Can you volunteer half an hour of your time on the night to help with a food stall or on your child's stall? Please talk to your children's teacher or phone Linda on 8717118 after 3.30pm most days. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser ☺

## **Netball**

Congratulations to TAPS Pinkies netball team who finished top of the D Reserve Grade **at the end of the second Championship Round**. We played in the semi-finals last weekend against Pekerau Jaguars and it was a nail biting semi-final that went into extra time as it was a draw. Unfortunately Pekerau Jaguars beat us, but the girls went hard out and played an exceptional game! Well done girls you should be proud of yourselves **and a big thanks to our Coaches, Jordyn and Zoe for giving up their time this season!** This Saturday we play St Pats Flames for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place, we wish you all the best!

## **TEAM NOTICES**

### **Syndicate One News**



**Cross Country** was a huge success. Thank you for your support and encouragement on the day. Congratulations to all our syndicate one children for participating. Thank you to Miss Clarke, Mrs Gibbes, Sunil, and Mr Duncan for helping out with this venture. We will be giving out '*place certificates*' at the Syndicate One Assembly in Week 7.

As part of our **Inquiry** Room 2 visited the ANZ Bank on Monday. Thank you to those parents and Nanas that came along to help with supervision.

**Wow!** The children just loved '*Circus Maximus*'. What a great show! Many thanks to Mrs Bell for organising this.



### **Reading Workshops**

We had an enthusiastic response to our first workshop from parents. Workshop two is this Thursday, 5.45pm start. Please remember to bring your child and your red booklet, '*Suggestions for Reading at Home*'.

### **Syndicate Two News**

Congratulations to all of the children who participated and put in 100% effort with last Friday's Cross-Country. You are all amazing! This Thursday at our Syndicate Assembly (2.15pm), we will be presenting the certificates to place getters from Syndicate 2.

### **Reading Workshops**

The 2nd of these is tomorrow night!! We look forward to seeing you all there. It is not too late to join in. Please see Lanah Gibbes or Jane Coles if you are interested.

### **Assembly**

Syndicate 2's Assembly is tomorrow at 2.15pm. Rooms 13 & 14 will each be presenting a small item.

### **Syndicate Three News**

Well done to all of the children who participated in our Cross Country and those children who participated in the Inter-schools in Kihikihi today. Well done.

As part of our fundraising for camp a number of children are participating in advertising for Dominos Pizza. The children will be earning a percentage of the profits from the pizzas sold on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please support our children and buy pizza tonight. Yummmm. Why not get mid-week pizza for dinner and support a great cause.

A huge thank you to those who have supplied grocery items for our grocery raffle. We now have a fantastic supply of canned goods. If you have not had the chance to send a grocery item, please do not send any more canned goods, sweet items such as biscuits, chocolate and such would be appreciated. Thank you.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **For Sale**

- A full size bath. Great order \$100. Please phone Alison on 871 4383.
- Free to a good home one homework desk in good condition. Please phone Rachel on 8711174