

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary.....

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Our inquiry learning scope this term is titled: '**Serving Others**'. Last term all our classes spent time thinking and planning how to serve others during this term by coming up with ways to support people and groups in our community. Your children may be coming home with big ideas, but please remember at this time of the year helping others can be as small as lending a helping hand. The value of support is such a gift

WOW – What a huge success the Dancing with the Te Awamutu Stars night proved to be! The photo below tells a story and we congratulate the winners Lee and Nicky (from Life Education). This project was lead by the teachers on how do we serve others, and help our students to fundraise like the Gala. Congratulations to the planning team and all the staff, PTA, BOT and community members that supported the night in all sorts of ways...THANK YOU!

Thank you to our sponsors/supporters:

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Absences

All absences **must** be phoned (or you can text the number noted above) on a daily basis. This is a Ministry requirement and if we have not heard from you by 9.30 we will be phoning you to find out why your child is not at school. Please note that if your child arrives at school after the 9a.m. bell, they must come to the office to sign in before they go to their classroom.

Please note:

School this year ends on Thursday 18th – NOT the 19th as first published – this will be a mufti day for the children also. The change is due to the buses not running. We start the 2009 Academic school year on Monday 2nd February.

Gareth Duncan

Principal

School Notices...

PTA NEWS

Hawaiian Pizza Lunch on Friday the 28th of Nov, cost \$2.00 per slice.

Order forms will be sent home today. Money and orders need to be back to the teachers by Wednesday the 26th of Nov, please.
(No usual lunch orders will be taken on this day)

Wednesday Wonderland

The last session for Wednesday Wonderland this year will be next Wednesday, 26th November (Week 7). Families are invited to bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Many thanks for your support this year, and we look forward to seeing you back at Wednesday Wonderland next February. Remember if your child is starting school next year please enrol him/her as soon as possible – this information allows us to plan the class placements for next year.

Fire truck Photos

Some people were lucky enough to have their photo's taken at the gala with our local fire heroes. Mrs Whiteman has managed to lose the names and numbers of those people who ordered the photos but she has the photos printed ready for collection. Please call in at the office and collect them. Reprints will also be available.

Uniform

Once again at the end of this year, we will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the hall on **Thursday 18 December (please note change of date)** between 8.00 – 9.00 am. Children will be in mufti on this day so if you have any second hand items for sale please drop them into the box at the office with your details attached. Each piece of clothing needs to be labeled with your name, phone number and price. Please **do not** use staples to attach details, pins are a good option. **Cash Only.**

Hats

Hats are now a compulsory part of the school uniform. (Please try to make sure they are named). Your child will be asked to sit in a shaded area if they do not have a school hat on.

Whanau Meeting

There is a Whanau meeting in the staffroom on Wednesday 26th November at 7pm. This is a time to share achievement results, catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Please bring a plate for a shared supper. All welcome.

TEAM NOTICES

Syndicate One News

What a fabulous turn out from families to support children on our **Athletics Day**. Many thanks for your enthusiasm. We had some serious finals last Friday. The placing certificates will be given out at Syndicate One Assembly next Thursday, 27th November.

Excitement is building...the children are in discussions about what they will do to entertain parents/whanau at the Syndicate One Showcase/Assembly in week 8. This is one aspect of Syndicate One children 'serving our community', and the showcase will feature some of children's learning this term.

Please mark this important date on your calendar: **Wednesday, 3rd December, 6.00 pm start.**

Children will need to be at school by 5.30 pm on the 3rd so that they are ready in time. Each room will be requiring some parent helpers, so if you are available please see your child's teacher. More information to follow next week.

Syndicate Two News

Tomorrow is our Athletics Day. We will be at the Stadium **ALL DAY**. Our postponement date is Tuesday 25th November. **ALL** children need to bring a packed lunch/drink/hat/appropriate walking shoes/sunscreen if required etc. We also encourage the children to wear their 'HOUSE' colours as this is who they will be representing. We are still accepting parental help. If you know already that you can assist in some capacity, please give your name to your child's teacher ASAP.



The Syndicate 2 teachers & children would like to say a HUGE thank-you to Mrs Vanessa MacCarthy (and her son Cameron) for sharing with us a fantastic presentation about World Vision. We listened carefully to the plight of children, people and communities not as fortunate as ourselves. We have a better understanding of how we can begin to "Serve others" in various ways. THANK-YOU!

Reminders

- **Coming up...** The Syndicate 2 Christmas Concert. We are presenting this to show how great we are at "Serving Others". Dates and times to be revealed next week. Tickets will be on sale very soon. Please look for separate class notices about how you can assist the classroom teachers with this Concert preparation.
- We are on the hunt for any and all school Library books, Home Readers and school resources. If you have any of these at home could you please begin to collate and return to school for our stock take.

Syndicate Three News

School Athletics is on Tomorrow at the Te Awamutu Stadium. Children will need to ensure that they bring a lunch that is sufficient for a busy day, water bottle, sun block and hat, suitable shoes for walking down to the stadium and participation in events. Children will need to wear t-shirts in their house colours.



Speech Preparation is underway and children are excited about participating. Speech finals will take place Tuesday 25th November at 1.30. Please encourage and support your children in their oral language by helping them prepare and practice for their speeches.