

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary.....

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Following on with this terms scope titled '**Serving Others**', yesterday the children in Room 14 were lucky enough to have Russell Harrison from Lotto, to show how he serves others by sharing the winning numbers for this weekends draw!

Just a reminder about the busy few weeks we have left of this term, please take a close look at the enclosed school calendar and be aware of all the coming events.

I would like to personally thank everyone for their continued support of the school through the various trips and events you may have been or will be asked to support – from the children and teachers we thank you all at this time of the year.

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.

Garth Duncan

Principal

Room 14 hosts Russell Harrison from Lotto for the morning.



SCHOOL NOTICES

BOT NEWS

At our most recent meeting the BOT reviewed the use of the school swimming pool over the Xmas holiday period and unfortunately due to health and safety reasons as well as vandalism, it was decided the pool will remain empty over this period. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to those who have used our facility in the past.

Fire truck Photos

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, some people were lucky enough to have their photo's taken at the gala with our local fire heroes. Please call in at the office and collect them. Reprints will also be available.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

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

Please send a named hat everyday as these are a compulsory uniform requirement. Children without hats are now spending playtime and lunchtime under a shady tree.

Whanau Meeting - postponed

Please note that the Whanau meeting that was to be held tonight has been postponed. We will keep you updated as to when it will be held.

TEAM NOTICES

Syndicate One News

We are very excited about our Showcase Assembly next week. This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to see the learning that has happened in Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Due to the high interest and numbers attending previously we are having an extra show on Tuesday afternoon (2 December) and an evening show on Wednesday (3 December). The afternoon show will commence at 1.30 pm and the evening show at 6pm. Tickets will be limited and will be available for a gold coin donation from Mrs Buchanan's office next Monday morning. Some classes may have a note sent home regarding any costume requirements.

As part of our inquiry this term, 'How can we serve others', Room 5 had an enjoyable and informative visit to the local police station and Rooms 6 and 7 visited the Fire Station.

Syndicate Two News

This Friday is the Inter-Schools Athletics day! We would like to wish all of the children from Syndicate 2 competing, the best of luck!

The Syndicate 2 & 3 teachers & children would like to say a HUGE thank-you to all of our helpers at *OUR* school athletics last week. Without your help and support these events are very difficult to stage, so THANKS HEAPS.



Reminders

- Coming up... The Syndicate 2 Christmas Concert. We are presenting this to show how great we are at "Serving Others". Set aside the 10th December. 6.30pm in the school hall. Tickets will go on sale Thursday 4th December and will be available from Room 13 from 8.30am. Gold coin donation for each ticket.
- We are on the hunt for any and all school Library books, Home Readers and school resources. The last day to hand in these books is next Friday. We have a big stock take about to take place.
- Syndicate 2 Assembly this Thursday in the hall. 2.15pm.



Syndicate Three News

Our Year 6 Graduation is being held on Tuesday 9th December. There will be a note going out to all families with more information today.

The Inter-Schools Athletics day is on Friday. If your child is competing please bring their permission note back as soon as possible. Also ensure they have a hat, sunscreen and enough to drink and eat.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free Ear Clinic

The Free Ear Clinic will be visiting our school on Tuesday 9th December from 9.00-12.30 and 1.30-2.50.

For Sale

Swan plants. Help feed our butterflies! \$2.50 for 4 healthy plants. All funds to go to TAPS. See J Monk in Room 10.

Bodywise Programme

Bodywise is a family based programme held in Hamilton aimed at managing weight issues in primary aged children. Each group initially runs for 6 weeks, with twice weekly meetings, after which time the families are followed up with support for a period of 12 months. If this programme sounds like it would help your child, have a chat with your public health nurse or family doctor to discuss a referral.

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