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## TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary.....

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

I would like to thank everyone for their commitment to the children of Te Awamutu Primary School over the 2008 school year. If you have helped us in anyway this year I would like to say a big thank you from all the teachers and staff at TAPS. This term has been a busy term for everyone and I trust you will all get a well deserved break during these holidays to spend time with your children and enjoy the summer break. Don't forget the suntan lotion this summer.

We farewell from our school this year: Lanah Gibbes Room 13, Stephanie Clarke Room 18, Diane Hardy - After School Care, Kelsey Gillespie - After School Care, Michelle Russ Room 13, Laurie Mazza-Davies Room 4, Daryl Mills Room 5. We thank all of you for your commitment and many years of service to our school...Thank you and good luck!

To help share our learning journeys for the term, teachers sent home your child's report and Learning Journal yesterday. Along with the Learning Journal Book will be your child's report and class placements for next year. Please enjoy your Childs successes and see the opportunity to talk and discuss the busy year of learning growth. The Learning Journals can be brought back to school tomorrow for safe keeping over the summer holiday.

Check out the website for up to date news about school happenings over the holidays for information.

<http://www.taps.school.nz>

<http://mr-duncan.wikispaces.com/>

Tomorrow is a Mufti Day for everyone. School closes at 2pm and buses will be running at this time.

Stationery lists can be viewed at Paper Plus Te Awamutu. All you need to do is remember your child's room number and class level and you can purchase their books anytime over the summer.

Our teachers for 2009 are Viv Buchanan, Maree Parkes, Jane Coles, Robyn Cunningham, Jessie Monk, Symone Craig, Karyn Kay, Diane Gudsell, Tracy Findlay, Bridget Atkins, Sara Ripia, Anna Booth, Janette Gillespie, Linda Woulfe, Vanessa Filer, Anne Mackey, Wendy James, Tara Walter, Bronwyn Whiteman, Kim Lester, Kylie Edwards.

### **Board of Trustees:**

The Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge the hard work of our teaching staff and the fabulous work by all our children here at TAPS. We wish those staff leaving our school the very best on their new ventures and see these opportunities as exciting moments for all of you. Go well.

As a Board we have spend this year consulting with you all as our learning community and we have come up with a draft Mission statement for our school from the many different levels of feedback gained from you all – parents, community members, old pupils, current pupils, teachers, support staff, cleaners and caretaker, PTA, Whanau and BOT members,. This statement is based on the following acronym which may have been read by many of you recently and was also apart of Mr Duncan's Graduation speech for the Yr 6`s.

It is – **TAPS** = **T**ogether **A**chieving **P**ersonal **S**uccess. This statement will be talk about in more detail in the New Year.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Gareth Duncan*

Principal

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

Tomorrow **Thursday 18 December** between 8.00 – 9.00 am in the School Hall. Children will be in mufti tomorrow, so if you have any second hand items for sale, please drop them to the Hall first thing with 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.**

## School Lunches 2009

School Lunches will begin again next year on week 2, Monday 09 February and will continue to be on the same three days as this year; Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Can all Push Play Home Challenge cards please be returned to school ASAP so every child who has completed these can go into the draw for some prizes.

## Merry Christmas from your PTA

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and other family members who have helped the teachers, children and us over this last year. Without your generous support of your time, we would not be able to run the larger projects like the Gala. For those of you who have volunteered **5+ hours** this year, a certificate of appreciation will be given to you by your child/children. We look forward to your continued support in the new year. Happy New Year from your PTA

# TEAM NOTICES

## Syndicate One News

We have had a fabulous year, and would like to take this opportunity to thank children, parents and caregivers for all your enthusiasm, input and efforts.

You will have received your child's Learning Journey Book, report and class information for 2009. It is great to reflect on the learning that has happened during this year.

Please check the lost property for missing items.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Best wishes for 2009.

## Syndicate Two News

WOW! What fantastic feedback about our Christmas Concert.

A great big thank-you to all of the parents/caregivers/teacher aides who assisted with props, make-up etc for the concert. Without your continued support, these events would be very difficult to put on.



Goodbye to all of the wonderful children and Mum's and Dad's here at Te Awamutu Primary. I am leaving with a very heavy, yet a very happy heart. You have all made my teaching time here at TAPS very rewarding. I can't wait to see you all around and hear about your fantastic achievements.  
Mrs Lanah Gibbes

## Syndicate Three News

On behalf of the SPCA, they would like to thank everyone for the support shown on our Crazy Hair Day. The 220 cans of cat and dog food were presented to Diane from the SPCA and she sends a message of Ruff Ruff and Meow from all of the cats and dogs. Remember tonight is our Picnic Showcase on the School Field at 6pm, if wet we will be in the Hall.

Syndicate 3 would like to say a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. See you next year.