

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome!

What a fabulous start we had to our day at TAPS. Thank you to all the Mums and Daughters who turned up for breakfast this morning, approximately 150 in attendance I believe. It was fabulous to see so many faces sharing and listening together. On behalf of us all I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Melissa, Jackie, Leeza and Tulona for sharing their stories with us this morning. What a fabulous performance Leeza put on for us, her hip-hop rocked the house.

Congratulations to Mrs Buchanan and her team of helpers for the fabulous effort in putting this morning together and to the PTA members that gave up their time to come and serve breakfast for us. Check out the photos.....



Whanau meeting: A reminder about the meeting tonight at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome. We will be sharing some school-wide achievement data for Maori students and seeking your thoughts about improving student learning and about future developments at TAPS.

Attendance notices: At Te Awamutu Primary School we are working hard to ensure that all students are present, participating, and engaged in learning on a regular basis. A big part of this is monitoring attendance. Our goal is to have students attending school for 95 -100% of days open for instruction. This goal aligns with Ministry of Education guideline. In the next few days a number of letters are being sent out to parents where student's attendance is less than 85%. Attached to each letter will be a printout of days absent and reasons given. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if we can support you in this matter.



Gareth Duncan

Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES...

Uniform News

Second Hand Sale

We are having a Second Hand Uniform Sale Wednesday 2 July start 8.15am. Bring items for sale named, priced and contact phone number attached to Office.

A number of School Polar Fleece are going missing. Please check that your child's is named and your child is bringing home their own Polar Fleece at night, not someone else's.

School sweatshirts and vests are available in stock in our Uniform Shop which is open each Wednesday morning from 8.30-9.15am. Eftpos is available.

School Notices Cont'd

PTA News

There will be a Hawaiian Pizza Lunch on Friday 27 June. The cost is \$2.00 each. The slices will be cut larger than normal. (the pizza will be cut into 6 instead of 8) An order form will come home with your child on Wednesday 18 June. **Please make sure the order forms and the money are back into the classroom teacher Wednesday 25 June.** Please note – to make life easier, there will be only one type of Pizza available – Hawaiian. All pizzas ordered will go to the classroom of the individual child, even if an older child has ordered for them.

TEAM NOTICES...

Syndicate One News

We had a very successful Mothers/Daughters Breakfast this morning. Thank you for coming. Special thanks to Viv Buchanan, Chris West, PTA Ladies and Sunil for all their hardwork and enthusiasm.

Homework – please sign your child's homework book, and return the reading book daily.

Room 1 will be holding Parent Interviews on the 30th June. A notice will be sent home on Monday – so you can book a time.

Syndicate One Assembly tomorrow – 2.15 pm start. Room 2 and 5 will be doing an item. Everyone welcome.

Syndicate 2 News

WOW! It was great to see soooooo many Mothers & Daughters this morning at the breakfast!! An early start to the day, but well worth while.

A HUGE thank-you to everyone who took the time to complete the Homework survey. We have had a fantastic (and hugely varied...) response. Results will be published in week 9. Next Term's Homework will be a direct result of majority thoughts and ideas...

Our Learning Journey books are nearing completion for Term 2. We can't wait for you to see them!

At next weeks Syndicate 2 Assembly (Thursday 26th June, 2.15pm), Room's 13 & 14 will be presenting a small Item each.

Don't forget to mark Thursday 3rd July (6-7.30pm) in your diary. This is when Syndicate 2 will be showcasing our Inquiry work this term.

Syndicate 3 News

We are working hard to get our Inquiry Art finished for our showcase in Week 9 on Wednesday 2 July from 6.30-7.30pm. More information will come out about this next week. Our Learning Journey books will be coming home next week. The children have worked really hard to complete work for these books. Please remember to discuss the work and praise your child for their efforts.

Room 15 did a survey as part of their Ecological Footprint Inquiry earlier this term. As a result of this survey and in an effort to help reduce rubbish we will be selling homemade muesli bars to T.A.P.S. students one morning tea in week 9. An order form will go home with students in week 8 to be filled in and returned. Thank you for your support in helping reduce rubbish and our ecological footprint at T.A.P.S.

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

Harlequin Swim School – be quick and register at the Te Awamutu Events Centre for enrolment next holidays July 7 July 11 and July 14 – July 18 Phone 871 2080

Year 5/6 Rugby Rep Trials are being held at Albert Park on Sunday 22 June. Player registration-9.30 Trials start 10-10.30. Open to all Y5/6 players, open weight. Players MUST be registered to a club. Contact Alex Phillips 871 4901 021 026 58899 (Y5s) or Lawrence Loomans 871 2839

Tui Glen Horse Riding Camp, Kawerau. Register now for the July School Holidays
Phone 07 323 6457 or 027 232 5367