

## TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Diary

Kia ora Te Awamutu Primary School Learning Family/Whanau

Welcome back to Week 6 everyone.

At Te Awamutu Primary School, students are encouraged to value diversity, as found in our different cultures, languages, and heritages, so our learning scope this term (Who in the world are we?) is the question that every student has been exploring. In-depth sharing of family histories and stories has happened throughout the school and there is mounting excitement for Syndicates as they prepare a variety of ways to showcase their learning for the term.

We had tremendous feedback from the "Wobble-boarding" that Syndicate Three students were involved in last week as they raised funds for their upcoming cultural festival. A huge thank you is extended to parents and our hardworking students for the overwhelming support for this.



### Maori TV

Tau Kē is Māori Television's tamariki time on television between 4.00-5.30pm, Mon-Fri. Tau Kē is a 100% Te Reo Maori show that promotes fun after school. The presenters Robynleigh Emery, Nanny Mihi and a technical team are visiting TAPS tomorrow. We are very excited!

On Thursday 19 March at 10:00am Maori TV will be filming at Te Awamutu Primary School. All students in Syndicates 3 and 4 have been invited to participate in this presentation. A reminder that students must return permission if they are to participate.

### Fresh Choice

We would like to extend our thanks to Fresh Choice who support local schools by holding a weekly draw for a \$100 donation. We would encourage all shoppers at Fresh Choice to write your name and our school name on the back of your receipt and put into their "Donation Draw".

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### Reminders:

- **Parent Reading Workshops tonight and 25<sup>th</sup> March in the staffroom 5.45pm.**
- **Pre-School parent night 18<sup>th</sup> March 5.45pm.**

## DP's Corner:

Are you familiar with the term dates for the year?  
Would you like to peruse the lunch menu which your child can choose from at school?  
Have you misplaced your school newsletter...

Our school home page is [www.taps.school.nz](http://www.taps.school.nz)

Visiting our home page provides you with an opportunity to learn about our school.  
Encourage your child to share this information with you.

Every syndicate has a link to 'Our Learning Teams' and provides information and updates on our Inquiry Learning Focus.  
Take a moment of time and explore these links with your children.

As we celebrate our successes at Te Awamutu Primary, it is timely for us to acknowledge the success of pupils who have left our school, many who are achieving excellent results academically and within the sporting codes.

Te Awamutu Primary School would like to particularly acknowledge and extend our congratulations to Megan Kay and Nicole Adams who have recently been announced as Head Students at Te Awamutu Intermediate School. We are proud of you!

Viv Buchanan

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

**URGENT NOTICE:** Please note that for safety purposes, the driveway entrance off Bank Street is strictly for staff and service vehicles only (unless prior arrangement has been made). There is pedestrian access for children and parents from Bank Street via the fenced footpath that runs alongside the driveway.

If your child/children ride a bike to school please ensure they are aware there is NO riding in the school grounds. They are required to walk with their bike from the gate (regardless of whether they enter via Bank St or Teasdale St).

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all our children and their families.

### **Lucky Book Club**

The last day for Lucky Book Club orders is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Assemblies**

Syndicate 1 and 2 have an assembly on Friday 10.05 – 10.30am. Room 1 will be doing an item.  
There will be no assembly for Syndicate 3. Syndicate 4 will have assembly on Friday 1.30 – 2.15pm. Parents are always welcome!

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Balloons Over Waikato**

This year Te Awamutu will host three balloons based at Selwyn Park to celebrate the Balloons Over Waikato Festival 2009. It is an early start, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7am, but a wonderful chance for the children to get up close and see the workings behind these huge balloons. There will also be goodie bags to give away.

### **Walking Sessions**

Tuesdays 5.30pm meet at Rose Gardens. Wednesday 10am, Mums and Babies meet at Plunket, Tuesday and Thursday 9am meet at Kihikihi Community Police base, 18 Lyon St, Kihikihi  
Be ready to walk! All welcome. Wear comfortable walking shoes and loose fitting clothes.

### **Arapuni Fishing Contest**

Come along for a family day of fun. Prizes for both adults and children. 21 & 22 March, 6am start, Bulmers Landing. Adults \$20, juniors (under 12) \$5.

### **Babysitter available**

Responsible and caring 16 year old female, who lives in town and attends Te Awamutu College. Please contact Laura Brown on 870 5518.

