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TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary

Kia ora Te Awamutu Primary School Learning Family/Whanau

Welcome back to Week 10 everyone.

I would like to acknowledge the fabulous work that has taken place this term and all the extremely hard work that parents, teachers and children have put into getting ready for our Show Case presentations. We hope you enjoyed our work and the opportunity to live the learning that the children are apart of here at school. Remember that as a learning community we are all a part of the story and we (as parents) should feel proud of the growing home-school learning team as our children piece their learning together. This has been very evident over the term as many parents have committed their time and energies into sharing cultural knowledge and perspectives with teachers and children in a variety to ways.

Next term our school wide Inquiry scope is looking at: '*Ecological Sustainability and Our Changing World.*' We will be exploring excellence, diversity and equity throughout the term and will be wondering about how the children at TAPS can make a difference to our world. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to continue their learning from last year when we looked at Our Ecological Footprint. Many fantastic ideas were shared and children are still keen to further explore some of their ideas in depth and with a local, as well as global focus.

I would like to wish you all a very refreshing and enjoyable Easter and term 1 holiday break.

Just a couple of things to remember at a glance:

Winter Uniform is to be worn at the start of next term. Please can I remind parents as you make your coming winter purchase that the winter shoes are black shoes. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings before school, 8.15 until 9.00. Can I encourage parents to look in the lost property box – we would have upwards of 50+ sweatshirts.

Term 2 dates:

Monday 27th April to Friday 3rd July

Lost Property Corner:

Lost - A brown Sony Ericson mobile phone was left in the School Hall after the Syndicate 1 Show Case last night. If you picked it up could you please return it to the office. Thanks.

Gareth Duncan

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Principal

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DPs corner

The Te Awamutu Primary School Community has enjoyed a spectacular showcase festival this week. The children have performed in a variety of ways to share their Learning Journey this term with a focus on 'Who in the world am I'.

A glimpse into TAPS life at school throughout the week, may have looked like this in and around the school....

Children eating healthy wraps and pita bread

Fruit smoothies literally all over the classroom

Harold the Giraffe visiting Te Awamutu Primary School last week.

A delicious aroma from the hangi

Sausages and eggs on the barbeque in the morning

Pavalova decorating competition

DPs corner continued

Dances from many cultures including traditional dress

Kiwiana art

A junior play in the hall featuring Tane and the 3 baskets of knowledge

Butterflies, Lizards and Insects and a big gust of wind in the hall.

Major Alan Patterson from the army visiting us in the hall.

We hope you enjoyed sharing these experiences with us.

Viv Buchanan

SCHOOL NOTICES

Kia ora

Syndicate 3 teachers and children would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to Tim, Tama, Kapara, Wiremu, Shaun, Chris, Pete, Rod, and the team of fantastic helpers who worked with our boys to put the hangi down. Thank you to Luuvy, Sabrina and all the ladies who helped prepare the food with our girls. We all learnt so much from this New Zealand cultural experience and enjoyed sampling the hangi-it was delicious!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following organisations. Without the support from our community, events like this could not take place:

- Fresh Choice
- Field's Butchery
- Te Awamutu Fruit and Vege
- Country Fresh
- Whanau Group

We all loved being involved it was so much fun. Thank you to our boys for digging the pit and doing the physical work. Thank you to our girls for preparing the food - peeling veges, making stuffing and preparing the baskets.

Thank you to the parents who worked in the kitchen to serve up 300 plus meals for our children and their parents. Thank you to the parents who helped with the pavlovas, BBQ and cultural displays, by whipping cream, cooking 300 sausages, organising costumes and items, organising cultural displays and food and supporting the teachers.

We are grateful to you all for teaching us about a very important part of our New Zealand culture.

We are all New Zealanders

"He iwi tahi tatou."

"We all live as one people."

Anna Booth, Janette Gillespie, Vanessa Filer, Linda Woulfe, Sara Ripia

New entrant routine hearing and vision checks

Hearing and vision screening will be in the school grounds on Tuesday 28th April. This is for new entrants only.

Spare Uniform

If your child has had a uniform item borrowed from the sick bay, it needs to be returned as soon as possible. Can you also ensure it is returned to the office washed please. We do have the names of the children who have these items, but prefer it if they are returned without having to phone parents.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

T.A. Junior Squash starts Mon 27th Apr (1st day of term 2) Ages up to year 8 - 6pm - 7pm.

Year 9 and above - 7pm - 8pm. Enquiries contact Andrew ph 8715541

Lego Building Competition

Paperplus and Toyworld Te Awamutu are holding a Lego building competition on Friday 17 April at 2 pm. (that's the Friday of the first week of the school holidays) Just come in and build a creation from the lego provided. All welcome to attend

Super Bounce

Get your kids active and jumping. Ideal for birthday parties and events. \$160 for a half day and \$200 for a full day. Phone 871 6410.

