



*ANZ Proudly supports Te Awamutu Primary*

## **TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### **Principal's Diary...**

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome back to Week 2 and a big welcome to our new families to TAPS over this week. I would like to encourage the use of the school web site as a place for parents to find information. At the click of a button you are able to download the school newsletter every Wednesday afternoon and follow the learning pathways of your children. [www.taps.school.nz](http://www.taps.school.nz)

Our **Mission Statement** - Every learner will have the opportunity, support and guidance to achieve and celebrate their personal best.

Our **Vision** -

**T**ogether **A**chieving **P**ersonal **S**uccess  
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**T**e **A**wamutu **P**rimary **S**chool

I would like to welcome Constable Debbie from the Te Awamutu Police who is doing a fantastic job teaching the Stepping Out programme in Syndicate One and Syndicate Two. Your children will be bringing home booklets to share and activities that support the class programme.

Our school wide learning scope this term is: '**Ecological Sustainability**'. All Syndicates will have a variety of different approaches to learning about this important question in our Town, Country and World. We look forward to sharing our answers with you all.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Bronwyn Whiteman (Teacher Room 18) who has been seconded two days a week to Breathe Technology as an Education Consultant to all other schools in the Te Awamutu/Waipā area. This position is testimony to her classroom abilities with technology and current teaching practice. Well done to Mrs Whiteman. We welcome Mrs Picard two days a week in Room 18.

### **Kapa haka and Te Reo Maori**

Kapa haka classes have got off to a great start last week and we had tremendous feedback from Whaea Erin as well as the children. We have 101 students taking part this term. Having such a commitment to Kapa haka is a great start to building this vital dimension back into our school.

### **EOTC Survey**

Last term we surveyed our Syndicate 4 parents regarding the 2008 camp and looking to the future of camps at TAPS. We had 54 replies out of a possible 160. All of the information was valuable and thank you to those who participated. All believed that Camp Adair was either a great or very good experience last year. The cost was an issue for some but the majority believed it was fine. Most opted for a two night camp for seniors and nearly all were keen to support a local, less expensive option. This has given us a lot of food for thought and has led to investigations of other options that will be shared as soon as decisions have been finalised.

### **Syndicate 4 Sports Exchange**

This Friday (weather permitting) we will see the first of our town school sports exchanges. All school sports coordinators met at TAPS early in term one and have committed to creating opportunity to have these exchanges. This time it is TAPS v Pekaia School. Games start at 11am and finish at 12.30pm. All parents are welcome. What a great day that should be. All the best teams. Go TAPS!

## **Mad Cow Drums**

Glenn Jackson, drum tutor, featured as our guest last term for the Dads and Sons Breakfast. We are excited to let you all know that Glenn has begun working with our New Horizons group on a Thursday afternoon. Glenn will be offering drumming lessons, after school, in the near future. Watch for information about days and cost.

Take Care everyone

*Gareth Duncan*

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Principal

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## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **Local Theory Umpire Course**

Learn basic umpiring skills to help out in the big shortage of umpires for our Saturday netball girls.

This course goes for 5 weeks, starting Tuesday 12 May at the PaperPlus Te Awamutu Netball Centre Pavilion.

Time: 6:30pm-8pm

See Kylie Edwards (Room 20) with any queries.

### **Rebekah Lo - Visiting Artist**

Rebekah has taken over our area for Graham Braddock and will be in our school on May 20<sup>th</sup> – 21 May to take classes with all our students. Cost is \$4 per student.

Please pay your classroom teacher asap. Her theme this year is painting N.Z birds which fits in well with our environmental inquiry.



### **Bus Tags**

Just a gentle reminder that the Term 2 bus tags need to be purchased from the office by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**.

### **Lunches**

Hot food is now available on a Wednesday and Friday. Please note that macaroni cheese is available on Wednesday only and mince & pasta on the Friday.

### **After School Care Programme**

If your child attends our ASC Programme and your regular days have changed, please let us know as soon as possible. All absences need to be text messaged or phoned in before 12.30pm on 871 5378 or 027 320 9849.

### **Absences**

We still have a large number of unexplained absences each day. Please ensure you phone or text in your child's name, room number and why they are away. If we have not heard from you by the end on the day your child will be marked as a truant.

### **Assemblies**

Assemblies are held on Fridays, at the times listed.

Syndicate 1 and 2 – week 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 from 10.05 – 10.30

Syndicate 3 – even weeks from 11.50 – 12.25

Syndicate 4 – even weeks from 1.30 – 2.15

### **Key Found**

A car key has been handed into the office. If you have lost one over the last couple of weeks, please come in and see us at the office.

### **Sports Nutrition Tip #1**

#### **The winter sports season is about to kick off!**

In Term Two, ProJoe will give you tips and ideas about how to fuel your body the right way so you can perform the best you can.

**Remember** everyone needs to be active **every day**.

Adults push play = **30mins** &  
children push play = **60mins**.



