

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

I would like to acknowledge the extensive NZ Ministry of Health information that has been circulated regarding the H1N1 Influenza A Swine Flu. Included in this newsletter is information that is important for all of our school families. Please keep this information handy for future reference. If you have any concerns regarding symptoms 0800 611 116 is the number to call.

Please note that we will be displaying signs on doors around school requesting that you do not enter if you are displaying any symptoms of influenza, whether seasonal or other. We would greatly appreciate your support. School is not a place for children or adults that are unwell.

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Principal

DP's Snippets

Schonell Spelling Test


Purpose To measure a student's ability to correctly spell words that are presented orally and to use a standardised scoring system to give us a reasonable idea of the student's spelling age.

Notes: This year we have used Schonelle to give us some baseline data. It can be used from ages 5 and above: Schonelle is one measure of spelling that allows us to gauge a reasonably accurate spelling age. Each word is placed in the context of a short sentence and then repeated. It is useful as a comparison as long as there is at least six months between tests. It has limited use as a diagnostic tool and does not provide nation wide comparisons for age and cohort groups. Exploration continues to find a suitable (practical) diagnostic tool to supplement this test.

Burt Word Reading Test - New Zealand Revision (Years 3-6)

For students who arrive at TAPS in between designated Probe testing time, teachers may administer this 5 minute test to allow a broad estimate of a child's reading achievement to aid decisions about appropriate teaching and reading materials, instructional groupings, etc.

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SITUATION VACANT

We are looking for a fun, friendly and motivated team player to join our After School Care Programme as of Term 3. Art and craft skills would be highly regarded. Hours to be negotiated, term time only. Please contact Laille on 871 5378 or 027 320 9849 to register your interest.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Absentees

If you receive an absentee alert (text message), please reply with your child's name, room number and reason for the absence. We send up to 40 alerts each day, and a name and room number is helpful in tracing who the text is from. The Ministry of Education requires a satisfactory explanation/reason to be provided for all absentee children. Non response will result in your child being marked as truant.

After School Care

Thanks to all those families who have been paying their accounts on time. A friendly reminder that accounts must be cleared prior to the school holidays.

Poi making evening – Whanau Hui;

Thank you to everyone who has returned your slips for Poi making this evening with Whaea Erin. We look forward to seeing you at 6pm with a plate of kai to share.

Uniform Room News

The uniform room is open every Wednesday morning in the hall from 8.15am – 9.00 am. We have stock on hand, eftpos is available.

On **Wednesday 1st July** we are holding a second hand uniform sale in the hall from 8.15am – 9.00 am. CASH ONLY. If you have items for sale please send to the office with your name, phone number, details of item for sale and price pinned (NOT STAPLED) to items of clothing.

New World Get Sponsored Competition

TAPS Kelly & Bryant Puma's have registered for the NEW WORLD Get Sponsored Competition. www.getsponsored.co.nz
If anyone shops at New World and does not need the docketts, we would really appreciate them. They can be sent to Jayda Chase in room 17.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Safe & Happy Club

The July holidays are almost here! Our holiday events programme will be out by the end of the week. Feel free to get a copy from the hall, after school or call Laille 027 727 8521 for more information.

Pirongia Bingo and Comedy Night

(AO) Friday 26th June, featuring Ewen Gilmore, the famous Westie.

\$15 per ticket, available from the Pirongia School office and Time Out Hair Salon (cash only). Tables of 10, so get a team organised. Items will be auctioned, also supper provided. Prize for best dressed table, get into fancy dress if you like. Contacts: Toni 871 9395 or Deb 871 9433

For Sale

F&P 248ltr Fridge/Freezer only 18 months old. RRP \$899.00. 2/3 Fridge and 1/3 Freezer on the top. Asking \$595 cash please phone 871 8923

Art classes

'TE WHIRINGA' 18 LYON STREET KIHIKIHI

For ages 7-12. Weekly sessions starting Wednesday 22nd July 5pm – 6.30pm \$1.50 per session

Safe place. Adult supervision. Phone registrations to 8715757 or 8702938

Xtreme Pool Party

Xtreme Pool Party, Saturday, 20th June from 5-8pm at the Te Awamutu Events Centre. There's a bbq, DJ, inflatable obstacle course, hydroslide and much more fun. The theme is WINTER. Only \$6 per person for 8 years and up.

Violin Lessons

For beginners age 7-10 years old. Please call Monique on 871 4282 for more information