

## TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### WEEK 9 2009

#### Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

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 a part of here at school. Remember that as a learning community we are all a part of the story and we (as parents) should be starting to fit into each term's chapter as your son, or daughter piece their learning together.

Our show case sharing starts this week with Syndicates 2 and 3 then Syndicates 1 and 4 next week. You are all welcome to come and share with your syndicate's learning.

Syndicate 1 are inviting you to share in their journey as children discuss how to care for our natural environment with a focus on bush life and birds. 1.30 - 5.30 pm Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Syndicate 2 starts at 1.30pm this Friday. You are all welcome to the area outside Rooms 5, 6, 7 and 8 where the presentations will begin. If it is wet please make your way to the hall. Syndicate 2 will share with us the care and concern they have shown towards the birds in our community by making bird feeders. Classrooms will be open for you to visit.

Syndicate 3 also start their show case this Thursday with the Mayor, Allan Livingston opening the day and the school gully planting project (the gully is at the very rear of the school playing field). I would like to thank Mr Chris Parkes for his support of Syndicates 3's venture – "Restoring our Gully" and planting their very own "Vegetable Valley".

Syndicate 4 will be holding their showcase on Wednesday 1 July between 2 and 3pm and also between 6 and 7pm. Come along and see a visual presentation of all of the amazing things the Syndicate 4 students have been up to this term and check out our classrooms that have been the busy hives of learning this term. See you there!

Can I encourage all the fabulous work that families are putting into the PTA spellathon fundraiser. The funds raised will go towards all classrooms' wish list items. Our next PTA fundraiser will be the Golden Circle Fun Run. This activity will take place in week 4 of next term and will be run in conjunction with the school X-country. More information regarding the Golden Circle Fun Run will be circulated early term 3.

I would like to thank our PTA for the many varied and supportive tasks they take on in our school. Some of the activities that our 12 strong PTA are currently involved in are: Milo Mondays, planning of the school gala scheduled for term 4, disco term 4, mufti days, Golden Circle Fun Run and spellathon. Please visit our school website to read more about the PTA. They meet once a month here at school. Everyone is welcome to join in whether you choose to become a member of not.

Personal Learning Journals will come home at the end of this week. These journals provide you with formative snap shot of your child's learning this term. The New Zealand Curriculum is undergoing constant change and schools are endeavouring to come to terms with the changes and incorporate the new expectations of assessment into their programmes. The Learning Journals are a relatively new reporting process and provides a way for the teachers at TAPS to reflect your child's learning in an ongoing fashion. Parent interviews (Student-Led Conferences) will take place in week 8 of next term. More information about the purpose of these sessions will be circulated in the new term.

#### Gareth Duncan

Principal

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Please go online and complete the community education survey that our children have been apart of putting together. Watch next weeks Courier article about what our children have to say about their learning. <http://spliceproject.edublogs.org/community-survey/>

## **DP's Snippets**



### **Whānau Hui**

Thank you to the 80 people who came to Whānau Hui last Wednesday evening. We shared kai and had a lesson from Whaea Erin in poi making. Every child and lots of the mums and dads went away swinging their poi. A great chance to come together and to talk of many things. We look forward to our next Whānau Hui to be held Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30.

### **Snakes**

For the senior children selling Snakes please note that the last opportunity to take a box home is this Friday. No new boxes will be issued after that. All money needs to be in on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### **Learning Journals**

Your child will be bringing home their Learning Journal This Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Please take the time to share this valuable information with your child as you discuss and acknowledge their effort and achievements over the term. Learning Journals are required to be returned on Monday June 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **PTA Pizza Lunch Orders**

Order forms went home on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Orders need to be back by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. \$2 per slice.

**BOT Meeting** Next Tuesday night at 7.00pm in the staffroom

### **Uniform Room News**

**Navy Blue Winter Tights** The uniform room would like to advise that we now have girls tights for sale. They are good quality (Columbine) navy blue cotton/lycra in size 5-6 yrs, 7-8 yrs and 9-10 yrs \$12.50 a pair. We are open every Wednesday morning in the hall from 8.15am – 9.00 am. We have stock on hand and eftpos is available.

On **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 them to the office with your name, phone number, details of item for sale and price pinned (NOT STAPLED) to items of clothing.

### **Dates to remember:**

Term 3 – Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August is our schools' teacher only day. This day is not aligned with other schools in the local area.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Thank you**

We would like to say a big thank you to the Salvation Army for donating spare clothes for our sick bay. If your child has "borrowed" items from us please return them to the sick bay by the end of term.

### **For Sale**

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