

## TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### WEEK 2

#### Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

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

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

Welcome back to Week 2 and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new TAPS families. We have a very full calendar this term with creative exciting activities occurring in classrooms as the children begin their new learning scopes for the term.

Several syndicates have planned Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) experiences to complement their learning programmes.

Every day children have been out vigorously training for the annual school Cross Country event which is to be held on **Wednesday 12 August**.

The programme for the day's events will begin with Syndicate 3 and 4 having their first race beginning at 9:30am and Syndicate 1 and 2 will begin their races after lunchtime (more information to come). If you are able to help out on this day, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

This year we are encouraging children to participate in the Golden Circle Fun Run/Cross Country event.

The Golden Circle Fun Run, encourages students to seek sponsorship to support them in their cross country run and to help fundraise for our school. Any students that raise funds worth \$10 or over will be able to choose from a range of great prizes.

On Thursday, all students will receive their sponsorship pamphlet from Pineapple Pete who will be appearing as our guest at a special school assembly scheduled for 2.00pm tomorrow. Our aim is to encourage students to collect sponsors and record them on their pamphlet. After the cross country, all sponsorship money will be collected by the children and returned to school with the pamphlet. It is essential that the pamphlet has the back filled in to enable your child to claim their prize.



We look forward to our Mothers/ Sons breakfast which is to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> August at 7.15 am. Further notification regarding this event will be in the newsletter closer to the time.

*Gareth Duncan*

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Principal

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **Teacher Only Day**

School will be closed for instruction on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Our After School Care Programme will be operating from the school hall between the hours of 8-6pm at a cost of \$35 per child for the full day. Usual hourly rates will apply for part-time care. Numbers are **limited** and are on a first come first serve basis so if you need care for your child/children on this day please collect a registration form from Laille at the hall between 3-6pm to secure your place.

### **PTA**

PTA meeting tonight at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All new members welcome.

### **Bus Tags**

Term 3 bus tag payments are due this Friday. If your child uses the bus please ensure they have a current bus tag.

### **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.

### **Back Gate Entry**

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.

**Proud sponsor of our J-Rock Team 2009 – Stewart & Cavalier**

