

16 September 2009

Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau

Welcome back to week 9 as we prepare for an exciting week of Student-Led Conferences and a time to chat about your son or daughters fabulous efforts in their learning. This is a time to celebrate on achievements made and talk with your child and teacher about where to next in their learning. Our school Mission states that:

Every learner will have the opportunity, support and guidance to achieve and celebrate their personal best.

We are all in this together (parents, caregivers, families and teachers), ensuring that we all do what it takes to support our children in being the best they can be. Thank you in advance for your positive support of our changes to parent interviews and enjoy the learning, sharing and excitement.

Our basketball teams have completed a very good season, held on Monday nights at the Events Centre. The TAPS Wildcats finished 3rd in their league. We would like to acknowledge the coaches and managers (and all the parents who helped on the sideline) for their efforts this year. We thank: Brett Purchase and Paul Tuckey – TAPS Tall Blacks and Tracee and Ian Berry - TAPS Wildcats



CONGRATULATIONS to Clark, Morgan and Sandro (absent) who received their Altrusa Book Awards at Te Awamutu Intermediate last Tuesday night. They are pictured here with Sharon Holt, a local writer who has written many stories for our school journals, Ready to Read series, Scholastic My Stories series and who had her first picture book launched yesterday at Chartwell Library. Well done boys!

Huge congratulations to Olivia Rawlings Room 5 who came 2nd place in the Heritage Group – Fresh Choice colouring-in competition. Well done to you and all those who took part.

Our very own Matt Forbes and Jason Gwynne were personally invited by the Mayor to support him holding the Rugby World Cup as a promotion for the rest of the world to see. They invited the Prime Ministry to stand with them – Mr John Key. Well done boys.

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A Safety Message from Mr Duncan and the Police:

Please use the school crossings at all times before and after school. Children are crossing in very dangerous sections of Teasdale Street and I would invite us all as parents to be more vigilant about using the crossing.

The yellow markings on the road side are there to remind us all that parking is restricted between certain hours – please observe the bus bay parking times during the day. NO ONE is to drop-off or pick up in this area between 8am – 9am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm please. Police will be monitoring this area and ticketing vehicles accordingly. Thanks for your support.

Show Case Events Week 10:

What's happening in Syndicate One?

Our grandparents and special friend afternoon tea will be held on Tuesday 22nd September at 1.30pm. All new entrant parents and grandparents are invited to come and share with our new entrant innovators who have designed their very own favourite recipe book.

What's happening in Syndicate Three?

Please remember that on Wednesday 23 September our children will be helping to plant 1000 trees at Montefiore Reserve. If you would like to help out on the day please contact your child's teacher.

Also, on Thursday 24 September we would like to invite you to celebrate our learning with a picnic in the Gully (at the rear of our school playing field). After seeing how well our native trees are going you will be invited to have a look in your child's class. Our showcase will get underway at 1.30pm.

What's happening in Syndicate Four?

The Black Thunder from ZM is coming to launch the Trolley Derby Race. The time trials and track preparation starts at 9am Wednesday 23rd and the official race will start at 2pm. Be there early for seats close to trackside.

DPS CORNER

Whanau Meeting Report

Thank you to all who came to the recent whanau hui. What a great night. The poi are nearly finished and great thoughts and ideas were shared. It was a good chance for whanau to hear about the upcoming festival and to also hear about happenings at TAPS. Some of the points shared at recent hui were;

** A proposal that has been sent to the BOT to increase Whaea Erin's time to cater to needs.

** The Effective teacher profile was shared and explained that ideas were being gathered by whanau as to what that looks like for our students

** Information about a recent staff workshop on The Effective Teacher profile and its implications for us.

** We discussed the MoE Maori Learning programme and how we can adapt it for TAPS.

** Maori Language week celebrations were shared

** Resources that had been purchased for classrooms and administration to bring Te Reo and Tikanga Maori into focus were shared.

** Bilingual signage was discussed

** Roger Waitere and Whaea Erin shared the process we have gone through to get a translation for our vision "Together Achieving Personal Success". All were keen to adopt that. Posters will be printed, laminated and placed around the school once this is all finalized.

** Rangi shared an idea of a noho Wananga (live in at school). This will fit beautifully with the preparation for the Kihikihi School festival day. Whaea Erin will be getting a notice out soon regarding that.

Once again, many thanks to all who attended and we look forward to the next few months with great excitement.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Sausage Sizzle

We will be holding a sausage sizzle next Wednesday starting @ 1pm as part of the build up to Syndicate 4's Trolley Derby. Sausages will cost of \$2.00 each.

Agricultural Day

Could we please have all entries back as soon as possible. Agricultural Day will be at Te Awamutu Intermediate on Tuesday 13th October. There are 2 DVDs about animal training. If you have finished with them please return them. Go to www.waikatoworld.org.nz or www.calfclub.org.nz for more information. Any queries contact J Monk or W James.

Milo Monday

Monday the 21st of September is the last day for Milo Monday. Commencing Mondays Term 4, we will be selling small cartons of flavoured milk, with a cookie for \$2.00.

Mufti Day

This Friday is Mufti Day, no donation required. As it is book week you may want to come dressed as your favourite book character?

Book Fair

The Book Fair is open today Wednesday 3.00pm-6.00pm and tomorrow 8.30-9.30 and 3.00pm-7.00pm. Join us on our Safari!

TAI Prospectus

The TAI Prospectus for 2010 went home yesterday. Please ensure you return the white and orange form back to the office by Thursday 24th September, making sure you include a copy of the child's birth certificate or passport.

Uniform Room News

We are holding a **Second Hand Uniform sale** Wednesday 23 September in the Hall from 8.15 – 9.00 am. If you have any items for sale please send to the Office before Wednesday. Each item of clothing needs to have attached to it the price, your name and phone number. Please do not use staples, pins are a good idea. The Second Hand Sale is strictly **CASH ONLY**

Milo Cricket

Milo Cricket is being run from Albert Park for children in year 0-6. This will commence on Monday 9th November. Please pick up a registration form from the office for more information.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Zero Limits Gym, sponsors of our school, has a special this month that is well worth talking to them about. Pop in and see them for further information.

SHORT HOMSTAYS REQUIRED

Families are required for Japanese students attending TA College for two weeks from November 5 to November 15. This is a lovely opportunity and remuneration of \$180 per week is provided. If you are interested or know somebody who might be please contact Janey on 07 859 2105 or janey.gregory@gmail.com

MAD COW DRUMS - after school drum tuition

Mad Cow Drums are pleased to make the following offering to students of Te Awamutu Primary School who want to learn to play drums. There are a maximum of 6 placements per class and two classes offered. Lessons will be run after school from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and 4.15pm to 5.15pm on a Thursday afternoon. The cost of each placement is \$90.00 per student for nine weeks. The lesson dates will run in conjunction with the school term. **Please note there is no requirement for a drum kit to begin these lessons.**

Please contact Glenn on 07 871-4447 or 021 2020269 for more details.