

9 March 2011

WEEK 5 2011

Principal's Diary...

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

At this time of continued trauma and uncertainty for our Christchurch friends and families, our thoughts and best wishes go out to them all. We have families in our community hosting extra people in their homes and we acknowledge and thank you for the great work that you are doing. Last week we had a special mufti day to raise money for Christchurch, on behalf of our staff and students; we will be having another mufti day this Thursday (tomorrow). Our theme for the day is 'Super Heroes'. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite hero e.g police, firemen, doctors, all blacks, super heroes etc, or come dressed in black and red. We will be asking again for a gold coin donation and this will be added into last week's tally and presented to the Mayor of Waipa, Alan Livingstone by our school ambassadors along with representatives from Kihikihi School, Pekerau School and St Patricks School.

On a brighter note, our very own **TAPS 107.8 FM** continues to grow from strength to strength. Our students' voices fill the airwaves at regular times during the day and classes are now rostered to deliver the morning notices and to share wonderful gems of learning that are happening in our classrooms. Teachers have all had the opportunity to learn the basics of "working" the equipment and it's all go ☺. We have had feedback that our broadcasts are strong and can be heard as far as Kihikihi.

Our school library is now operational and is a sight to behold. A great big thank you to Diane Hardy and Janine Margetts for the amazing job they have both done. Although some of the furniture has yet to arrive, it looks and feels superb. ☺

Fonterra Bike Safety Support

We had Ardelle Jury from Fonterra as a special guest at our School Assembly last week. On behalf of Fonterra, she gifted the senior school with one hundred and forty bike helmets and bright yellow high- vis vests. The students were all thrilled to receive these and we thank Fonterra so much for supporting our school and our students' safety.

Meet the teacher evening TONIGHT

Teachers will be based in their classrooms and start with an overview of expectations for 2011 e.g. homework, equipment ready for school each day, followed by questions from the parents. We look forward to meeting you tonight.

Syndicate 1: 3.05-3.35

Syndicate 2: 3.45-4.15

Syndicate 3: 4.30-5.00

Syndicate 4: 5.10-5.40

A reminder that we have student led conferences coming up in Week 10. A separate notice will be coming out soon with more information about these.

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan

Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Uniform Room

The uniform room will be open every Wednesday morning from 8.15am till 9am in the hall.

PTA

The AGM for the PTA will be held on Tuesday 15th March in Room 17 at 3.15pm. **ALL WELCOME!**

Lost Property

Can be found adjacent to Room 14 (Mrs Gillespie's Room)

Milk Monday

Every Monday at morning tea children, can purchase a flavoured milk & cookie for \$2 from the tuck shop located in the foyer of the hall.

Driveway reminder

The rear school driveway (off Bank Street) is a tradespersons, courier drivers and staff access only, NOT a drop off point for parents. The Croquet Pavilion car park on Bank Street is a safe place to park and drop children off.

Children's Absences

It is school policy that you notify the office (8715378), before 9am daily if your child is going to be absent. Our school mobile phone (0212760505) can be text with a message regarding absentees. We thank you all for your support in keeping children safe. All unexplained absences are marked as truant.



Wednesday Wonderland Early Childhood Programme 2011

I would like to extend an invite to all our pre-school community (all children 4.5 years and older) to take up the free offer of coming to our preparation for school programme run every Wednesday afternoon with Maree Parkes (trained teacher and TAPS Community Connector) The programme for 2011 has started. Please come to the main foyer of the school for directions as to where this is being held.

School donation:

School fee statements were sent home recently. Unfortunately funding received by the Ministry of Education is not great enough to cover all teaching resource costs, it is your donation that helps us meet the cost of these resources which in turn enables us to provide a fuller and wider education for your child/ren than would otherwise be possible. The Consumables Levy which is also on your statement assists with paper and photocopying throughout the year. The levy is set at \$15 per child and is a compulsory fee not a donation. These are due now.

Impetigo (School sores)

School sores is the common name for impetigo, which is a skin condition caused by the bacteria staphylococcus ('staph') or streptococcus ('strep') and is easily spread around school age children.

It appears as pimples, with blisters that scab. It often appears in late summer and autumn. In the early stages it is often confused with cold sores, but the conditions require different treatment (Cold sores are caused by the herpes simplex virus, which once contracted can lie dormant and reoccur throughout life).

Impetigo is highly infectious, so you need to keep your child away from school until the condition has cleared.

What is the treatment? Take your child to the doctor. Although the condition is not serious, it needs to be dealt with as it spreads easily and is contagious. Antibiotics will be prescribed in the form of cream/ointment or an oral antibiotic preparation. Ensure your child finishes the dose of oral antibiotics and do not use the antibiotic cream/ointment on anyone else. School sores must be covered. Home care primarily involves hygiene practices to keep your child clean and to prevent the impetigo spreading. Re-visit your doctor if impetigo becomes more widespread despite treatment, or if your child becomes feverish and unwell.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kiwi Sport Netball

Years 1-4 @ 3.30pm – 4pm & Years 5 – 8 @ 4pm – 5pm. All levels welcome, come and give it a go! Mum & Dad are welcome to join in too. Bring shoes, drink and a snack. To be held at Paper Plus Te Awamutu Netball Centre Courts on Monday 21st, Monday 28th March & Monday 4th, Monday 11th April. To register, text name, age & town to 021 629 514 or email details to netball@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz.

Te Awamutu Sports Junior Rugby

Registration/Weigh in evenings. Te Awamutu Sports Clubrooms. Monday March 14th, Wednesday March 16th. All 6.30pm – 8pm. All grades 6th – 13th \$40 per player (shorts & socks included). All grades to wear boots in 2011. Age identification required (birth Certificate). Player subs must be paid at registration.

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BOOST THAT FRUIT

OLD FAITHFUL

Back in the day meat and 3 vege was the staple dinner. This week aim to make your dinner look like this every night. For those vegetarians out there, substitute the meat for another protein source – fish, beans, legumes, eggs etc.



School Calendar March 2011

Thursday 10th – Heroes Mufti Day
Friday 11th – Syndicate 1 swimming display 1.30pm
Tuesday 15th – PTA AGM, Room 17 @ 3.15pm
Thursday 17th – Syndicate 2 swimming display 1.30pm
Friday 18th – Interschool Swimming @ Te Awamutu Events Centre

