

23 March 2011

WEEK 7 2011

Principal's Diary...

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Thank you to all those families who attended our recent meet the teacher evening. We appreciated the opportunity to showcase your children's learning and to explain processes and procedures in classes.

We would also like to thank you all for supporting the recent fundraising efforts that our school council organised. All up, we have raised just on \$2000 for the Christchurch Earthquake appeal. Well done everyone!

A reminder about student-led conferences and the earlier finishing time of 2pm on these days (12th and 13th April). If you haven't already, please send in a written note if you wish for your child/children to be released at 2pm. All children without written permission will remain at school until 3pm. No exceptions.

Can we invite all parents to have a read of the newsletter insert from the Ministry of Education about school road safety. Please, please help by being a role model for our children when it comes to crossing the road outside school.

Everyone at TAPS would sincerely like to thank Tony and his awesome team at Tony Fabish Panelworks for kindly painting our ancient book trolley. It is now 'Racy Red' and looks 'Fab'. Our Library furniture has arrived and it looks fantastic.

Our school radio station **107.8 TAPS FM** is also coming along at great speeds. Each class in turn has a day to showcase themselves by reading stories, playing songs and reading our daily notices out over the airwaves.

What is Life Education? Life Education is a charitable trust that delivers a health programme to children in preschool, primary and intermediate schools.

Life Education is a preventative approach to disease and substance/alcohol abuse. We are a totally positive programme, incorporating our philosophy – that each child is special and unique, that the human body is magnificent and that we need to respect one another – into all our learning modules. Rather than frighten children with various forms of scare tactics, Life Education focuses on creating a sensitivity to values and an appreciation of human life. We teach children about their bodies, what they need in order to live a healthy, happy life, and that putting substances into their bodies can upset the delicate equilibrium that we operate on. We do this by taking children on an adventure in our mobile classrooms. We capture their imagination and make learning fun by using a language that children these days love – technology. Our educators are registered teachers and together with Harold the Giraffe, our loveable mascot, use teaching techniques to recognise the different learning styles of children, and to help with retention of knowledge.

Each child is given a workbook by their teacher to complete at home, and Life Education, together with schools and parents, aims to instil healthy values in children and a thirst for life, so they reach their fullest potential.

Nicki and Harold are here in our School and they welcome any parents into the Caravan to look about and ask questions.

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan
Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Netball

This year Te Awamutu Primary School has a large number of girls wanting to play netball. We have managed to place everyone in a team but we are in desperate need of netball coaches for our Y5 & Y6 teams. Anyone willing to help, please contact Mrs Davina Miller through the school office or phone 871 5378.

Uniform

The uniform room will be open every Wednesday morning from 8.15am till 9am in the hall. We have a number of good quality second-hand school polar fleece available; (payment for these is cash only). Please remember to name ALL items of clothing, especially sunhats. We have had a number of hats missing, could we please ask that all uniforms and hats be checked for the correct name, if your child/ren has brought home a piece of clothing that is not theirs, please return it to the office, no questions asked.

PTA

As there was some confusion regarding the time of the last meeting, the AGM will now be held on **March 29th at 3.15pm** in **Room 17**.

Pedestrian Crossings and School Driveways

We have noticed a number of parents crossing their children on either side of the school crossing on Teasdale Street. As we like to instil good road sense, we ask that all parents/caregivers and especially children, use the pedestrian crossing only. The Bank Street driveway has been used as a walkway, this is for staff and trade vehicles. For child safety, please use the footpath when entering and leaving the school grounds. Vehicles are not permitted to park (whether picking up or dropping off) in the bus bay on Teasdale Street. **This is a bus park only.**

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.

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 at 1.30pm till 3pm with Maree Parkes (trained teacher and TAPS Community Connector) 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. These are due now.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Teasdale Street Water Supply Upgrade

Waipa District Council would like to advise residents of the water supply upgrade works to Council infrastructure due to commence in Teasdale Street at the end of the week starting 21st March 2011. Construction work will be in the carriageway of Teasdale Street to install new water pipelines. Further notice will be issued to effected residents. These works are being carried out by Allens United contracted to Waipa District Council.

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 Association Football Club (Inc)

Registrations are open for the 2011 season. All enquires to David Hall 870 1613 or 021 253 7979 or check the website www.teawamutuafc.co.nz. Registrations forms are available from the school office and are to be forwarded onto Te Awamutu AFC, P O Box 110, Te Awamutu.

Meetings coming up:

Board of Trustees Meeting – 5th April @ 6pm

As a Board we would like to have your feedback on TAPS as we prepare to write our next Strategic Plan. The Strategic Planning and Community consultation meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th May, Term 2. Venue and times will be announced soon.

Student-Led Conferences – 12th and 13th April

ECE (Early Childhood Education) Project launch with Waikato University, TAPS and Rewi Street Kindergarten. See you at 6pm tonight.

PTA Meeting – March 29th @ 3.15pm in Room 17



