

# Te Awamutu Primary School

PTA Newsletter Term 1 2011

PTAs have been quietly helping the school community for at least 100 years in New Zealand, and will no doubt continue to do so for many more years yet.

PTA, Home and School, Friends of the School etc., are all voluntary, non-profit organisations. They are associations of parents and family based in the school, whose aim is to bring into closer relationship the home and the school for the benefit of the children. These groups form a link between the school and the wider community. The child is at the centre of everything parents and teachers do.

## THE PTA AND IN-SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS

Many parents question the role of the two groups in the school, PTA and the Board of Trustees. We all have to work together in the school for the good of the children and, as we teach our children, a little 'give and take' helps. PTA members are not here for a power play. If PTAs want to raise funds for the extras that are felt necessary for school a 'wish list' of ideas from the Board, Principal and Staff at the start of the year is a great way of planning the fundraising. All groups within the school should be working towards common goals that are out-lined in the Strategic Plan. The role of the Board is to GOVERN the school. The role of the Principal is to MANAGE the school. The role of the PTA, parents, family, and community is to support these by being involved in the school. Most PTAs run their own accounts and are an autonomous body – even though they are, of course, looking to the welfare of the school.

In best practice, PTA, Board, and Staff communicate closely and regularly so that all sectors of the school community are working effectively towards achieving common goals. If everyone is pulling in the same direction, rather than being at odds with each other, a lot more can be achieved.

Our PTA has supported our school by fundraising throughout the year, with multi-days, wacky hair days, pizzas and sausage sizzles and much more. Recently the PTA gifted \$15,000 towards our fabulous new library space, which helped pay for furnishings which in turn provides a bright and cheerful area for our learning to continue. We also help with patrol care throughout our school community by providing emergency lunches. We are currently planning our busy calendar for this year. We will be hosting a themed quiz night later in Term 2, which will be adults only and a great way to socialise as well as raising funds to further support us on our learning journey. In Term 3, in conjunction with the student conferences, we will have the Book Fair, which will be held in our library. This year will be an exciting time for relationships within our school, with the grand launch of our very own 107.8 TAPS FM radio station and the long awaited grand opening of our fantastic library which will also amalgamate the opening of room 17 and rooms 5 & 6 along with their new deck space.

### **Milo & Milk Mondays:**

These are a very popular Monday morning snack. During the winter months, we will have a milo & cookie for \$2 which is available at morning tea time from the hall. Summer months we have chocolate or strawberry flavoured milk & cookie.



### **School Discos:**

Syndicate 1 & 2 Freaky Friday Disco! 5.30pm – 6.30pm –Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> I—Term 2 in the hall. Syndicate 3 Freaky Friday Disco! 6 – 7pm Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> in the hall. Tickets will be available to for Syndicate 3 to purchase from Mrs Mackey in Room 17 between 8.15 and 8.50 and Syndicate 1 & 2 from Mrs Tautari-Scott in Room 7 from Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>. The price is set at \$2 per tickets with other items available for purchase at the disco, such as drinks and popcorn for \$1 each, lollies and glow bands also \$1 each. Come with crazy freaky hair or clothes and have some fun! Syndicate 4 will run their own discos & will be soon selling snakes as they are fundraising for camp.





**Anchor School Promotion & Pak 'n Save Te Awamutu Promotion:**

Purchase Anchor or Budget milk from Pak 'N Save and Te Awamutu Primary School will go into the draw to win \$3000, \$2000 or \$1000 for our school. This competition is run in conjunction with Anchors "Great Anchor Milk Run". Pak 'n Save Te Awamutu will also give the purchaser the chance to win a year's supply of Anchor or Budget milk. This promotion along with Anchors promotion will run for 12 weeks starting April 4<sup>th</sup>. Te Awamutu Primary School PTA would like to thank Pak 'n Save in advance for their support to our local schools and community.

Te Awamutu Primary can have the chance to win daily prizes of \$2,500 and the major prize of \$50,000 in the "Great Anchor Milk Run". Purchase Anchor milk from any store including Pak 'n Save and enter the code from your milk onto the website, [www.anchormilkrun.co.nz](http://www.anchormilkrun.co.nz) or txt your code to 311.

**Some of our Upcoming Events:**

Spell-a-thon – Term 2

Themed Quiz Night – Term 2

Book Fair – Term 3

All details still to be finalised.

Next meeting – Coffee & Cake! Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3.15pm in Room 17. Children welcome!

