

18 August 2011

## Welcome to Week 3, Term 3 - 2011

### Principal's Diary...

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

*Brrr*, hasn't it been a cold week? I trust you have all managed to stay warm and dry. Snow in Te Awamutu has definitely been a highlight of Term 3. Students have done some fabulous writing with their main focus being the weather. I would like to welcome all those new students who have started at TAPS over the last three weeks, and also a warm welcome to new people in our community. Welcome.

We have sent out this week a number of very important information sheets regarding the measles epidemic and the basic requirements for keeping your child safe and healthy and also how to protect others around them. Can I please encourage us all to be vigilant when facing symptoms that are talked about in these circulars, please work together to minimise the risk of infection across the school and at home.

The Community Strategic Planning Meeting was held last Tuesday evening at Kelly and Bryant Accountants. I would like to acknowledge those that could make it and also thank you to our school representatives, Cameron, Morgan, Matthew, Charlotte, Wade and Christopher. If you were unable to attend the meeting and you would like to air your concerns or comments, or share a few ideas, then we would like to invite you to come into school and write down your ideas. Mrs Hardy, in our new school Inquiry Centre (Library) has some forms for comments.

I would like to congratulate our speech finalists who spoke at Pekaerau School on Tuesday evening - Abigail Addis, Chloe Schwass, Sam Patel and Lachlan Oosterman, who won the Year 6 Boys Finals - congratulations to all.

I would also like to acknowledge the fabulous efforts and determination of Harriet Berry who has been selected to represent New Zealand in the Jamboree Basketball tour travelling to Australia in November - Well done Harriett.

Yours in learning

*Gareth Duncan*

Principal

Check out our web site:

[www.taps.school.nz](http://www.taps.school.nz)

### SCHOOL NOTICES

#### Inquiry Centre News:

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Our exciting Scholastic 'Inter-Galactic' Book Fair is getting closer, so mark these dates on your calendar and get ready for an 'Out of this World' experience!

#### Dates and Times

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September - 8.30am - 9.00am, 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - 8.30am - 9.00am, 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September - 8.30am - 9.00am, 3.00pm - 6.00pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September - 8.30am - 9.00am, 3.00pm - 6.00pm

There will be an inspirational range of books and educational products for you to view and purchase. Remember that 30% of all sales come back to our school, providing amazing new books for our students to enjoy. (Watch out for the flyer in the next newsletter, week 5)

#### Uniform clarification:

We would like to clarify that during the winter months children are able to wear thermals under their school shirt. The colours that are allowed are: Black, blue and white only. Please do not send your child in any other colour or stripy thermals under their

school uniform, as they will be asked to take them off. Thank you for helping with consistency of our uniform policy. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8.15 till 9am. Please note that as from September 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a slight increase in uniform costs.

#### Student Safety

We continually have a number of children in the park after school, waiting to be picked up. Please remember that the children are unsupervised during this time and they need to be picked up as close to 3pm as possible. We understand the parking issue at the front of the school, however, to have children waiting as late as 3.20pm is a concern. Also, it has been noticed that some children from Syndicate 1 & 2 have been walking to and from school on their own. Once again this is a safety issue as 5 & 6 year olds have not yet established secure skills to cross roads and to monitor driveways by themselves. We thank you for your anticipated support around these issues as the care and safety of our children is paramount.

#### School Fees:

Statements for the outstanding compulsory consumables fee and the school donations were sent home early this week and are now overdue. If payment in full is difficult, part payments will be accepted over time to clear the debt. Eftpos is available at the main office.

#### PTA Support:

We would like to remind families that the PTA is a very small, but active group in our school and needs you to join and support the 2011 fundraising efforts. Our major school fundraising event is our Quiz Night coming up on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please call the school to find out more information if you are able to support in anyway.

**NEXT PTA MEETING - WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST IN THE SCHOOL STAFFROOM - ALL WELCOME.**

#### 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 crossings only. The Bank Street driveway, is for staff and trade vehicles only. For child safety, please use the footpath alongside the driveway when entering and leaving the school grounds. Please note: 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.**

#### Late Students

The school day starts at 8.55am and students must be settled in class by 9am when teachers take the roll. Should any students arrive after this time, they must sign in at the office.

#### Children's Absences

It is school policy that you notify the office, before 9am daily if your child is going to be absent. All unexplained absences are marked as truant. *PROVIDING SATISFACTORY REASONS FOR ABSENCES IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT ENFORCED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.*

Please phone **on 871 5378** (ext 702) with an explanation as to why students are absent or txt on the school mobile on **0212760505** with a brief reason of absence. Please remember to include the child's name and room number or provide a note to the teacher on the first day back to school. *THIS IS THEN NOTED IN OUR SYSTEM FOR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.*

#### 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 invitation to come 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. This programme is free of charge and funded by the school.

### Milo Monday

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



### Community Notices

The Te Awamutu Plunket Playgroup is currently doing some fundraising and will be holding a 'Dough Raiser' on the 24th August between 5pm and 8pm, so from all the Pizza's bought from Domino's Te Awamutu between those times on that date, we will get \$1 per pizza donated to our Playgroup..

### HANSEL & GRETEL

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August till Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011. A fractured fairytale brought to you by the Te Awamutu Light Operatic Society. Information and bookings can be made at i-site (Information Centre)

### NETBALL DRAW FOR SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST 2011

#### LAST ROUND FOR 2011

**TAPS Kelly & Bryant vs Pekeka Golden Girls**  
D1 FINAL - 11.30am Court 4

**TAPS VETENT vs Pirongia Sparklers**  
E1 third vs fourth - 9am Court 4

**TAPS Elevations** has no game

**Competition prizegiving will be at 2pm at the courts**

#### FUTURE FERNS

Future Ferns has finished for the 2011 netball season.

Thanks to all supporters,  
coaches and managers.

### TE AWAMUTU JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Congratulations to both of the TAPS basketball teams. They both had great seasons and developed excellent skills. We would like to thank the coaches and other helpers that have supported basketball this year.



A reminder for all syndicate 1 & 2. The Gruffalo show money is due into your teachers as soon as you can.

Thank you! ☺

The Maunga Challenge promotes the Waikato, the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust Education Facility and provides a challenge of riding around the majestic Maungatautari Mountain. There are events for all ages and abilities. The date for this year's challenge his November 13<sup>th</sup> 2011. Get training now! More information can be found at [www.themaungachallenge.co.nz](http://www.themaungachallenge.co.nz)

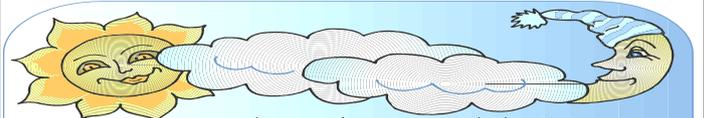
# Term Diary

Week 4	Monday 22nd - Calendar Art displayed in the office foyer Tues 23rd 6pm - BOT Meeting
Week 5	Thur 1st Sept - LAST DAY FOR CALENDAR ART ORDERS Fri 2nd - Syn 3 & 4 Cross country - Gruffalo Show - Syndicate 1 & 2 - PTA Quiz Night - Adults only (cash bar available)
Week 6	Mon 5th Sept - Class Photos Fri 9th - Interscholar cross country
Week 7	Mon 12th - Thurs 15th - Book Fair Wed 14th - Thur 15th - Student led conferences
Week 8	Thurs 22nd - Syn 1 & 2 cross country
Week 9	Tues 27th Sept - Kapa Festival at Te Awamutu Collge
Week 10	Thurs 6th Oct - Jump Rope for heart

### GEMS OF THE WEEK

Throughout our school, we have been concentrating on our literacy programme and the work that is coming from the students is exceptional. Some of the language features the children are learning are: Onomatopoeias (words that sound like the things they describe e.g. **roar, bang, smash, pop**), similes (similes say something is like something else e.g. **he ran as quick as lightning**) and personification (this is when we give human characteristics to animals, abstract concepts or inanimate objects e.g. **The sun smiled down, wrapping me in her warm embrace**). I would like you all to take the time to read the gems of the week from Room 1 in Syndicate 1 - Well done, fantastic writing.

Mr Duncan



The Moon is round. The moon is in the dark sky - Emma

The Moon is dusty and it has craters. The Moon is big and round. - Alex

The sun is very hot; it has got flames that will burn you. Eden

The sun is big. It is burning hot. - Edison

**GO, GROW, GLOW!**

Every day  
**GLOW!**  
With 5+ FRUIT & VEGETABLES!



These foods contain vitamins and minerals important for good health. Different colours of fruit and veges have different vitamins and minerals so aim to eat a colour of the rainbow every day.

