

21 September 2011

Welcome to Week 8, Term 3 - 2011

Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

I would like to welcome the new students who have started at our school in the past few weeks. We say "welcome, not only to TAPS but to Te Awamutu if you have just moved into our district. We look forward to sharing your learning journey with you".

Term four is fast approaching and we have exciting news....We are opening our fifth new entrant classroom ☺ Mrs Monk has been away on leave this term and will return in Term four to open the new classroom (Room 5). To provide continuity for the children in Room 4 Miss Goodridge will remain as their teacher until the end of the year. We also say "welcome" to Mrs Jane Lyttle. Jane has been driving from Pirongia daily for some time, volunteering her own time as a teacher aide. We are happy to advise that Jane is now officially on staff and will be working with the team in the new entrant area every day from 9am-1pm.

To all you parents and caregivers with children/whanau in the junior school don't forget to come along on Thursday and support them at the Syndicate 1 and 2 Cross Country. The programme starts at 11.10am with 5 year olds competing first. Please remind your children to come with a change of clothes and in their house colours if possible. See you, there ☺

Next Tuesday is the local Kapa Haka Festival. This year it is being held at Te Awamutu College with a start time of 11am. Go along and watch our very own TAPS Kapa Haka group perform. We have 50 children entering this year and they are extraordinary to watch. We wish Whaea Erin and the group all the very best.

Term dates:

- **The last day of Term 3 is Friday 7th October**
- **Term 4 commences Tuesday 25th October (after Labour weekend).**
- **The last day of school for 2011 is Tuesday 20th December and**
- **We return for the 2012 year on Tuesday 31st January**

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan

Principal

Check out our web site:

www.taps.school.nz

SCHOOL NOTICES

2012 Classroom placements

Now is the time for you as parents & caregivers to put thoughts into writing to the Principal and the management team regarding the requirements you believe your child has in regards to their placement for the 2012 academic school year. This is not a time to request a particular teacher or to ask for your child to remain with their best friend but it is for you to share what you feel are the learning, personal and social needs of your child. We then compare your thoughts with those of their current teacher and the syndicate leader. The management team and teaching staff will make the best choice for your child based on the data and knowledge we have. Any thoughts need to be in writing and sent to the office by the end of **Week 2, Term 4 – Friday 4th November**. Classrooms for next year do not have the teacher assigned to them until mid-December when we will notify everyone via the school newsletter.

Syndicate 3 & 4 Assembly

Syndicate 3 & 4 will have an assembly on Friday at 2.10pm in the hall. Certificates for cross country and inter-schools cross country will be presented to students. Parents most welcome.

Year 5 & 6 Camp

Fees for this year's **camp must be paid by Thursday 29th**

September. Fees can be sent to school in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the students name and amount or Eftpos is available at the office.

TAPS 107.8 FM

POSITION AVAILABLE: DRIVER FOR THE MCDONALDS KIHIKIHI SPEEDWAY DEMO DERBY

The team at 107.8 are looking for a driver of the car we have entered in the Kihikihi Demo Derby at the end of November. The driver must have a full drivers licence and provide their own flame proof overalls & gloves along with a helmet. Expressions of interest for this position close on the last day of this term and can be lodged at the school office.

BP Technology Challenge

Thursday 6th October 6.30-8pm in the hall. This challenge is for syndicate 4 students only. Information will be sent home shortly.

Uniform Room News

The Uniform Room is open every Wednesday morning in the hall from 8.15 - 9.00 am. We have stock on hand and EFTPOS available. We will be holding an end of the term second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 5th October. If you have items for sale please send to the office with your name, item for sale, price and mobile phone number attached to each piece of uniform. Second hand sale is CASH ONLY

Te Awamutu Schools Kapa Haka

"Ra Whakanui Rangatahi" Festival

This year the festival is being held at Te Awamutu College on Tuesday September 27th. Any enquires can be directed to Whaea Erin.

Agricultural Day

Will be held at Te Awamutu Intermediate School on Tuesday 4th October starting at 10am. Good luck to all the TAPS lambs, calves and goats!

PTA Update

We would like to remind families that the PTA is a very small, but active group in our school, they need your help. Why not join and support the 2011 fundraising efforts. Please call the school to find out more information if you are able to help in anyway.

NEXT PTA MEETING – WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER IN THE STAFF ROOM STARTING AT 7PM.

Enrolment Scheme:

(This applies to any future enrolments NOT existing students)

The board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Te Awamutu Primary School for Term 4 2011 & Term 1 2012. Applications for OUT OF ZONE** places are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the following periods; 25 October 2011 - 20 December 2011 (Term 4) and 31 January 2012 – 5 April 2012 (Term 1 next year)

The deadline for out of zone applications for Term 4 2011 is Friday 30 September & for Term 1 2012, applications close Friday 18 November 2011. If a ballot for out of zone places is required it will be held the following Wednesday. Parents will be informed of the outcome within three school days of the ballot being held.

** If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year or next year please advise the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately. If you have friends or family intending to enrol children in the future, please share this information with them. A copy of the home zone map can be found on our website or at the school office.

Wednesday Wonderland Early Childhood Programme 2011

We would like to extend an invite to all our pre-school community (children 4.5 years and older) to take up the invitation to attend our preparation for school programme run every Wednesday afternoon 1.30pm - 3pm with Maree Parkes, one of our talented new entrant teachers. Please come to the main foyer of the school for directions as to where this is being held. This programme is funded by the school and therefore free of charge.

Milo & Milk Monday

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



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. **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.**

GEMS OF THE WEEK

Throughout our school, we have been concentrating on our literacy programme and the work that is coming from our students is exceptional. Some of the language features the children are learning are:

*Onomatopoeias – words that sound like 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*

*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
We would like you all to take the time to read the gem of the week from room 19 in syndicate 4. – Well Done!*

Room 19's Nonet

Cascading ripples rapidly flow
Never ending waves smashing hulls
The adventurous ship dives
In terror the mast wails
Sailors scream and shout
People panic
Water swamps
Oh no
RUN!!!!

By all members of Room 19

Dave Hatfield

Mental Skills provider for NZ U-20s & NZ Schools Rugby Teams.

Thursday 29th September 2011 at 7pm in the

Te Awamutu Primary School Hall.

Come and listen to his thoughts about preparing young athletes for life.

\$5 door charge

**All enquiries, please call the school office
07 871 5378**

School fees & donations:

Thank you to those families who have already paid their fees, we appreciate your support. If you have not paid your school donation & fees we ask that you do so as soon as possible. We rely on this income to help us provide up to date resources for your children. Unfortunately the funding we receive from Ministry is simply not enough to cover every need. Eftpos is available at the office and part-payments are most welcome.

An Important Reminder for all parents & caregivers.

The Bank Street entrance to the school grounds is for staff and trade vehicles only. The gate will be closed during these busy times (8.30 – 9.05am and 2.30 – 3.15pm) for child safety.

S'Port your School

RD1 and Balance Agri-nutrients have a great promotion going for the month of September where you can help S'port your school. Every tonne of fertiliser ordered and uplifted from RD1, a whopping \$2000 worth of sporting equipment will be donated to TAPS. See instore for details.

Phantom Kickboxing

Come with a friend to our TA Club to train and train for half price throughout September. Adult beginners 6.30pm Tues; Kids 6pm Thurs; Kickboxercise 6.30pm Thurs; Ladies only 6.30pm Mondays. Behind Marshalls Pharmacy, Teasdale Street. For more details ring 027 2552522 or email rick@phantomkickboxing.co.nz

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 is November 13th 2011. Get training now!

More information can be found at

www.maungachallenge.co.nz



**KICKSTART YOUR DAY
WITH BREAKFAST**

Any breakfast is better than none, but some choices are better than others. Porridge, Weetbix and wholegrain toast are low in sugar and high in fibre so are a great start to the day.

Some breakfast cereals like Cocopops and Nutrigrain contain 33% sugar. That means 1/3 of the box is sugar!



Term Diary

Week 8

Thurs 22nd Sept - Syndicate 1 & 2 Cross Country

Fri 23rd Sept - Syndicate 3 & 4 Assembly 2.10pm

Week 9

Tues 27th Sept - Kapa Haka Festival @ TAC

Thurs 29th Sept - Dave Hatfield 6.30pm in the hall

Week 10

Tues 4th Oct - Ag Day @ TAI

Wed 5th Oct - 2nd hand uniform sale

Thurs 6th Oct - Te Awa BP Challenge 6.30pm in the hall

Thurs 6th Oct - Mufti Day

Fri 7th Oct - Last day of Term