

23 November 2011

## Welcome to Week 5, Term 4 - 2011

### Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whānau,

Welcome back to a busy week at TAPS. We have started looking at our new value for the next three weeks and it is: 'Making good choices' and the goal is to help children make good choices. Children need to understand that each choice they make has an impact on their lives. We have to help them with their decision making and teach them how manage themselves. By encouraging the children to make positive choices we can help them live a full, happy and interesting and satisfying life.

#### Making Good Choices sentence:

- i. **I will always try to do my best.**  
(Syndicate 1 & 2)
- ii. **I am responsible and I always do my best.** (Syndicate 3 & 4)

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan ☺

Principal

### SCHOOL NOTICES

#### Syndicate 2 Athletics - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

This term Syndicate 2 have been working hard, learning various skills in athletics. The children will be displaying these skills on the back field this Friday from 11.30am until 1pm. We encourage all parents and caregivers to come along. **All children must have a hat** to participate and we advise that they bring a bottle of water and sunscreen. Children are able to change into their house colours before the display. We will finish approx. 1pm and we would prefer that your child stay at school for the remainder of the school day.

#### Inter-School Athletics – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Congratulations to all Syndicate 3 & 4 children who recently participated in our senior school athletics. You all performed extremely well. Inter-School athletics will start at 9.30 and is being held at the stadium (cycling velodrome). All children involved in the Inter-School athletics will have a brought a letter home regarding the programme of events. The postponement date for Inter-Schools is Tues 29<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Syndicate 4 end-of-year assembly – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Te Awa Showcase is a celebration of another fantastic year in the top block. We will be giving out funny class awards and sharing our learning at our assembly/showcase starting at 2pm in the hall on Thursday 15 Dec. All welcome.

#### Year 6 Graduation – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Graduation is a celebration of the success the year 6 students have had during their time at TAPS. They will all receive a graduation certificate and there also be cornerstone values awards for those students who consistently displayed the values of Te Awamutu Primary School. Graduation will be held in the school hall, doors open at 6pm and you must be seated by 6.15pm. As we have limited space, we will only be admitting 2 adults per family. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Mrs McAuley by 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### TAPS Touch Rugby

We have 3 teams competing in the local competition, TAPS Black, TAPS White & TAPS Blue. Draws are in the Te Awamutu Courier and also on the school website. The games are played at 4.45 on Thursdays at Te Awamutu Sports.

### Bus Students

All of the students who travel by bus have brought a letter home explaining the bus service at the end of term 4. Te Awamutu Combined Buses which operates buses to and from TAPS will finish on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. All bus children will have to find alternative transport to and from school for the remaining four school days of the term.

### Syndicate 1 Flower Show – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Parents, caregivers and grandparents are invited to view our Flower Show. Sand saucers will be displayed in Room 1, vegetable and/or fruit creations will be displayed in Room 2. Items will be displayed from 2pm.

### PTA Meeting – Tonight 7pm in the staffroom – All Welcome!

Our long-serving PTA extraordinaire, Carol Bain will be hanging up her *parent help hat* at the end of this year. Carol has devoted numerous hours to PTA and the uniform room. She will be sadly missed by all students and staff. We wish you well for the future Carol ☺.

### Uniform - Second Hand Sale

As the weather finally decides to warm up and the sun decides to shine, please remember that **school hats are now compulsory**. Hats are available from the uniform room and the office at a cost of \$10 each. 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. The uniform room will be having a second hand uniform sale on the last day of school (Tuesday 20 December 8-9am in Hall). Any school uniform items can be brought into the office with the price, your name and phone number pinned to the items.

### School Dental Clinic Service

Due to the disestablishment of the on-site dental clinic and the site works for the mobile dental unit (bus) not yet completed, the dental technicians have not been able to attend our school this year. Please contact 0800talkteeth to find out where they are based if you wish to take your child for a check-up before the year ends. We anticipate the DHB will have the site works for the mobile unit completed over the Xmas holiday period and we will then hopefully have the mobile unit on site in Term 1 2012.

### Inquiry Centre

The Inquiry Centre staff will be conducting the annual stocktake of all books starting 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that any books issued to your child/children are returned by the 30<sup>th</sup> November in order to make our task achievable. The students will bring home notices before then if they have any books to be returned. Your cooperation is much appreciated. Thanks, from the Inquiry Centre team.

### Lost Property

We have a large number of items in our lost property room which is beside Room 14. We ask that you be extremely vigilant when naming school clothing especially during the summer months when school hats are compulsory. We also have a collection of watches, sunglasses, necklaces and even car keys at the office. Found items can be dropped in at the office.

### 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. The bus parking on Teasdale Street is for buses only. This is not a drop off or pick up zone. Over the last week, we have had a number of parents parking in the bus park, which disrupts the buses and can affect their schedule.



### Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart



The Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart is an iconic Kiwi physical activity programme which is now into its second generation of developing heart healthy children. The purpose of Jump Rope for Heart is to make physical activity fun, and to help children develop lifelong skills such as balance, rhythm and hand eye coordination. With your sponsorship support, the Heart Foundation charity can continue its work to keep New Zealand children heart healthy. The TAPS jump off day this year is on 2 December, 2011. We would really appreciate your support in helping raise money for the Heart Foundation. Sponsorship forms will be going out this week. We ask that sponsorship money be returned to school by Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 2011.



### Bicycles & Scooters

With the weather warming up, students often enjoy riding to and from school. Please note that police regulation requires all cyclists to wear helmets at all times on public roads. Bikes, scooters and skateboards are not permitted to be ridden in school grounds at any time. It is also highly recommended that students Year 4 and below do not ride to school. **Locking bikes is very important and is the responsibility of the student not the school.**

### Wednesday Wonderland Early Childhood Programme

We would like to extend an invite to all our pre-school community (children 4.5 years and older) to take up the invitation and 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.

### Moo Milk Monday

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

### School fees & donations:

ARE NOW OVERDUE. Please pay these immediately. Eftpos is available at the office and part-payments are most welcome. Thank you to those families who have already paid their fees, we appreciate your support.

### Community Notices

#### TAPS Song Squad Xmas Float

Te Awamutu Christmas Float Parade – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. TAPS will have our fabulous Christmas singers on a float (kindly supplied by Simon Coyle at Freightlines, Otorohanga.) Tony Fabish will also be transporting & displaying our popular Demo Derby car in the parade, thanks Tony! Come along and support our school.

#### Host Families Needed

In January, "Student Exchange, Australia & NZ" will be receiving exchange students from Japan, Europe, USA and Latin America. The exchange students will live with a host family and attend local schools for 2-10 months. We are looking for suitable families located throughout New Zealand who might be interested in hosting a student. If you would like to learn more, visit our website [www.studentexchange.org.nz](http://www.studentexchange.org.nz).

#### Term Dates:

- The last day of school for 2011 is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- We return for the 2012 year on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

## **TERM 4 DIARY**

### **Term 4**

### **Week 5**

Wed Nov 23<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting

Thurs Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Interschool Athletics

Fri Nov 25<sup>th</sup> – Syndicate 2 Athletics

### **Week 6**

Tues Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – Syndicate 1 Flower Show

Fri Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jump Rope for Heart

### **Week 7**

Tues Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – Te Awamutu Intermediate Orientation Day

Tues Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – Iron Briar Show (see your teacher for more information)

Thurs Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Syndicate 1 Athletics

Thurs Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Syndicate 1 & 2 Picnic evening

Thurs Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Syndicate 4 Te Awamutu Intermediate afternoon tea

### **Week 8**

Tues Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Graduation

Wed Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – Syndicate 3 showcase picnic

Thurs Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Syndicate 4 end of year assembly and showcase

### **Week 9**

Tues Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Mufti day and second hand uniform sale.

Last day of 2011

\*all dates are subject to change