

Wednesday 29th February 2012

Welcome to Week 5, Term 1 - 2012 Principal's Diary...

I would like to thank all those parents who attended the SLC (student led conferences) last week. The purpose of these interviews is to establish a plan for your child's learning targets for 2012. Can I remind you all to make note of these targets and displaying them somewhere prominent at home is a good way for the whole family to talk about goals for your child's future.

This Saturday (3rd March), TAPS will be hosting the Rugby World Cup trophy from 10am – 12pm in the school hall. This is an open invitation to our wider community as well as you and your family, to come down and have your photo taken with this amazing part of our rugby history.

Yours in learning
Gareth Duncan ☺



SCHOOL NOTICES

Strategic Plan/School Charter

The Board of Trustees would like to invite all parents to take a look at the school website in the coming weeks under 'Strategic Plan 2012 – 2014' for an understanding of our learning targets. The document is available for viewing at the school office and will be posted on the web site in early March with the 2012 targets outlined.

Wednesday Wonderland

We would like to extend an invite to all our pre-school community (all children 4.5 years and older) to take up the offer of attending our preparation for school programme run every Wednesday afternoon with Maree Parkes (new entrant teacher and TAPS community connector). The programme is fully funded by the school and therefore free of charge. Wednesday Wonderland runs from 1.30pm – 3pm. For more information, contact the school office on 871 5378 or office@taps.school.nz

Swimming

Swimming is an important part of our school programme and is compulsory for all children. Please try to ensure your child has named swimming gear, including togs, towels and underwear, each day during the swimming season (Term 1), unless he or she is unwell. Parents are requested to send a note to school if they wish their child to be excused from swimming on any particular day.

Lunches

Lunches can be ordered Monday, Wednesday & Friday at the office between 8.30 – 8.55am. Please have the correct money in a clearly named envelope. Syndicate 1 & 2 will have their lunch delivered to their classrooms. Syndicate 3 & 4 collect theirs from the hall at lunchtime.

Lost Property

We have a large number of items in our lost property room which is beside Room 14. Please come and browse through if your child is missing any items. ***REMEMBER TO NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING**

An Important reminder for all parents & caregivers.

The Bank Street entrance to the school grounds is for staff and trade vehicles only. The boom gate will be closed during peak times (8.30 – 9.05am and 2.30 – 3.15pm) for child safety. The bus zone on Teasdale Street is strictly for school buses. It is NOT a drop off or pick up zone for your children. Over the last week, we have had a number of parents parking in the bus zone which disrupts the buses and can result in them running behind schedule. Please refrain from stopping there no matter how briefly

School Fees & Consumables Levy

2012 invoices were sent home last week, thank you to those that have paid these. School fees are set at \$50 per child, \$90 for two children and \$120 for 3 or more children. These are due by the 2nd March.

Unfortunately funding received by the Ministry of Education is not great enough to cover all teaching resource costs. It is your donation that helps us meet the cost of these resources, which in turn enables us to provide a fuller and wider education for your child/ren than would otherwise be possible. The consumables levy is compulsory. The levy assists with the cost of paper and photocopied material supplies throughout the year. This fee is \$15 per child, per year.

Phone Books Fundraiser

Te Awamutu Primary School has again been offered the fundraising opportunity of delivering the local phone books around the Te Awamutu Township. Thank you to all parents & caregivers who have helped so far, we have a couple of areas still waiting for phone books. Please contact Maree Parkes in Room 1 or Kim Fabish in the office.

PTA

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 families 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.

PTA Meeting – Tonight (Wednesday 29th) at 6pm in the staffroom. ALL WELCOME!!!!!!

2012 Term Dates

Term 1 Tues 31st Jan – Thurs 5th April
Term 2 Mon 23rd April – Fri 29th June
Term 3 Mon 16th July – Fri 28th Sept
Term 4 Mon 15th Oct – Fri 14th Dec

**Kai &
Korero
Wednesday
17th March
6pm in the
Staffroom**

Art Auction
Friday 9th March Te Awamutu College Hall
Viewing 5.30pm – Auction 7pm
Bar open – finger food
All proceeds go to TA College Girls Soccer Team

Pool Party

Te Awamutu Events Centre, Saturday 31st March. Prizes to be won. For more information phone the Te Awamutu Events Centre on 8712080.

**TAPS
107.8FM
"Your Education"**

The Parenting Show with Pio
This is a free community event. ALL WELCOME! Friday 16 March 10.30am at the Salvation Army Hall, 99 London Street, Hamilton. Lunch will be provided at no cost. No childcare available. More Information theparentingplace.com

Twilight Gala & X Factor

March 30th 5.30pm at TAPS
Fun, raffles, food & drinks, games, white elephant and much much more

McDonalds Kihikihi Speedway Demo Derby

Family passes are available through the school office. \$30 (2 adults & up to 4 children), a percentage will be donated towards our radio station, TAPS 107.8FM. Driver voting will be open shortly. Voting will be by cold coin donation at Paper Plus.

Mothers & Daughters Breakfast

Friday 9th March 7.30-8.30am in the school Hall
Guest Speaker – Chyna Hohepa.
RSVP by Wednesday 7th March.

Rugby World Cup Road Show

Come and have your photo taken with the Webb Ellis Cup this Saturday in the school hall from 10am-12pm. BBQ & Drinks available.

Moo Milk Monday

Your child can purchase flavoured milk & a cookie for \$2 at morning tea time on Mondays from the hall foyer

A few dates to mark on your calendar

Friday 2nd March – Syndicate 4 swimming sports 9.15am – 3pm (postponement date Monday 5th March)

BBQ available - \$2 sausage in bread \$1 drinks

Tuesday 6th March – Syndicate 3 swimming sports 9.15 – 1pm (postponement date Wednesday 7th March)

BBQ available - \$2 sausage in bread \$1 drinks

Friday 9th March – Syndicate 1 swimming display 2-3pm.

Monday 12th March – Inter-schools swimming sports. Times TBA.



Statutory Holidays

Auckland Anniversary – Monday 31st January
Waitangi Day – Monday 6th February
Good Friday – 6th April
Easter Monday – 9th April
ANZAC Day – Wednesday 25th April
Queen's Birthday – Monday 4th June
Labour Day – Monday 22nd October

BODYWISE PROGRAMME..... (For managing weight issues in children 5-12 yrs)

Bodywise is a family based programme held in Hamilton aimed at managing weight issues in children of primary and intermediate school age. Each group runs initially for 6 weeks, with twice weekly meetings, after which time children and their families are followed up with support for a period of 12 months. Label reading for healthy food choices, food preparation, family goal setting, introducing new foods and backyard games are just a few of the things included in the group activities. If you would like further information have a chat to your school public health nurse, or phone Helen or Soroya for an information leaflet or follow the link:

www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/page/pageid/2145848362/Bodywise

Bodywise Programme is a District Health Board/ Sport Waikato initiative. Bodywise Programme contacts: Helen Stockman Bodywise Dietitian - 07 8383565 ext 22142

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