

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**Welcome to Week 7, Term 1 - 2012**  
**Principal's Diary...**

I would like to congratulate our Inter-school swimmers who excelled at the recent swimming competition. TAPS won the interschool's relay and had many other podium finishes. Well done to you all. Thank you to all the parents and supporters who came along to each syndicates' swimming sports or displays.. Swimming has now finished for the year.

Look out for TAPS on Mish Mash TV. We will be airing on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th March. Mish Mash TV is a popular children's programme which airs on Channel 30 on Freeview.

Winter sports are due to start shortly and good luck for the season to all sports teams.. Remember to check out the school website [www.taps.school.nz](http://www.taps.school.nz), for notices and other events that are happening around our school.

Yours in learning  
Gareth Duncan ☺

**Kai & Korero TONIGHT**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 6pm in the Staffroom**

**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 Karen Holland (new entrant teacher). 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](mailto:office@taps.school.nz)

**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.

**Uniform**

The Uniform room is open every Wednesday morning in the school hall from 8.15 - 9.00 am. We have stock on hand and EFTPOS available. ***The second hand uniform sale will be on Wednesday 4th April in the school hall - CASH ONLY - from 8.00 - 9.00 am.***

**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. The crossings on both Bank Street & Teasdale Street are for child and parent safety, please use crossings where available and refrain from crossing at intersections.

**School Fees & Consumables Levy**

2012 invoices were sent home recently, 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 now.

**PTA**

We are a small and dedicated group of parents and caregivers who meet once a month to discuss and help with fundraising ideas throughout our school. This year we have many exciting projects including our up & coming Gala, Quiz Night, pizza/chippie days, muftis, discos etc. We appreciate your support so why not come along and see what you might be able to bring to support our efforts.

**PTA AGM – MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 6PM – IN THE STAFFROOM**  
ALL WELCOME



## GEM 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 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 our gem of the week from Syndicate 4. Joshua has displayed fantastic personification, well done. Mr Duncan.

### Winter

Enormous glaciers glide across the vast ocean. Snow wraps its icy grip around the blistering crust of the earth. Birds shelter in the protection of their own body heat, fighting for survival. Trees dress in a white wedding gown, freezing to death. Old oak trees watch millions of saplings die while thinking about their own death. All these amazing things are all part of the one and only winter.

By Joshua Turner - Room 22

## Netball 2012

The netball season is nearly upon us. At TAPS we have high expectations for our girls and we have conveyed this to them. It is also important that everybody supporting our girls also understands our expectations. Fair Play, respect, encouragement & positives are expected at all times. Our year 5 & 6 teams start their first round of grading on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March with the Future Ferns starting 28<sup>th</sup> April. Draws will be in the local newspaper and are also available from the Te Awamutu Netball website [www.sportsground.co.nz/teawamutunetball/](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/teawamutunetball/) We wish our TAPS stars the very best for their first games, enjoy yourselves ☺

Thank you to the person who handed in a wallet to the school office. It's good to know that honesty is still alive & kicking, from James Walsh

Waipa Kite Day - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
March at Albert Park 2-5pm,  
details [www.waipadc.govt.nz](http://www.waipadc.govt.nz)

Last day for Lucky Book orders is  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Sorry there will be  
no late orders

### JOIN THE TA TITANS AND LEARN BASKETBALL SKILLS

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
Te Awamutu Intermediate Gym  
Yrs 1-3 9.30am - 10.30am  
Yrs 4-6 11am - 12pm  
Yrs 7-8 - 12.30pm - 2.30pm  
Come & hear about our exciting  
training programme for 2012.  
Numbers are strictly limited.  
To reserve your place email  
[anna.wetere@xtra.co.nz](mailto:anna.wetere@xtra.co.nz) or ph/txt  
027 275 7343

### Twilight Gala & X Factor March 30<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm at TAPS Fun, raffles, food & drinks, games, white elephant (and much much more)

If you have any items for our White Elephant stall (i.e clean, washed clothing items, appliances (in working order), ornaments, furniture etc, we will be taking donations from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. For enquires please ring the school office on 871 5378.

### Mothers & Daughters Breakfast

Thank you to all those who attended our breakfast, it was well received by all. A special thanks to Chyna Hohepa, our guest speaker. Fathers & Sons breakfast will be Term 2 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

### A few dates to mark on your calendar ....

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Syndicate 1  
trip to Raglan  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March - PTA AGM**  
Meeting 6pm in the staffroom  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Twilight Gala  
& TAPS X-Factor

### 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. Voting for the drivers of the car is by gold coin donation at Paper Plus, where we have photos displayed of the eager drivers

### Rewi Street

#### Kindergarten Disco

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-8pm at Te Awamutu Primary School Hall.  
All preschool & primary aged children invited! (No drop offs please)  
Gold coin donation - Sausage sizzle, chips, choc, drinks, glow sticks \$1 each - DJ Pirate Pete

### 2012 Term Dates

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

### Statutory Holidays

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



### TA Sports Firehawks RUGBY LEAGUE JUNIOR MUSTER

**MARCH**

Tuesday 13th  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

**5.30 pm - 6.30PM  
ALBERT PARK**

FEES: \$40 - Pay at Muster  
Shorts, Socks and Mouth Guard INCL  
Contact:  
07 870 1609 or 027 228 5296