

Welcome to Week 9, Term 1 - 2012
Principal's Diary...

Welcome back to a busy week at TAPS. Term 1 has certainly flown by and the holidays are fast approaching. Learning Journeys will go home this Friday, we welcome your comments and hope you enjoy the fabulous work that our children have accomplished so far. We ask that the Learning Journeys be returned early next week.

Our small and dedicated PTA have been working hard over the past couple of weeks, organising Fridays Twilight Gala. It's shaping up to be a fantastic evening of fun & food. Some of our talented students will take part in our very first TAPS X-Factor which will showcase during the gala, best of luck to you all. The white elephant & clothing stall has been steadily increasing in size. We are still taking donations of unwanted items of furniture, appliances, clothing etc. There will also be a yummy selection of food for sale including, nachos, hot roast lamb sandwiches, sausages, American hotdogs and more. There will be a bouncy castle and plenty of games so don't miss out and I hope to see you all there.

Syndicate 1 enjoyed a sunny day at Raglan beach last week. The sights have inspired the children to write some fantastic stories and gems. I would personally like to thank the parent helpers, without support from you, trips would most certainly be a struggle to organise.

Keep an eye on the school website for happenings. The Politically Incorrect Strictly Adults R18 Quiz Night for Grown-ups will be our major fundraiser for Term 2, the organising has begun and it is most certainly shaping up to be a night not to miss.

Yours in learning
Gareth Duncan ☺

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL 8.00AM - 9.00AM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
CASH ONLY

SCHOOL NOTICES

Strategic Plan/School Charter

The Board of Trustees would like to invite all parents to take a look at our 2012-2015 school charter and the current annual plan for an understanding of our learning targets. The document is available for viewing at the school office and on the web site.

PTA

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.

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

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. Any items for the second hand uniform sale can be left at the office. All items must have your name and contact number pinned to them.

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.

School Fees & Consumables Levy

2012 invoices have been sent home. 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.

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 gems of the week from Syndicate 1. Well done. Mr Duncan.

Recently Syndicate 1 visited Raglan beach. Here are a few gems from Room 1.

I saw a tiny crab at Raglan beach.
He was sparkling in the cold water.
By Maddy Picard

I went on the big bus to Raglan beach.
I found a colourful shell.
It was beautiful.
By Summer Dawson

Dad and I found some tiny crabs at Raglan beach.
I held them in my hand.
By Tyler King-Pora

PARENT to PARENT

Waikato Region

Would you like information on your child's disability, health impairment or special need? Would you like contact with a parent who has a child with a similar condition, be part of activities and coffee groups?
Phone 07 848 1362
Website: www.parent2parent.org.nz

Moo Milk Monday

Your child can purchase flavoured milk & a cookie for \$2 at morning tea time on Mondays from the hall foyer. From the start of Term 2, flavoured milk will change to a warm milo for the winter months.

Netball 2012

Our 3 senior TAPS Teams enjoyed their first games last week in the grading round. This week sees the second and final grading week. There will be no netball played on the 7 or 14th April. Competition rounds start on 21 April and Future Ferns will start on 28th April. The draw for this week is:

TAPS VETENT vs Pirongia Stars
9am Court 7

TAPS Kelly & Bryant vs Pirongia Strikers 10.15am court 7

TAPS VETENT vs Korakonui Divas
10.40am Court 6

TAPS Colourplus vs St Pats White
10.40am Court 7

TAPS Colourplus vs K Town Cicadas
12.45pm Court 6

JOIN THE TA TITANS AND LEARN BASKETBALL SKILLS

Monday 16th 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 or ph/txt 027 275 7343

This Friday Night

Twilight Gala & X Factor
March 30th 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 are taking donations now. For enquires please ring the school office on 871 5378.

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. The winning driver will be announced this Friday night at the Gala. The date of the Derby has since changed and is now on Sunday 29th April starting at 1pm.

MINI HOCKEY MUSTER

For children year 3 and over.
Te Awamutu Tennis Courts
Teasdale Street – Thursday 26th April starting at 3.30pm.

This is for anyone interested in learning about hockey. For more details ph Rachel Falconer 027 279 9453 or Belinda Wilson 021 441 350

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

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

A few dates to mark on your calendar

Friday 30th March – Twilight Gala & TAPS X-Factor

TERM 2

Tues 24th April – Meeting re PTA Quiz Night 7pm in the staffroom

Wed 25th April – ANZAC Day

Wed 2nd May – Kai & Korero 6pm

Thurs 3rd May – Syndicate 4 Disco

Friday 11th May – The Politically Incorrect Strictly R18 Quiz Night for Grown-ups

Fri 25th May – Dads & Sons Breakfast

Fri 25th May - Syndicate 1 & 2 Disco

Mon 4th June – QUEENS BIRTHDAY

Fri 8th June – Syndicate 3 Disco

Thurs 21st June – Matariki starts

Fri 22nd June – PTA Chippie Day

Mon 25th June – Mid-Winter Xmas

Mufti Day

Fri 28th June – Last day of Term 2

**Dates are subject to change. Please check all dates with each newsletter. Information regarding discos, mufti and other events will be sent home closer to the date.