

Welcome to Week 3, Term 2 - 2012
Principal's Diary...

This term Syndicate 3 will be hosting the Fathers & Sons community breakfast. The guest speaker is Bruce Blair. Bruce has mentored several sporting identities, including Robbie Deans (Wallaby Coach), Noelene Tauroa (Waikato/Bay of Plenty Magic Netball coach) and the World Champion rowing teams. He was also a previous coach of the Northern Districts Cricket side. Breakfast starts at 7.30 and will run for approx. 1 hour. Please RSVP to the school office by returning the below slip to the office by Friday 18th May.

We would like to invite all parents and caregivers to attend an information evening to discuss how children learn to read. We will be discussing the stages of reading and where children should be for their age in relation to National Standards. We will share with you reading resources that we use in the classroom and we will also be giving out great reading tips that you can use to support your child/ren at home. Syndicate 1 & 2 sent home a notice this week; we ask that you return the slip to your classroom teacher by this Monday 14th May. Our literacy team will run another workshop for Syndicate 3 & 4 children on Monday 18th June. More information regarding this will go home shortly.

A rugby team from St Andrew's Junior School in Singapore will be visiting our school on Tuesday 22nd May. Students will be billeted through the senior school and Te Awamutu Intermediate. Our visitors will be arriving at approx. 1.30pm where we will give them a TAPS welcome (Mihi Whakatau) and will have a short afternoon tea. Our TAPS Rippa Rugby will be playing in their first international match for the season against St Andrew's on our Number 1 pitch (back field). Kick-off is at 2pm. Te Awamutu Intermediate will kick off at 3pm. Your support is encouraged and welcomed.

Yours in learning
Gareth Duncan ☺

Milo Monday
Your child can purchase milo & a cookie for \$2 at morning tea time on Mondays from the hall foyer.

SCHOOL NOTICES

<p><u>Syndicate 1 News</u> Last week our classrooms visited the fire station, police station & ambulance station. We would like to thank our local heroes and parent helpers. We learnt about different aspects of each of these services as part of our Inquiry learning. Welcome to all our new students throughout Syndicate 1. From Mrs Darlington, Mrs Parkes, Mrs Gudsell & Mrs Ngatai.</p>	<p><u>Syndicate 3 News</u> So ... Just what's out there? In our backyard? In our world? (Our big questions). Syndicate 3 will be visiting Hamilton Zoo in week 5 as part of our ecological focus for habitats and adaption. A notice will go home today with details. If you have not received one, please see your classroom teacher. Syndicate 3 will be hosting the Fathers & Sons breakfast on Friday 25th May. There is no cost but we do ask that you contact the school office with numbers attending so that we can cater accordingly. Our guest speaker is Bruce Blair, who has mentored Robbie Deans, Noelene Tauroa, and our world champion rowing teams. He is also the ex-coach of the Northern Districts Cricket Team.</p>	<p><u>Syndicate 4 News</u> Fundraising for camp is well underway with the chocolates being sent home this week. Happy selling! Syndicate 4's camp this year is at Camp Adhair and will be in term 4. Although camp costs have not been finalised, we are accepting payments toward costs now.</p>
<p><u>Syndicate 2 News</u> Syndicate 2 has been busy preparing for their trip to Mount Pirongia next Wednesday. The children will be involved in a range of activities including bush walks, orienteering and a confidence course. A big thank you to those parents who have offered their help on this day.</p>		

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

The PTA meets on the 3rd Monday of each month in the staffroom. Parents and Caregivers are always welcome to attend any meeting and we encourage your input and/or ideas. The Politically Incorrect Quiz Night for Adults is this Friday! This is shaping up to be a great night of laughs & fun. We have had a great response for tickets and we have only approx. 13 seats left. Tickets are available through the school office at \$15 per head.

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**

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.

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.

The Politically Incorrect Quiz Night for Grown-Ups

Friday May 11th 2012 - Doors open at 7pm
Tables 8-10 \$15 per head - Tickets available from the
school office NOW!!!

13 seats left!

Theme encouraged

2012 Term Dates

Term 1 Tue 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

A few dates to mark on your calendar

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TERM 2

Friday 11th May – The Politically
Incorrect Quiz Night for Grown-ups
Friday 14th May – Synd 1 & 2 Parent Reading
Workshop
Wed 16th May – Synd 2 Mt Pirongia Trip
Wed 16th May – Rippa Rugby Tournament
Mon 21st May – PTA Meeting 7pm in the
staffroom
Tues 22nd May – BOT Meeting
Tues 22nd May – St Andrew's School (Singapore)
visit
Wed 23rd May – Kai & Korero
Thurs 24th May – Synd 3 Zoo visit
(Rooms 6, 12 & 14)
Fri 25th May – Dads & Sons Breakfast
Fri 25th May – Synd 3 Zoo Visit
(Rooms 13, 15 & 16)
Mon 4th June – QUEENS BIRTHDAY
Fri 8th June – Syndicate 1 & 2 Disco
Fri 8th June – J-Rock
Fri 15th June – Syndicate 3 Disco
Mon 18th June – Synd 3 & 4 - Parent Reading
Workshop
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.

Be a Star for Starship

The Starship mobile phone appeal raises funds for Starship's air ambulance service, which has been doing an outstanding job in the aftermath of the Christchurch earthquake. By donating your old phone you'll be helping Starship raise the 1.5 million needed to keep this service each year. Te Awamutu Primary will be collecting phones (working or not) on behalf of Starship. In return we will earn reward points and in which we can redeem for items that we can use in our classrooms (whiteboards, cameras, sporting equipment etc). We are collecting phones now. Please drop them off at the school office.

Netball 2012

TAPS Colourplus vs Pokuru All Stars - 9.50am Court 6
TAPS VETENT vs Korakonui Divas - 9.50am Court 2
TAPS Kelly & Bryant vs St Pats White – 2pm Court 2
(non competition game)

Future Ferns

TAPS Silver Ferns vs Aropapa - 9.50am Court 7
TAPS Mini Magic vs Pirongia Dolphins - 12.20pm Court 7
TAPS Wild Cats vs Pirongia Strikers - 12.20pm Court 6
(non competition game)



Please return the below slip to the school office by Friday 18th May.

FATHERS & SONS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST FRIDAY 25TH MAY 2012 7.30AM – 8.30AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL.

NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____