

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

All classrooms look forward to bringing you joy from our learning scope (learning theme) **'Serving Others'**. We will be sending home your child/ren's learning journey book on Friday 10th August. This is a story of your son or daughter's learning, how they are progressing in relation to the national standards and their next learning steps. Syndicate Two is focusing on serving others this term. In class we are asking 'How can I serve others?' Children are all recording jobs they do at home, school and in the community to help others and recording them on their own "helping trees" in class. To celebrate the Olympics, the teachers have planned a special Kiwiana Olympic day where children will be enjoying activities such as gumboot throwing and kiwifruit bowling.

Student led conferences will be held on Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th August. A letter has gone home with students to explain how to book your interview times online. If a computer is not available to you, you are welcome to come into our Inquiry Centre where a computer will be available to you. **Please note that school will be closing at 2pm on these days.** No children are to remain at school once the 2pm bells goes unless they are bus students who will wait quietly with a teacher, or After School Care students who will go to the hall at the earlier time of 2pm.

It is timely to remind us all about the safety of our children and the need for school and home to work closely together to make sure our children are aware of safe situations. We will be working with Constable Steve Ryburn, Youth Aid officer from the NZ Police and the classroom teachers to deliver a four week programme to the children called KOS (Keeping Ourselves Safe). We will be hosting a parent evening next Tuesday 7th August starting at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan ☺

Please read: important information.

As of August 2011 TAPS has been governed by an enrolment scheme. This notice is to advise that due to the influx of 'in zone' enrolments we are experiencing, we no longer have any further vacancies for **out of zone** students for 2012.

If you are out of zone and were anticipating your child starting at TAPS between now and the end of the year you may fill in an expression of interest form for the Term 4 intake which will then be placed in a ballot, as is required by the Education Act 1989, should any vacancies occur. Please note the cut-off date for Term 4 applications is Friday 14 September 2012.

We will advertise for Term 1 2013 out of zone enrolments in October with the closing dates for the first intake being 3pm Friday 23rd November 2012.

For further information regarding the enrolment scheme and the 'home zone' please refer to our website or you can pick up a copy from the school office.

Please note: **If you currently live 'in zone' this does not affect you in any way but we ask that you pre-enrol your child as soon as possible so we are aware of future needs.**

School Notices

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is on its way! From Monday 13th August to Thursday 16th August we will have an exciting range of children's books and educational products for you to view and purchase. The book fair will be held in the Inquiry Centre (Library) on Monday 13th till Thurs 16th August. Viewing times are Mon & Thurs 8.30am – 9am & 3pm – 4pm & Tues & Wed 8.30am – 9am & 3pm – 6pm. So note these dates on your calendar, and get ready for a fun-filled 'Hawaiian Luau' experience!

Maths Information Evening & Student Quiz Night

Tuesday 21st August 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the school hall. Come along and support the students as they have some competitive fun with maths. During the evening you will also have the chance to explore the maths programme that happens at TAPS. All welcome. Please RSVP to the school office or Mrs McAuley in Room 10.

HOT@TAPS (Higher Order Thinkers at Te Awamutu Primary)

Thank you to all of the Y3-6 students who entered the Science/Technology HOT@TAPS programme last term. You have all contributed some absolutely amazing work! This term it is a Social Sciences focus. If your Y3-6 child/children might be interested, please ask them to pick a notice up from Mrs Gibbs on Friday at lunchtime. This will also be on the daily notices.

Te Awamutu Schools Agricultural Day

Students interested in entering a calf, lamb or kid in this year's Ag day will need to see Mrs Picard in Room 15 for more information. Dates are:
Judges Field Day – Tuesday 18th Sept 10am at Kihikihi Domain
Te Awamutu Schools Ag Day – Tuesday 16th October at Te Awamutu Intermediate
Te Awamutu Group Day – Wednesday 24th October at Kihikihi Domain
Royal Show - Friday 26th October at the Waikato Show

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.

Kia ora whanau! I'm Ann Tapara, the co-opted Whanau Representative on the Board of Trustees. I'm married to Mokai and we have three children at TAPS. I'm really passionate about raising Maori student achievement and supporting whanau. While I have a lot of contact with the families who are involved in the te reo/tikanga class, I believe that I have an obligation to provide a voice for all Maori whanau. I'd like to get to know you! In the next couple of weeks all families will receive an invitation for me to contact you to have a chat about what you believe your children need from the school, your aspirations for your tamariki and what would make you feel welcomed and supported. I'd also like to hear from families who aren't Maori but who have an interest in their children learning more about Maori reo and culture. We've got some neat ideas brewing, but I'd like to hear more. You can also contact me through the school office; leave your details and I will get back to you as soon as I am able to. I'm looking forward to hearing what we have to say!

**STUDENT LED CONFERENCES TUESDAY 14TH & WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST – BOOK ONLINE
SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED AT 2PM ON BOTH OF THESE DAYS**

Milo Monday

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

Netball 2012

TAPS Colourplus vs Pekaerau Eagles
2.50pm Court 2 (non-competition)
TAPS Kelly & Bryant vs Ohaupo Superstars
9.00am Court 6
TAPS VETENT vs Pirongia Stars
9.50am Court 2

Future Ferns

TAPS Silver Ferns vs Pokuru Diamonds
9.50am
TAPS Mini Magic vs Pirongia Sparklers
10.40am
TAPS Wild Cats vs Rukuhia Ferns
9.50am

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.

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.

Eat to help you recover

To be a fantastic equestrian rider like **Mark Todd** it's important to have a healthy, well balanced meal (usually lunch) within 1-2 hours of finishing the game/activity. Have a chicken and salad sandwich, eggs on toast or cheese and tomato toasties. Don't forget to rehydrate with plenty of water.



CALF REARING FUNDRAISER

Do you live on a farm? Do any family members live or work on a farm? How it works - Each farmer rears a calf on behalf of TAPS and then it is collected by us near the end of the year to sell at the saleyards. The funds raised are donated back to TAPS. If you think you could help or you would like more information please contact Mikyla or Seamus Walshe on 870 4951 or 029 770 9008 or leave your details at the school office.

A few dates to mark on your calendar

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TERM 3

- Mon 6th Aug – Whole school assembly 10.10am in the hall
 - Tues 7th Aug – Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) parent meeting 7pm in the staffroom
 - Wed 8th – Kai & Korero 6pm in the staffroom
 - Fri 10th Aug – Syndicate 1 & 2 Kiwiana Olympics
 - Fri 10th Aug – Learning Journals go home
 - Mon 13th Aug – Thurs 16th Aug Book Fair
 - Tues 14th & Wed 15th Aug – Student Led Conferences
 - Fri 17th Aug – Mothers & Sons Breakfast Hosted by Syndicate 4
 - Mon 20th Aug – PTA Meeting 7pm in the staffroom
 - Thurs 23rd Aug – Syndicate 3 & 4 Cross Country
 - Tues 28th Aug – BOT Meeting
 - Fri 31st Aug – Syndicate 1 & 2 Cross Country
 - Fri 31st Aug – Interschool Cross Country
 - Mon 3rd Sept – Whole school assembly 10.10am in the hall
 - Wed 5th Sept – Class & Individual photos
 - Thurs 13th Sept – Te Awamutu Kapa Haka Festival held at the Events Centre
 - Mon 17th Sept – PTA Meeting
 - Fri 21st Sept – Chippie Friday
 - Thurs 27th Sept – Jump Rope for Heart
 - Fri 28th Sept – Last day of Term 3
- **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.

FREE UNDERFLOOR & CEILING INSULATION!

Do you live in a home built before 2000 within 30kms of Hamilton? Is your house privately rented or owned? (not a housing N.Z home) Do you have a community services card? Do you have children under 16yrs living in the home? If you answer YES to all these questions and would like to apply for this FREE insulation, please contact Jenny Crosbee – Public Health Nurse on 021 341 947 or email Jennifer.crosbee@waikatodhb.health.nz

Congratulations to Mark Todd and his equestrian team for winning bronze in the 3 day eventing & to Juliette Haigh & Rebecca Scown who also won bronze in the women's pair for rowing

**Kiwiana Olympic Event for Syndicate 1 & 2
Friday 10th August 11am - 1pm**

Children will be participating in events such as gumboot throwing & kiwifruit bowling. On this day children are able to wear mufti, and we ask that they come dressed in one of the colours of the Olympic rings. Parents are more than welcome to come and support.

Mothers & Sons Breakfast – Friday 17th August 7.30am – 8.30am

Name _____ No Attending _____

Please return to the school office by Friday 10th August