

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012

**Welcome to Week 1, Term 4 - 2012  
Principal's Diary...**

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Welcome back to you all and a warm welcome to our new families at TAPS. This term is going to be very exciting for you and your children with Christmas around the corner and the learning opportunities right through to the last week.

Our school wide learning scope (this means our learning theme) s `Enterprise - innovation`. We are sending home your child/rens learning journey book in Week 9 (Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December) and report for the end of the year. In their learning journey is a story of your son or daughters learning for the year, how they are progressing in relation to the national standards and their next learning steps for 2013.

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. Can I please remind parents using Teasdale Street to pick up and drop off children to **please use** the school pedestrian crossing.

This term hats are compulsory, non-hat wearers will be directed to eat under our big tree near the Inquiry Centre and then move to the tree in the Syndicate 3 area. Our school rule is - no hat - to the tree for shade from the sun, hats are available from the uniform room or office at \$10 each. Please name these asap.

Other key dates for Term 4

- Year 5 & 6 camp – November 5-8<sup>th</sup> November. Camp forms MUST be returned by this Friday and payment is due by 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- HOT @ TAPS – Social science showcase – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October in the Inquiry Centre.
- Touch Rugby starts tomorrow (Thursday) at Te Awamutu Sports from 4.15pm.
- Junior Basketball league starts this term.
- Syndicate 3 & 4 athletics – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November Syndicate 1 & 2 athletics – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November.
- Dads & Daughters breakfast. Hosted by Syndicate 1 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.30am in the hall.
- Te Awamutu Xmas Parade – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- Year 6 Graduation – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.
- Te Awamutu Intermediate Orientation day – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- Sport Waikato Round-the-bridges – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Register your interest online at [www.roundthebridges.co.nz](http://www.roundthebridges.co.nz)

Congratulations to Isabel Nelson, Room 7 & Rylee Coyle, Room 8 who recently entered the Rotary Club of Kihikihi Children's Essay Competition. Isabel came 1<sup>st</sup> and Rylee came 2nd in the 5-6 age group. Well done girls.

Thank you to everyone for your support and dedication to your children's learning and we look forward to our continued partnership.

Yours in Learning

Gareth Duncan ☺

### Milk Monday

From Term 4 your child can purchase flavoured milk & a cookie for \$2 at morning tea time every Monday from the hall foyer.  
Next week – Milk Monday will be on Tuesday.

## **School Notices**

### **Uniform**

The uniform room is open every Wednesday morning from 8.15 - 9.00 am in the school hall. EFTPOS is available. We have stock on hand and are ready for the summer months with new tops, skorts and shorts available. **Remember, that after Labour weekend school hats are compulsory for all children to wear in the playground. The school blue bucket hats are available from the Uniform Room or school office at \$10 each.** We will be having a big second hand uniform sale at the end of Term 4, look out for details in the coming newsletters.

### **Bus Tags**

Term 4 bus tags are available to purchase now. Payment is due by 26th October, please pay at the office. No current tag no ride

### **After School/Before School Care**

ASC/BSC is run on a staff to child ratio. If you have your children booked into either of these programmes you must advise us (please phone the office or text Laille on 027 320 9849) if they are not going to be attending on any particular day. You will be charged if we are not notified.

Please note: The holiday programme is a private business run by Laille, not the school but is held in the TAPS hall. All enquires for the holiday programme can be made directly to Laille.

### **Situation Vacant: Cleaner - 10hrs per week.**

**Due to family reasons we need to find a replacement for one of our fantastic members of the cleaning team. The hours are 3-5pm Mon to Fri. Please contact Jacqui on 021 276 0384 for further information. NB: Police Vetting required.**

## Wednesday Wonderland

We would like to extend an invite to all our pre-enrolled children or those intending to enrol at TAPS (all children 4.5 years and older) to take up the offer of attending our preparation for school programme run every Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Maree Parkes. 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)

**Wednesday Wonderland will resume  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.**

**DO YOU SHOP AT  
COUNTDOWN?  
IF YOU ARE NOT TAKING  
PART IN THE GLASS  
PROMOTION, COULD YOU  
PLEASE COLLECT  
STICKERS AND DROP  
THEM INTO THE OFFICE.  
WE WILL BE USING THEM  
FOR A FUTURE  
FUNDRAISER.  
THANK YOU**

### 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.

### **Te Awamutu Junior Hardball Cricket**

Would you like to play Saturday cricket? Are you aged between 9 & 13 years old?

Registration night is this Thursday (18<sup>th</sup> Oct) 5.30-6.30pm at Te Awamutu College practice nets on Factory Road.

For more information, come along or phone Helen Bastion 871 3321.

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Te Awamutu Junior Cricket is also looking at putting together a girls cricket team for years 6,7 & 8. Girls information & registration night – TONIGHT – 5.30pm at Te Awamutu College practise nets on Factory Road.

### Local Farmers Markets

Lots of fresh, healthy & yummy local produce.

\*\*Cambridge – every Saturday  
8am-12pm

\*\*Hamilton – Every Sunday  
8am – 12pm

\*\*Te Awamutu – every Thursday  
3pm-6pm

Locations can be found on  
[www.waikatofarmersmarkets.co.nz](http://www.waikatofarmersmarkets.co.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.

## Syndicate 4 Camp

Invoices were sent out last term. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or eftpos or payment arrangements can be made through the office. Camp must be paid in full by November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## A few dates to mark on your calendar

### TERM 4

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parent helper camp meeting 6pm

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Labour Day**

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Milk Tuesday

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Hot @ TAPS Showcase**

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – BOT Meeting 4pm

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Kai & Korero**

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Jump Rope for Heart

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov to Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5/6 camp at  
Camp Adair**

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Synd 3 & 4 Athletics

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Athletics postponement date

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Dads & Daughters Breakfast**

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Noho Marae  
weekend at Kawhia**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Synd 1 & 2 Athletics**

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Inter-Schools Athletics**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Inter-Schools postponement date**

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 orientation at Te Awamutu  
Intermediate**

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – BOT Meeting 4pm

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carols in the Playground  
(dates etc TBA)

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Syndicate 3 final assembly

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – TE AWAMUTU XMAS PARADE**

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 Graduation

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2012**

\*\*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.

As the mosquito season hits, we ask that if you are going to purchase Parakito Mosquito repellent bands, that they only be black or school colour blue during school time. Thank you.

## Suddenly ...

Big boulders, rivers of iron prickle my feet when I run to the green sea. Dad and Spencer were there. The sea had ripples in it like lime swirl ice-cream. “Dad, caught any fish yet?” I yelled. “No darling” he replied. He gave me the shiny fishing rod. Sharp hooks hung like bling on a necklace. I plopped the line into the frothy sea. Suddenly, I felt a tug, like a dog on a lead. “Reel it in babe” Dad exclaimed. ‘Brrrrrrr’ sang the line, as I wound it up. Two slimy, smelly yellow tail were on the pokey hooks, glistening silver fish, too little to eat so we took them home for bait. Maybe the little fish could catch a big fish one day. I hope I get it!

**By Isabel Nelson**  
Room 7



**HAVE YOU ENTERED  
ROUND THE BRIDGES?**

[roundthebridges.co.nz](http://roundthebridges.co.nz)

Set yourself a challenge of staying active as a family, take part in Round the Bridges on November 18 and celebrate being active together!