

**Welcome to Week 3, Term 4 - 2012  
Principal's Diary...**

Welcome back everyone. Syndicate 4 is *abuzz* with the excitement of camp. All students that are attending will be heading off at 9am on Monday morning. Please remember to name ALL items of bedding & clothing. Any queries can be directed to your classroom teacher.

Athletics for Syndicate 3 & 4 will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at the Velodrome in Armstrong Ave. Students are encouraged to wear house colours. Please remember to bring a sunhat, lunch & lots of water. All competing students will walk to the stadium at approx 9am. Parents, caregivers & friends are encouraged to come along and support all of our students.

This term Syndicate 1 will host our Dads & Daughters breakfast which will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30am in the hall. This is a great way for us to come together and enjoy breakfast. Our guest speaker is Murray Green of Paper Plus Te Awamutu.

Yours in Learning

Gareth Duncan ☺

### School Notices

#### 2013 Classroom placements

Now is the time for you as parents & caregivers to put thoughts into writing to the Principal and the management team regarding the requirements you believe your child has in regards to their placement for the 2013 academic school year. This is not a time to request a particular teacher or to ask for your child to remain with their best friend but it is for you to share what you feel are the learning, personal and social needs of your child. We then compare your thoughts with those of their current teacher and the syndicate leader. The management team and teaching staff will make the best choice for your child based on the data and knowledge we have. Any thoughts need to be in writing and sent to the office by the end of **Week 6 Term 4 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. Classrooms for next year do not have the teacher assigned to them until mid-December when we will notify everyone via the school newsletter.

#### 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, skirts 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.

#### ASC/BSC

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 or text Laille on 027 3210 9849) if they are not going to be attending on any particular day. You will be charged if we are not notified.

**If you have an urgent message for your child regarding after school plans, please make sure you contact the school office BEFORE 2.30pm as we cannot guarantee the delivery of the message after this time.**



Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office and on our website [www.taps.school.nz](http://www.taps.school.nz)

The board has determined that a number of places are likely to be available for out of zone students next year. The exact number of places will depend on the number applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

**Next year there will be eight enrolment periods. The first enrolment period runs from Monday 4 February 2013 to Friday 8 March 2013. For students seeking enrolment within the first enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 3pm Friday 23 November 2012.**

Parents of students who live within the home zone and intend enrolling their child at any time during the next year should also notify the school by 23 November 2012 to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on 28 November 2012. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

**Details relating to the second enrolment period for Term 1 2013 are as follows.**

Length of enrolment period: from Monday 10 March to 13 to Friday 19 April 2013

Deadline for receipt of applications: 3pm Friday 25 January 2013

Date of ballot (if required): 30 January 2013

**Details relating to the third enrolment period (Term 2) are as follows.**

Length of enrolment period: from Monday 6 May 2013 to Friday 7 June 2013

Deadline for receipt of applications: 3pm Friday March 2013

Date of ballot (if required): 27 March 2013

Please refer to our website [www.taps.school.nz](http://www.taps.school.nz) or the school office for further enrolment period details.

#### 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.

**\*\*LUNCH SPECIAL\*\***

**THIS FRIDAY ONLY**

Fish & chips, Mini Hotdogs (4) & chips or Nuggets (4) & chips for \$4.50 – Tomato or Tartare Sauce 30c extra

**Orders MUST be in by 8.55am on Friday morning**

## 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)

**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.

### **Touch Draw Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 4.45pm games**

Field 9 – TAPS White vs  
TAPS Blue  
Field 10 – TAPS Black vs  
St Pats Can't touch this  
**5.15pm games**  
Field 9 – TAPS Green vs  
Little Hotsteppers

### 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)

### **DID YOU SEE THE BMX AT THE OLYMPICS?**



Come & try it out at the Te Awamutu BMX track on at Castleton Park, Park Road. Ride for your school and win points towards a trophy. Races will be organised by your age on the day. Monday 12 November 2012. Check in 5.15 – 5.50pm Racing starts at 6.15pm  
\$3 entry.

Bring your bike & helmet (there are a limited number of club bikes & helmets available)  
For more details contact Liz Seager 07 871 9076

### **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.

Please return the below slip by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November

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## Syndicate 4 Camp

Invoices were sent out recently. 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

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 at Te Awamutu Stadium (Velodrome) Armstrong Ave**  
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  
**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - PTA Meeting 7pm in the staffroom**  
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 5.30pm  
**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – PTA Wine & Cheese evening**  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Xmas in the Playground Showcase 5.30pm – 7.30pm  
Food & coffee stalls available  
**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.

## FOOD FACTS!

New Zealanders eat more than 8 million sausages in a week! Sausages are generally a high fat choice – as much as 9½ tsp fat for two sausages (Source Retail Meat NZ). For a healthy choice, aim for a sausage lower than 10g fat per 100g.



## **Dads & Daughters Breakfast**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 7.30am in the school hall.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_