

**Welcome to Week 5, Term 4 - 2012
Principal's Diary...**

Syndicate 4 had a fantastic time away at Camp Adair last week. Thank you to all staff and parents that helped support the top block in organising & running a hugely successful senior camp.

Syndicate 3 & 4 Athletics will be tomorrow (Thursday, weather permitting) 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.

Syndicate 1 will host our Dads & Daughters breakfast which will be held this Friday 16th 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 23rd 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 Room News & Second Hand Sale

The uniform room is open every Wednesday morning from 8.15-9.00am 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 bucket hats are available from the uniform room or school office for \$10 each.** We will be having a **BIG second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 12th December at 8am**, in the school hall - STRICTLY CASH ONLY.

Uniform Room "Tip of the Week"

When naming your child's new school hat, it is a very good idea to buy a **small** iron on moftit and place on the front outside of your child's hat. This way it is visible to them/others and easy to locate if your child misplaces it or leaves it lying around the playground. Another tip is to stick a button or two onto the front of the hat. During this time of the year when hats are compulsory to wear, they go missing a lot and this is great way for students to recognise their own hats.

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.

Tune into TAPS 107.8FM

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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. **PLEASE NOTE: BSC/ASC accounts are required to be paid on a weekly basis unless other arrangements have been made. There are a number of balances beyond these term's and we ask that these need to be cleared prior to the close of school on Friday 14th December.**

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

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 or the school office for further enrolment period details.

Inquiry Centre News

The time is fast approaching for our annual library stocktake: this will take place during week 8, so please encourage your children to have **all** issued library books returned to the inquiry centre **by Friday 30th November** at the latest. Your support with this is muchly appreciated.

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

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 by this Friday. 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 15th November

4.45pm games

Field 1 – TAPS White vs Kihikihi Stormers
Field 3 – TAPS Blue vs Ohaupo Flames
Field 9 – TAPS Black vs St Pat's Hit & Run

5.15pm games

Field 10 – TAPS Green vs Pakerau Stars

Te Awamutu Intermediate

ROYAL JUBILEE GALA

Friday 16th November from 5-8pm

Hot food, major raffle, white elephant, cake stall, great second hand furniture, lucky ticket draw, good used clothing, fun rides & loads more
Come along for some good ole fashioned fun!



BIKES & SCOOTERS

NZ Police **highly** recommend that children under the age of 9 **do not** bike or scooter to school, no matter how road savvy they appear to be. All cyclists & scooterists **must** wear a safety approved helmet. Bikes & Scooters are not permitted to be ridden within school grounds unless organised by staff at a specific time.

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.



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

Thank you to all parents who were able to come & help support at Camp Adair last week. We had heaps of fun & will treasure the memories made for years to come. There are many fantastic action shots of mud sliding, abseiling, high ropes, archery & much more. The Syndicate 4 teaching team are sorting through them as we speak.



A few dates to mark on your calendar

TERM 4

Thurs 15th Nov – Synd 3 & 4 Athletics at Te Awamutu Stadium (Velodrome) Armstrong Ave

Fri 16th Nov – Athletics postponement date

Fri 16th Nov – Dads & Daughters Breakfast

Fri 16th Nov – Sun 18th Nov – Noho Marae weekend at Kawhia

Mon 19th Nov - PTA Meeting 7pm in the staffroom

Fri 23rd Nov – Synd 1 & 2 Athletics

Tues 27th Nov – Inter-Schools Athletics

Wed 28th Nov – Inter-Schools postponement date

Tues 4th Dec – Year 6 orientation at Te Awamutu Intermediate

Tues 4th Dec – BOT Meeting 5.30pm

Wed 5th Dec – PTA Wine & Cheese evening

Thurs 6th Dec – Xmas in the Playground Showcase 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Food & coffee stalls available

Fri 7th Dec – Syndicate 3 final assembly

Sat 8th Dec – TE AWAMUTU XMAS PARADE

Tues 11th Dec – Helper Morning Tea – 10.30am in the hall

Wed 12th Dec – Year 6 Graduation

Fri 14th 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.