

Thursday 13th December 2012

**Welcome to Week 9, Term 4 - 2012
Principal's Diary...**

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Welcome to the last week of term 4, 2012. We have a lot to be thankful for at TAPS and many things to be proud of, especially all of our children here at Te Awamutu Primary School. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts that you (parents), teachers and children have put into this year and thank all those parents who have contributed to school trips, show cases, fundraising events, special sporting exchanges, billeting and school camps – Thanks from the teaching team.

I would like to thank our BOT Chairman Mr Alan Taylor and his hardworking team of parent delegates. They are: Andy Goodridge, Craig Sanders, Nikki Otto, Ann Tapara, Janine Margetts and Anne Mackey. A big thank you from myself and the BOT for the PTA's support this year with all the fundraising that has occurred. You are a small group of hard working people and we thank you for the funds raised and the items being bought by our PTA has been appreciated this year. Our PTA – Tracy Jackson, Hayley Brown, Jannine Fairhurst, Deb & Deni Vanin, Irene Perry, Tania Sanders, Anita Miezenbeek, Anne Mackey, Kim Tautari-Scott and Kim Fabish.

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, and the holidays are no different – riding our bikes, skate boarding and using the social media networks available to us all – facebook and internet. Please remember to keep home computers close and monitor what is going on during children's usage. For more ideas and supports visit: <http://www.netsafe.org.nz/the-netsafe-kit-for-schools/>

Thank you to everyone for your support and dedication to your children's learning and we look forward to our continued partnership in 2013. To those children and families transitioning to a new school we wish you all the very best. Merry Christmas to you all and take the time to enjoy your child's learning story they have brought home – their learning journey for 2012.

As we prepare for the end of the school year, we would like to acknowledge Diane Darlington for her time at TAPS. We wish Diane well in her semi-retirement and we may see her relieving at TAPS from time to time. Whaea Erin will be on maternity leave and we look forward to welcoming her back sometime next year, best of luck, Erin & Cedric. On that note: we would like to welcome Mrs Karen Sykes to Syndicate 1, Mrs Kimberly Dove to Room 10 with Mrs Tara McAuley and also welcome back Miss Vanessa Filer who will be teaching in Room 2 with Mrs Diane Gudsell. Our learning team for 2013 is:

Syndicate 1

Room 1 - Karen Sykes
Room 2 - Vanessa Filer/Diane Gudsell – Syndicate Leader
Room 3 - Sharon Ngatai
Room 4 - Karen Holland
Room 5 - Maree Parkes

Syndicate 2

Room 7 - Janette Gillespie
Room 8 - Valida White – Syndicate Leader
Room 9 - Katie Goodridge
Room 10 - Tara McAuley/Kimberly Dove

Syndicate 3

Room 6 - Jo-Anne Dannock
Room 12 - Kim Tautari-Scott – Syndicate Leader
Room 13 - Davina Miller
Room 14 - Jane Ellis
Room 15 - Kathryn Picard
Room 16 - Wendy James

Syndicate 4

Room 17 - Liz Oosterman
Room 18 - Jessie Monk
Room 19 - Anne Mackey – Syndicate Leader
Room 20 - Linda Woulfe
Room 21 - Kim Lester
Room 22 - Kelly Armstrong

Deputy Principal – Years 0-2 - Tracy Findlay
Deputy Principal – Years 3-6 - Gill Gibbs

Executive Officer – Janine Margetts
Office Administrator – Sue Packwood
Administration Support – Kim Fabish
Te Reo/Kapa Haka Tutor – Erin Keremeta-Kapa
Library Manager – Diane Hardy
Learning Support Team – Chris West, Debbie Fleming,
Ruth Botting, Carol Houghton, Jane Lyttle
Caretaker – Sunil Kumar

Kind Regards

Gareth Duncan
Principal

TERM DATES:
THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2012
IS FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2PM
FINISH
WE RETURN FOR THE 2013 YEAR ON
MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

School Notices

Enrolment at the Te Awamutu Primary 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 of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

Details for the second enrolment period for out of zone students for Term 1 2013 is as follows.

Enrolment period (for children starting school within these dates) Monday 10th March to Friday 19th April 2013

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

Date of ballot (if required): 30th January 2013

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 Laille on 027 320 9849) if they are not going to attend 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 terms and we ask that these need to be cleared prior to the close of school on Friday 14th December.

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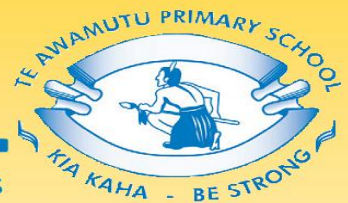
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Mufti Day
Friday 14th Dec - no donation
required

Have a safe & happy Christmas break
From all staff & students at TAPS

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**2013 SCHOOL YEAR COMMENCES
FOR ALL PUPILS
ON MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY AT 8.55AM**

The school office will be open between 11.00am and 2.00pm Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st January. Our uniform room will also be open for purchases during these times. Children's stationery packs are available from Paper Plus. Alternatively, lists will be available from the office or on our website.



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Gareth Duncan ~ Principal

