

# TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'

Thursday 7th March 2013

## Welcome to Week 5, Term 1 - 2012 Principal's Diary...

SYNDICATE 4 DISCO – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 6-7.30pm – \$3  
Tickets available next Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March  
only between 8.30-8.55am from Room 20

I would like to thank you all who have taken the time over the last 2 nights to come into school and talk with your child's teacher to set learning targets and goals for the 2013 academic year. We believe that this is pivotal for the children, teacher and families working together. You will receive your child's learning journey booklet in term 2 and in this document is a story of your son or daughters learning for each term, how they are progressing in relation to the national standards and their next learning steps for 2013. We look forward to sharing the successes with you in the coming terms.

**All schools throughout New Zealand will be having NZEI Paid Union meetings this month. Schools in the Waipa area will be closing at the earlier time of 1pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. After School Care will start at the earlier time of 1pm for those regular students. Places are strictly limited so please contact Laille direct if you wish to enquire about booking your child. Bus students will be supervised until 3pm. All other students must be collected at the closing time of 1pm.**

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 for picking up and dropping off children to **please use** the school pedestrian crossing and let us all model safe road crossing.

This term, hats are to be worn. Non-hat wearers will need to eat under our big tree on the slope down to the library and then go under the tree in the Syndicate 3 area. Our school expectation is - no hat - it's off to the tree for shade from the sun.

This term we have the Mothers and Daughters breakfast and this is a fabulous way for us all to come together and celebrate as a learning community, and to have a free breakfast together. This is sponsored by Paper Plus, Te Awamutu. Our breakfast date is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7:15am in the School Hall.

Thank you to Murray Downs and his church group for the voluntary working bee. Murray and his team spent hours gardening and general tidying around the gully and school grounds.

Our school website has many useful areas for you and your child. The syndicate calendars are updated regularly with school happenings. There is also a copy of our school lunch menu, uniform price list, staff profiles, newsletters, our strategic plan and so much more. We also have learning links for your child to view. Thank you to everyone for your support and dedication to your children's learning and we look forward to our continued partnership.

**TAPS 107.8FM – “your education station”**

Yours in learning

*Gareth Duncan* ©

Principal

Check out our web site:

[www.taps.school.nz](http://www.taps.school.nz)

Syndicates 3 and 4 would like to say a huge thank you to the parents, grandparents, uncles and aunties who helped out recently with their trips to the Te Awamutu Walk of Fame. Without parent helpers we are unable to go on school trips as we need to meet the Ministry of Education guidelines for adult/student ratios. We really appreciate those who took time out of their day to assist us with our Education Outside of the Classroom (EOTC) learning.

## **Please read: important information.**

If you are aware of anyone living out of zone who intends to enrol their child at Te Awamutu Primary, the closing date for the first term 2 intake is 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013, as is required by the Education Act 1989.

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**

### **Wednesday Wonderland**

We would like to extend an invite to all our pre-school community (all children 4.5 years and older) to take up the offer of attending our preparation for school programme run every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm – 3pm with Maree Parkes (teacher and TAPS community connector). The programme is fully funded by the school and therefore free of charge.

### **Swimming**

Syndicate 3 & 4 teachers and students would like to thank all of our fabulous swimming sports helpers for making our day a great success. Thanks also to Anita, Haley & Tina, some of our wonderful PTA members, for the BBQ and juices. The support received from parents, grandparents, family members & friends was fantastic to see. Everyone had a great time at all swimming sports and displays. Remember Syndicate 1 have their swimming display this Friday starting at 2pm.

### **School Fees & Consumables Levy**

2013 invoices were sent home recently. Thank you to those that have paid. School fees are set at \$50 per child, \$90 for two children and \$120 for 3 or more children. These are due by the 28th March. The consumables levy is \$15 per child.

### Children's Absences:

It is school policy that you notify the Office: 8715378 before 9am daily if your child is going to be absent. Our school mobile phone can be texted with a message as well: 0212760505. We thank you all for your support in keeping children safe. Our office staff will call you by 9.30am if your child is not in class, or if we haven't heard from home.

### Bikes & Scooters

A child under 10 should only ride on the road with an adult. You are the best judge of your child's capabilities but as a general rule the Police recommend waiting until a child is 10 before they ride alone. By this age they are better able to judge speed and distance and are more aware of the road environment generally. Remember you **MUST** wear a helmet if you are riding either a bike or scooter. Riding either of these is strictly forbidden within our school grounds for safety reasons.

### Phone Books Fundraiser

Thank you to those that have volunteered to help deliver the local Waipa/Waitomo phone books. We have managed to supply most of Kihikihi & Te Awamutu with their books. We have a few streets that have yet to be delivered too. If you are able to help, please check the maps in the hall foyer to see what streets are still available, or see Mrs Parkes or Mrs Fabish.

### **SYNDICATE 3 DISCO**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
6-7.30pm - \$3  
Tickets available Mon 18<sup>th</sup>, Tues  
19<sup>th</sup>, Wed 20<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>  
March 8.30-8.55am from  
Room 14

### **BASKETBALL ...**

Year 5 & 6 basketball will be running in term 2 (dates are yet to be confirmed). We have decided to enter our yr 5 & 6 students into the event centre competition not the miniball competition which some of our yrs 0-4's are currently entered into. TA Tigers is separate to both miniball and yr 5 & 6 basketball and if you want any information about each of these basketball competitions see the following people.

Miniball – Maree Parkes – Room 5

Year 5 & 6 Basketball – Tara McAuley – Room 10

Te Awamutu Tigers – Gareth Duncan

### **SYNDICATE 1 & 2 DISCO**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 6-7.30pm - \$3  
Tickets available Tues 19<sup>th</sup>, Wed 20<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>  
& Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March 8.30-8.55am from  
Room 9 & Room 4

### **KEA SCOUTS WANTED .....**

If you are interested in joining a great organisation?  
Doing fun activities and meeting new friends?  
Are you in Year 1 to 3?  
Come down to the Scout Hall (Scout Lane) on  
Wednesdays between 4.15pm – 5.15pm or contact  
Lorraine Peck on 8702678 for more information.

### Moo Milk Monday

"Moo Milk" Monday will start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Your child can purchase flavoured milk and a cookie for \$2 at morning tea time from the hall foyer. We are looking for volunteers to help run these fundraisers. Please come along to our next PTA meeting or contact Kim Fabish in the office if you are able to help in any way.



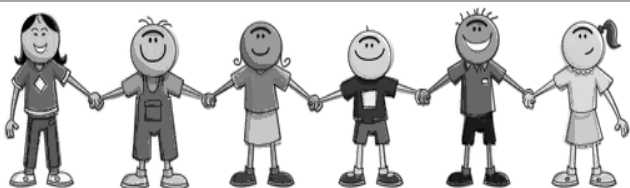
Dynamic classes which extend oral skills and give confidence to children to enable them to face High School, University and 'life's' speaking challenges.  
Classes weekly – Te Awamutu

ENQUIRIES: Roslyn 027 248 2888 or email [info@chatterbox.net.nz](mailto:info@chatterbox.net.nz)

Playgym (Pre-school) 9.30-10.30am Mondays  
5-8yrs 4.00pm-4.50pm  
8-10 yrs 5.00pm – 5.50pm  
Spaces available in other classes too  
Ph Leanne 07 871 5026  
[www.sportsground.co.nz/tamigym](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/tamigym)



## PTA 2013



Annual General Meeting  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
6pm – Welcome  
6.30pm – meeting

All enquiries to Haley Brown – Secretary  
0210729764

ALL WELCOME!!!!

## Term 1 2013

...Cut this out & put it on your fridge ...

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March – Syndicate 1 swimming display  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March – Inter-schools swimming sports  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March – Syndicate 4 Disco 6-7.30pm in the hall  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March – PTA AGM 6.30pm in the staffroom  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March – Syndicate 3 Disco 6-7.30pm in the hall  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Syndicate 1 & 2 Disco 6-7.30pm  
in the hall  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – MUFTI  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Tuesday  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April – Kai & Korero  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April – Mothers & Daughters breakfast  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April – PTA Meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April – last day of term.

\*Dates are subject to change

More information regarding discos, mufti days and trips will come home closer to the time

