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TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau

Term 3 Shared Breakfast:

A reminder that the Dads and Daughters breakfast is on Wednesday 3rd September from 7:30am – 8:30am. An invitation will come home with all girls tomorrow.

Kapa Haka:

A huge thank you to the 150 parents and children who helped to make Friday night's Kapa Haka Birthday a huge success. Wow - one year already. Whanau Hui is next Wednesday (20th Aug) evening from 7pm in the staffroom. All very welcome.

Board of Trustees News:

On the 11th we had a strategic planning evening. The purpose of this evening was to get an idea on what people want from TAPS and what they would like to see in the future. We had a great turn out with a good number of students, teachers, parents and community members all attending. We broke the group into teams and put 4 questions to each team. The questions were-

- 1- What should Primary Schools offer?
- 2- What would it look like at TAPS if you could have everything you want?
- 3- What is the most important thing that should happen in Primary School education?
- 4- What would it take to strengthen the `Home and School` relationships?

Each team recorded their answers and each question generated some lively debate and insight into expectations and wants. I would encourage you all to consider these questions and note down your thoughts on a piece of paper or discuss with staff or board members so your voice can also be heard. The more feedback we gather, the more informed we are, the better we can do our jobs.

What happens now? All of the information will be collated and be presented back to the board. We will then look at short & long term strategies on how we could deliver on expectations.

Overall the night was an overwhelming success and I would like to thank all that took the time to attend.
Thank you Bruce Airey

Teacher Only Day:

The TAPS teaching staff will be involved in a teacher development day next Friday 22nd August focusing on the Revised New Zealand Curriculum document. Our school will be closed on this day. The Safe & Happy Club will be operating from the school hall at a cost of \$30 per child. Please talk to Laille Martin or Caite Bailey regarding enrolments for the day as numbers are limited - first in first serve.

Position Vacant - Office Assistant

We have a position available for 10 hours per week to assist in our office. The hours of work will be 12-2pm Mon to Fri during school terms. Flexibility with hours will be required to assist at peak times as per school requirements. Interested parties can drop their CV and letter of application in to the office marked to the attention of Janine Margetts. Alternatively email your application to janinem@taps.school.nz Applications close Tuesday 19th August.

SCHOOL NOTICES

TAPS Website

Go online and view our new website at www.taps.school.nz You will find our weekly newsletters, syndicate news, staff profiles, term dates and much more including planned school events. The website will continue to be updated so "bookmark" or add us to your "favourites" and revisit when you get a moment.

Please Note: Currently a general Google search for Te Awamutu Primary will take you to our old/disabled website. For the time being you need to type www.taps.school.nz into your address bar to access our new site.

ANZ Partner Rewards Programme

As you may be aware Telecom has recently stopped their "school connection" reward system. This was a valuable way for schools to earn points enabling them to purchase resources with out any cash outlay. Some of the items TAPS purchased include printers, digital cameras, mobile phones, school telephone bill payments and internet access. As at 01 July 2008 the ANZ bank started their own reward programme which we have recently joined. The ANZ programme enables our school to earn 800 "credits" (valued at the equivalent of \$400) for each loan that is drawn down whether it be a home, business or refinancing loan. The only requirement is that TAPS is making the referral. This means that upon applying for your loan the only requirement is for you to name TAPS as your referral. So, if you or anyone you know are considering a home or business mortgage and ANZ is your bank of choice please keep us in mind and mention us to your lending officer.

PTA & Whanau Meetings

These are on the same night this month, Wednesday 20th August at 7.30pm in the meeting and staff rooms. EVERYONE is welcome. We are looking for new members to help support the PTA as we look towards the Gala in term 4.

Parent Night

This term's parent information evening will be held in the staff room tonight, Wednesday 13th August at 6.30pm. There will be a creche operating in the library if you have difficulty getting to school at night. Topics on our discussion menu are: Te Reo, The Arts and the school homework policy and procedures. All parents are very welcome to attend.

Research Opportunity

Thank you very much to those parents involved in the study on Home School Partnerships who have sent in their completed surveys. There is still one week left for those who have yet to do so. Your time and participation is very much appreciated. Thank you, Tonia Eckhoff. Resource Teacher of Literacy.

TEAM NOTICES

Syndicate One News

Reading Workshops - Wednesday, 20th August - We have invited some parents to attend three workshops on reading. Viv Buchanan, Lanah Gibbes and Jane Coles will be presenting ideas on how to support children's reading at home. We may have some vacancies so if you are interested in attending then please let us know.

Cross Country - Thursday, 21st August - 9.15 am start - Hope to see you. Children have been very enthusiastic about practising for cross country - despite the poor weather.

Circus Maximus - Tuesday, 26th August. Please send along your child's permission slip and \$4.

Mini Olympics - Thursday, 29th August - 11.00 am - 2.30 pm. Your child may bring home a news reporter card asking for information about the Olympics. All classrooms have an Olympic display with work in progress. Feel free to send along photos, newspaper cuttings, etc.

Syndicate Two News

Cross-Country

Syndicate 2 are training very hard for the school Cross-country next week!!! (When it is NOT raining). If you think your child requires a spare change of clothes for this (which we recommend) then please send your child to school with the appropriate clothing/shoes daily. There is a separate notice with more Cross-country details coming home today.

Stationary

Some children still do not have stationary that is required daily at school. If your child comes home with a stationary slip, please help us by ensuring stationary is replaced A.S.A.P.

Reading Workshops

If you received a notice about this, could you please return the slip as quickly as possible or see Lanah Gibbes in Room 13 if you require more detail.

Assembly

Syndicate 2's Assembly is at 2.15pm tomorrow. Rooms 9 & 12 will be presenting a small item.

WAHOO!!!! **Circus Maximus** is coming back to visit!!!! The cost of this outstanding opportunity is \$4.00pp.

Coming up..... Calendar orders. More details to follow soon



Syndicate Three News - assembly this Friday 1.30pm

WOW! Cross-country time has come around again very quickly!!

Our school cross-country day is NEXT Thursday 21st August, 11.00am-2.40pm. Syndicate 2 & 3 will be having their cross country together. The children will be running in their age groups. Please see the separate notice with today's newsletter. We have a set route for the children, and this year we will be running out of the school grounds slightly. We will be practicing the route so the children know exactly where to go. Each day after lunch Syndicate 2 will practice from 1.30-2.00pm and Syndicate 3 will practice from 2.00-2.30pm weather permitting.

If you can assist us on the day (or for practices) by being a marker or helping out along the route-please see the classroom teacher in Room 13 ASAP.