

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'

Wednesday 20th March 2013

Welcome to Week 7, Term 1 - 2013 Principal's Diary...

Welcome back to Week 7. It is important to acknowledge the support you have been able to give teachers this week while we have been attending Nationwide NZEI paid union meetings.

We continually celebrate all the efforts of our students at TAPS. I would also like to acknowledge the parents who contribute in numerous ways to support our school, by attending school trips, fundraising events, sports teams training and netball and basketball games.

Our PTA AGM last Monday night resulted in the following people being elected into important roles for our school; Tracey Jackson - Chairperson, Hayley Brown – Secretary, Jannine Fairhurst – Treasurer, Anita Miezenbeek, Tania Sanders, Amanda Riggs, Debbie Glover, Tina Rowlinson, Anne Mackey, Kim Tautari-Scott and Kim Fabish. Any parent unable to attend monthly meetings, but who has time or resources to contribute in other ways, are welcome to contact the office. The Board of Trustees and I would like to acknowledge the dedication and fundraising efforts of our PTA. Their recent purchases have consisted of a set of thesaurus and supplementary reading material for your children to utilise.

It is a timely reminder for us all to consider the safety of our children and the need for school and home to work closely together to ensure our children are aware of safe situations; i.e. riding bikes, skate boarding, using social media networks (legal age for Facebook is 16yrs) and the internet. Please remember to keep your home computers close to you and monitor what is going on during your children's usage. For more ideas and supports visit: <http://www.netsafe.org.nz/the-netsafe-kit-for-schools/>

I would like to invite you all along to the Piston's (Waikato Men's Basketball Team) visit this Saturday. Sport Waikato are partnering with the Tigers Basketball Academy for the Piston's training visit. This is a pre-season build-up for the Pistons who have been travelling throughout the Waikato districts, involved with community training and coaching sessions. At 12-1pm there will be a community coaching session where the Piston's players will be coaching the children from the Tigers Academy and anyone else who is playing basketball for TAPS, or just loves playing basketball.

Thank you to everyone for your support and dedication to your children's learning.

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan ☺

Principal

Check out our web site:

www.taps.school.nz



EASTER MUFTI – THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
GOLD COIN DONATION

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 intake of Term 2 is 22nd March 2013.

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.

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.

Moo Milk Monday

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.

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. It has recently come to our attention by a concerned community member that some children riding bikes to school are riding across pedestrian crossings without stopping and looking. Let's keep our kids safe on the footpaths and roads.

SYNDICATE 3 DISCO

Thursday 21st March

6-7.30pm - \$3

Tickets available Mon, Tues
Wed & Thurs 8.30-8.55am
from Room 14



Te Awamutu Junior Rugby Sub-Union

Rugby Coaches wanted for all representative teams. Written applications for Year 5, Year 6 Bowers Cup & Under 45kg together Gwynne Shield Mackenzie Cup Applications close Thursday, 28th March 2013. Forward Written Applications to: Steve Gibson PO Box 173 306 Alexandra Street, Te Awamutu For any enquires please contact: Judy Mathews 0211-602-951 Giles Bayley 0212-271-984

SYNDICATE 1 & 2 DISCO

Friday 22nd March

6-7.30pm - \$3

Tickets available Tues, Wed,
Thurs & Fri 8.30-8.55am from
Room 9 & Room 4

FOOD FACTS!

Children are more likely to eat oranges when they are sliced or cut up. Make sure you cut up fruit and veg into smaller pieces for school lunches or snacks.



Mangaohoi Streamcare Trust presents The Annual Duck Race and Regatta on April 4th starting at 5.30pm beside the Aeawata Bridge and the Rose Gardens. Race your lucky numbered duck in the stream! Make your own shoebox boat to race. Sausage sizzles. Prizes and more.

HAMILTON SQUASH & TENNIS CLUB

HSTC junior squash nights start on Thursday 4th April 13 5pm - 7pm. Squash is a high-energy low-cost sport that can be played all year round in any weather.

At HSTC there are organised skills sessions and games. Come along, join the fun - try it out for free - rackets and balls provided! For more info please email office@hstc.co.nz or phone 07 8343271

TAPS 107.8 FM "YOUR EDUCATION STATION"

Broadcasting daily from
Te Awamutu Primary School

MAIHIIHI SCHOOL FUN RUN & WALK

17kms, 10kms or 5kms Start times vary
Sunday 14th April

To download an entry form go to www.maihihi.school.nz

Term 1 2013

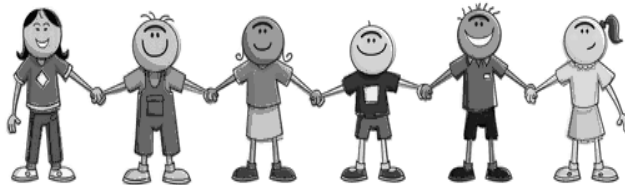
...Cut this out & put it on your fridge ...

Thurs 21st March - Syndicate 3 Disco 6-7.30pm in the hall
Fri 22nd March - Syndicate 1 & 2 Disco 6-7.30pm in the hall
Thurs 28th March - MUFTI
Fri 29th March - Good Friday - no school
Mon 1st April - Easter Monday - no school
Tues 2nd April - Easter Tuesday - no school
Wed 10th April - Kai & Korero
Fri 12th April - Mothers & Daughters breakfast
Mon 15th April - PTA Meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom
Fri 19th 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

PTA 2013



Our PTA has recently made donations to the Literacy Programme by way of purchasing new readers in our Syndicate 1, 2 and 3 areas and a set of new Thesaurus for Syndicate 4. Last week's disco was a great success and all profits from this disco are being put towards Syndicate 4's end of year camp. We have some great fundraising ideas including a pizza day, dough raising at Dominio's, discos, muftis, a quiz evening, and a gala. If you are able to help in any way, come along to our next meeting on 22nd April at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

