

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'

Friday 19th April 2013

Welcome to Week 11, Term 1 - 2013 Principal's Diary...

We have all been very busy this term with showcases, student led conferences, sports, swimming and discos, just to mention a few. Learning Journey books went home last Friday. You will have all taken the time to celebrate with your child and if you would like to make an appointment to see your child's teacher, please do so. All Learning Journals should have been returned to school last Monday. Our Mothers and Daughters Breakfast was another great success and I would like to thank our Syndicate 1 teachers for your preparation. This week our junior basketball team finished second in the local competition. Well done☺. Competition netball is underway. We have 3 teams in the competition, TAPS Stormers, TAPS Tigers and TAPS Hotchicks. Future ferns will start on 11th May. There is no netball on 27th April.

Next term, we welcome ERO (Education Review Office) to TAPS. ERO will be reviewing our school practices during Week 1 of Term 2. The ERO team would like extend an invite to all community members (parents and/or caregivers) to a meeting with them in the staffroom on Tuesday 7th May starting at 2.30pm. All welcome.

The Strategic and Annual plan for 2013 can be viewed online at www.taps.school.nz

Thank you all for your contributions this term and the supports you have given throughout our school. We hope that you all have an enjoyable break. Please be safe if you are travelling on the roads especially as the colder, wet weather sets upon us.

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan☺

Principal

Check out our web site:

www.taps.school.nz

Board of Trustees

Our principal is on leave to manage the New Zealand Women's Sevens rugby team. Gareth will be heading to Amsterdam with the team in May and then to Russia for the Sevens World Cup in June. The Board of Trustees along with staff would like to wish Gareth and the team all the very best.

Alan Taylor

BOT Chairperson

Please read: important information.

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 next enrolment period runs from Monday 29 July 2013 to Friday 23 August 2013. For students seeking enrolment within these dates, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 3pm Friday 24 May 2013

Please note: **If you currently live 'in zone' this does not affect you but we ask that you pre-enrol your child as soon as possible so we are aware of future needs.**

SCHOOL NOTICES

Whanau Group

Thank you so much to whānau who have supported us through our Kai and Kōrero meetings this term. We have explored the value of manaakitanga and the key role that this plays in our school. Together we have looked at school-wide academic results and have discussed the importance of focusing on raising achievement levels for Māori and being present. Whaea Kim has been sharing the Te Reo Kori/Kapa haka programme that all tamariki in our school have had the option of joining. This is going very well. At our Kai and Kōrero last week we welcomed Matua Laurence to our school. Matua Laurence is team teaching with Tara McAuley in Room 10. Matua Laurence will be working with the boy's kapa haka group. We would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing as many whānau at our next Kai & Kōrero evening (6pm) on Tuesday 28th May and Tuesday 2nd July.

Wednesday Wonderland

We would like to extend an invite to all our pre-school community (all children 4.5 years and older) to attend 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 were due by the 28th March. The consumables levy is \$15 per child.

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.



Junior Club nights start on Monday 6th May and run every Monday during Term 2 & 3. It is a fun night for all juniors as well as a great opportunity to develop skills through coaching.

6-7pm – Year 5-8 7-8pm – Year 9+

A junior membership is \$90 for 12 months and coaching is included during Junior Club nights. Bring along non-marking shoes, drink bottle and a squash racquet if you have one.

Any queries please phone Andrew Flay (Junior Convenor) 871 5541 or 0273715541

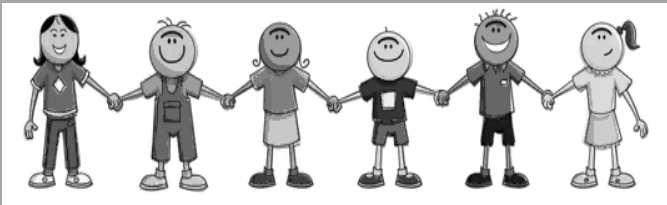
MAIHIIHI SCHOOL FUN RUN & WALK

17kms, 10kms or 5kms Start times vary

Sunday 14th April

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

PTA 2013



PTA MEETING Monday 13th May at 6.30pm
In the staffroom - ALL WELCOME

TAPS 107.8 FM

"YOUR EDUCATION STATION"

Broadcasting daily from Te Awamutu Primary School

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The triennial Board of Trustee Elections will be held this year. Your Board of Trustees has determined by resolution that the date for the election shall be 30 May 2013.

There are five parent elected positions on our Board and the timetable for the electoral process is listed below.

1 April 2013 - Main Electoral Roll opened

15 April 2013 - Call for Nominations

30 April 2013 at Noon - Main Electoral Roll closed

- Supplementary Roll opened.

14 May 2013 at noon - Supplementary Roll closes

16 May 2013 at noon - Nominations close

21 May 2013 - Voting Papers issued

30 May 2013 at noon - Voting closes

5 June 2013 - Votes counted and result declared

6 June 2013 - New Board takes office.

Ian McLauchlan

Returning Officer

Election nomination forms for the 2013 BOT elections were sent out on the 15 April, if you have not received this form please contact Mr McLauchlan on 0273895470.

Milo Monday

Your child can purchase flavoured warm milo 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.



NEW!

**FLEECE LINED
WATERPROOF SCHOOL
JACKETS \$40
BEANIES \$10**

**WINDBREAKER JACKETS \$25
AVAILABLE FROM NEXT
TERM**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
PURCHASING EITHER ITEM,
PLEASE EMAIL**

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