

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'

Wednesday 5th June 2013

Welcome to Week 5, Term 2 – 2013

Principal's Diary...

The staff and students here at TAPS would like to welcome our new families to our community. We also welcome back the community mobile dental unit. The dental truck is situated in the staff car park (off the Bank Street entrance) and they can be contacted on 0800 TALK TEETH if you have any enquiries.

This term Syndicate 3 will be hosting our Fathers & Sons community breakfast. This will be held on Friday 5th July starting at 7.30 in the school hall. It is a great way for dads and their boys to come together and enjoy a breakfast and listen to our guest speaker. There will be more information sent home in upcoming newsletters.

As the weather gets wetter and colder, I would like to remind you, that the bus park on Teasdale Street is for buses ONLY. This is not a drop off zone in wet weather. Please take care when crossing the road with your children and we ask that you use the pedestrian crossings. The entrance off Bank Street is for staff and trade vehicles only. As this entrance is used by many children, we ask that for safety reasons, you do not use this as a drop off zone.

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan

Principal

Check out our web site:

www.taps.school.nz

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 26 August to Friday 27 September 2013. For students seeking enrolment within these dates, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 3pm Friday 28 June 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

Wednesday Wonderland

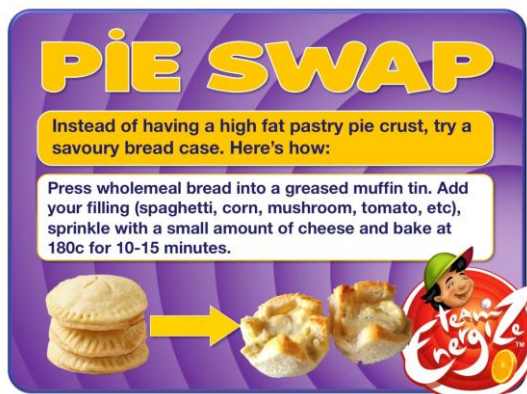
We would like to extend an invite to all our pre-school community (all children 4.5 years and older) to attend our preparation for school programme run every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm – 3pm with Maree Parkes (teacher and TAPS Community Connector). The programme is fully funded by the school and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

School Fees & Consumables Levy

2013 invoices were sent home last term. 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.

Uniform Room

The fully stocked uniform room is open every Wednesday morning from 8.15am until approx. 8.55am. Orders outside this time can be taken at the office. **We now have beanies, wind breakers & fleece lined jackets available.**



TAPS 107.8 FM
"YOUR EDUCATION STATION"
Broadcasting daily from Te Awamutu Primary School

Sport Waikato Community Coaching Workshop

All parents, coaches or managers welcome.
Monday – 10th June from 5.30pm-7pm
at Te Awamutu Primary School Hall.

What's happening

SYNDICATE ONE NEWS ...

Syndicate 1 are leading up to their trip to Te Wananga o Aotearoa on Friday. We have been finding out where our ancestors have come from and how some of them came to NZ. We are learning songs on the lead up to Matariki. We are also getting ready to frame our newly formed garden.

SYNDICATE TWO NEWS ...

Our Inquiry Question: "As Kaitiaki of all species in the world, how can we make a difference?" Habitats of animals around the world are becoming more and more threatened because of humans. More animals are going into zoos but we still need to enrich that environment to make it as natural as possible. Our big trip this year is to the Hamilton Zoo later this term. The zookeepers will discuss habitats, endangered species and how we can help animals in the wild. In class we all have pets that we are responsible to care for. We will be doing project work on a chosen animal. For PE this term we are all taking turns to do soccer, rippa rugby, netball and baseball. Reading, Writing and Numeracy will continue daily.

SYNDICATE THREE NEWS ...

Our big question for this term is ...

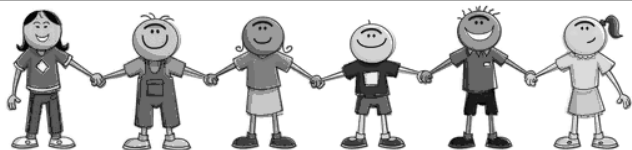
"What Makes the World Go Around? Watch This Space ..."

Our students will be developing an understanding that people throughout history, including present day, use environmental patterns associated with the Earth, Sun and Moon for harvesting & gathering and how they use these throughout daily life. As part of our Inquiry, we have organised for the students to attend Te Awamutu's "Space Room" hosted by Dave Owen. A letter will be going home today regarding this trip. Students will be travelling by bus and there is a cost of \$3 each. Rooms 6, 13 & 16 will be going on Monday 10th June and Rooms 12, 14 & 15 on Tuesday 11th June.

SYNDICATE FOUR NEWS ...

Syndicate 4 have had an exciting and busy start to the term. We have been working through our Food for Thought programme which included a trip to Pak'n'Save, a big thank you to the parents who helped each class out with transport and supervision. We have started our research for our costume designs based on a planet from our Solar System - all will be revealed in our Wearable Arts Showcase at the end of the term. Chocolate sales (fundraising for camp) are now finished, any outstanding chocolates and/or money is now due. Camp invoices will be coming out at the beginning of Term 3 once all fundraising efforts have been calculated.

PTA 2013



Thank you to all that supported our Pizza fundraiser last week. The PTA would like to thank Dominio's Te Awamutu. We have a mufti day coming up on 21st June, the theme is mid-winter, gold coin donation required.

The next PTA meeting is Monday June 17th at 6.30pm in the staffroom. We would like to invite ALL parents & caregivers to come along and meet our small but dedicated team.

Te Pahu Preschool invites you and your family to our annual Midwinter Market Fundraiser. Great variety of stalls including our delicious hot lamb & beef roll stand. Friday 21 June from 6-8.30pm at the Te Pahu Community Hall - tickets include a cup of mulled wine and children are free - \$5 door sales or \$4 pre-sold - contact Te Pahu Preschool 07 825 9908.

Milo Monday

Your child can purchase flavoured warm milo a cookie for \$2 at morning tea time from the hall foyer.

Netball Draw

Saturday 8th June
Competition Grade

TAPS Tigers vs St Pats White
Court 2 – 12.20pm

TAPS Stormers vs Ray White Pirongia Strikers
Court 6 – 10.40am (non-comp)

TAPS Hotchicks vs Pekaeru Spirit
Court 6 – 9am (non-comp)

Future Ferns

TAPS Silver Ferns vs Ohaupo Go Girls
Court 8 – 9am

TAPS Mini Magic vs Pekaeru Belonging
Court 8 – 11.30am

TAPS Wild Cats vs Puaehue Gems
Court 7 – 12.20pm

Term 2 Calendar

(also available on our website)

Fri 7th June – Syndicate 1 visit to Te Whanaga O Aotearoa

Mon 10th June – Syndicate 3 (Rms 6, 13 & 16) trip to the "Space Room"

Tues 11th June – Syndicate 3 (Rms 12, 14 & 15) trip to the "Space Room"

Tues 18th June – Syndicate 2 visit to the Zoo (postponement date Thurs 20th June)

Fri 21st June – Mid-Winter Mufti

Tues 2 July – Gymfest
Kai & Korero

Wed 3 July – BOT Meeting

Fri 5 July – Sports Photos

Tues 9 July – Syndicate 4 Showcase

Wed 10 July – Syndicate 1 Showcase

Thurs 11 July – Syndicate 3 Showcase

Fri 12 July – Last day of Term