

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau

I'm hoping that all our families are coping out there with the bugs and colds that are going around. Just a gentle reminder if your children are sick and have problems shaking the flu, a few extra days at home would probably be the answer at the moment. We think of Kane from Room 17 who has been taken to Starship Hospital overnight with chest and flu symptoms, so we keep him and his family firmly in our thoughts.

Our condolences go out to the Mateara family for the sudden loss of their son & brother Luke, a past pupil of TAPS.

I would like to thank all those parents who took time to fill in the micro survey regarding homework recently. We have gathered lots of extremely useful data that we will share over the next few weeks with you all. This information adds to useful conversations that are taking place with the teachers across the school as we examine the importance of the homework we set and the real purpose of the tasks for your children.

We have the Cross Country this week and I find this a lovely time to come along to school and support your child and meet and make new friends with the parent community. Your children would love to see you there!

Lastly, a reminder that TAPS teaching staff will be involved in a teacher development day this Friday 22nd August focusing on the Revised New Zealand Curriculum document. Our school will be closed on the 22nd August.

Have a great week and please feel free to go onto the school website and download your very own newsletter online, or read about other things happening at school. <http://www.taps.school.nz/>

Yours in learning at TAPS

Gareth Duncan

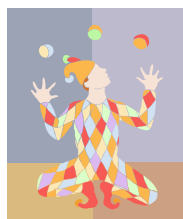
SCHOOL NOTICES

Circus Maximus – Tuesday 26th August. Thank you to those families that have sent in the \$4 for the show. If you haven't sent in your child's \$4, please do so as soon as possible.

Reading Workshops - First workshop tomorrow (Thursday, 21st August), from 5.45pm until 7.00pm Thank you to those parents that have sent in acceptance slips to the reading workshops. I currently have a couple of spaces available, so if you like to take advantage of this free course being provided please see Lanah Gibbes ASAP. This is a great opportunity, and from our experience, results show that children's reading improves when parents attend these workshops.

Mini Olympics

On Friday 29 September we are having a school wide Mini Olympics day from 10.45am until 2.45pm. We will be having an early morning tea break to get our Olympic activities under way by 11am. We are going to gather for an Opening Ceremony on the Top Block netball courts before getting into nine groups to compete and have some fun in nine different Olympic activities. Some of the activities include sack races, fun relays and obstacle courses. Each class has also chosen a country to adopt and children are to wear mufti on the day, preferably in their country colours! A Closing Ceremony will be held at approximately 2.30pm to conclude the day. The postponement day will be Monday 1 September. You are more than welcome to come and support your children at our fun Mini Olympics. See you there!



PTA & Whanau Meetings

These are on tonight 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.

TEAM NOTICES

Syndicate One News

Assembly is tomorrow (Thursday) at 2.15pm.

Cross Country this Thursday rain or shine... children are very excited and we look forward to you coming along to support their efforts. We will be starting at approximately 9.15 am. Please note we will start with 5 year olds, then 6 year olds then 7 year olds. Please send a change of clothes for your child to run in. Children are expected to arrive in school uniform, they will be given time to change into their running gear. It may be a good idea to send along a named towel.

Homework Survey Thank you to those parents that filled out our homework survey. We have collated the results and will send a note home outlining this information.

Toys Please make sure that your child's toys stay at home. Children are not permitted to bring toys to school.

Syndicate Two News

Cross Country See notice below

Stationary The glue stick monster has been amongst our Syndicate! Every child in Syndicate 2 requires a new Glue stick. Could you please send these to school with your child.



Assembly The next Syndicate Two Assembly is next week 2.15pm. Rooms 13 & 14 will each be presenting a small item.

Syndicate Three News

Camp Forms Please return these as soon as possible so we can finalise numbers for our Term 4 Camp. Please ensure you have filled every sheet out correctly before you send it back to your child's teacher.

Grocery Raffle If you haven't done so already please send a grocery item along to school with your child. Children will be receiving a pack of ten raffle tickets to be sold shortly.

Domino's Wobble Board Fundraising We are collating the permission slips and will let you know if and when your child is helping with this fundraising event. Thank you for such a positive response to this fundraising venture.

Homework Can you please ensure your child is completing and bringing their homework back to be marked on a Friday. If they haven't been able to complete their homework we still need their homework books in to put new spelling words in.

Syndicate 2 and 3 School Cross Country

Cross Country is being held tomorrow (Thursday 21 August) rain or shine. We hope to see you there supporting your children. We still need parent helpers so if you're available please let your child's teacher know. The first race will kick off at 11.15am with the final race being a fun walk/jog for all students and their parents/grandparents to conclude the event by 2.30pm☺. **Students must wear uniform to school but can bring a change of clothes and shoes to run in.** Please ensure your child has enough water and food for the day. The first 6 students in each race will be invited to take part in the Te Awamutu and Rural Schools Cross Country to be held at the Kihikihi Domain on Wednesday 27 August (postponement date is Friday 29 August). Students will be notified soon after our Cross Country event if they will be involved in the Inter-School team. Thank you to those parents who have already offered to help at the Cross Country, please meet the teachers on the field at 11am tomorrow for further information.

