

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'

Thursday 31st October 2013

Welcome to Week 3, Term 4 – 2013

Principal's Diary...

Syndicate 4 students (Yr 5 and 6's) have this week, been working with the Te Awamutu Police Education Officer on Cyber Bullying. It is a timely reminder to us all about the safety of our children and the need for school and home to work closely together. This is to ensure our children are aware of safe situations when riding their bikes, skate boarding, and when using all the available social media networks such as Facebook (legal age for Facebook is: 16yrs) and the internet. Please remember to keep your home computers in the main areas and visible to adults, so as to monitor what is going on during your child's usage. For more ideas and supports visit:

<http://www.netsafe.org.nz/the-netsafe-kit-for-schools/>

For all those parents new to our school this is an opportunity to put your thoughts in writing to the Principal and the Management team regarding the best placement for your child during the 2014 academic school year. This is not a time to choose a certain teacher or the best friend that you would like your child with, but to share the learning, personal and social needs of your child. We compare your thoughts with that of the current teacher, and the syndicate leader. The teaching staff will make the best choice for your child based on the data and knowledge we have already. Please feel free to share your thoughts via letter or email format **by Week 4, Term 4 – Friday 8th November**. Classes do not have the teacher assigned to them until late in December when we will notify you all via the school newsletter and your child's report.

This term we have the Dads and Daughters Breakfast. This is a fabulous way for us all to come together and celebrate as a learning community, and to enjoy a free breakfast together. The session is sponsored by Paper Plus, Te Awamutu. Our breakfast date is: Friday 6th December, Week 9 at 7:15am in the School Hall. Our guest speaker is: Matthew Cooper (ex-All Black and CEO of Sport Waikato)

Mandatory car seats for 7-year-olds. Children up to the age of seven will have to use a car seat under new rules announced by the Government. Those aged between seven and eight will have to use one if it is available. Currently only passengers up to the age of five must use an appropriate child restraint and those between five and eight must use one if it is available. The Board of Trustees is writing this safety procedure into our school policies and it will be a school expectation that all vehicles have booster seats available, or children will bring their own on school trips where private vehicles are being used. The BOT would acknowledge that this will place difficulty on some class and school trips and that using a bus might be our future means of transport. Children's safety changes take effect from the 1st November.

Please use our school web site if you need to find out any information regarding our recent ERO report, concerns & complaints, policies and procedures, here at TAPS or to just take a look at the photos and the school calendar we have online. www.taps.school.nz

Kind regards - Ngā mihi nui

Gareth Duncan

Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Lunches

Lunches can be ordered Monday, Wednesday & Fridays at the office between 8.30 – 8.55am. We cannot take orders after 9.00am.

PLEASE have the correct money in a clearly named envelope. Syndicate 1 will have their lunch delivered to their classrooms. Syndicate 2, 3 & 4 collect theirs from the hall at lunchtime. The summer menu is now available.

Our ASC Programme is currently running to capacity. If your child is enrolled as a casual and you need them to attend, please **text** Laille on 0273209849 to see if there is space available for your child. Calls may be left at the office to direct your child to ASC however, you **MUST** text Laille first to see if there is room for them to attend. (Preferably before 1pm)

Children that are booked in on a permanent basis **MUST** text through any absences before 1pm. All unadvised absences will be charged to you at the full rate (calling by the hall to say you have collected your child is noted as an unadvised absence, as 3pm is too late to change our staffing levels).

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 3 February 2014 to Friday 7 March 2014. For students seeking enrolment within these dates, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 3pm Friday 13 December 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.**

The Children's Variety Charity Fundraiser

Fireworks for sale, \$30, \$60, \$90 boxes

Orders and money to Room 1 by
Friday 1st November

Fireworks will be available for collection from Room
1 on Monday and **MUST** be collected by an adult.

Boxes **WILL NOT** be sent home with students.

Summer Uniform

As you prepare for the summer months, can I please remind you the footwear stipulated in the school uniform policy for summer are: **Black roman sandals or Velcro sandals.** Sandals are not a part of our school uniform. Your support of this policy will be appreciated. Hats are now compulsory and are available for purchase through the uniform room or school office at any time.

TERM 4 CALENDAR

Mon 4th, Tues 5th & Wed 6th Nov
Rooms 18 & 19 at Camp

Tues 5th Nov - Mana Performance
9.30am

Wed 6th, Thurs 7th & Fri 8th Nov
Rooms 20 & 22 at Camp

Mon 11th, Tues 12th & Wed 13th
Rooms 17 & 21 at Camp

Fri 15th Nov - Road Patrol Fun Day
MUFTI DAY - SUMMER THEME

Mon 18th Nov - PTA Meeting 6.30pm in
the staffroom (to discuss next
year's fundraising events
ALL WELCOME)

Fri 22nd Nov - Syndicate 1 & 2
Athletics

Tues 26th Nov - Syndicate 3 & 4
Athletics

Wed 27th Nov - Syndicate 3 & 4
Athletics postponement day

Fri 29th Nov - Sharon Holt Xmas Show
2pm

Thurs 5th Dec - Parent helper
morning tea

Fri 6th Dec - Fathers & Daughters
Breakfast 7.30am in the hall
Inter-schools Athletics

Thurs 12th Dec - Syndicate 3 Final
Assembly 12-1pm

Syndicate 2 Final Assembly 2-3pm

Mon 16th Dec - Syndicate 1 Final
Assembly
Year 6 Graduation

Wed 18th Dec - Last day of 2013
FREE MUFTI DAY!!!!

- Dates are subject to change - notices regarding trips and planned events will go home from each syndicate closer to the time

**SUMMER THEME MUFTI
FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

GOLD COIN DONATION

TAPS 107.8FM

"your education station"

Broadcasting daily from Te Awamutu Primary School.



**McDonald's Kihikihi
speedway**

**60 YEARS OF
KIHIKIHI SPEEDWAY**

**WAIPA
HOME OF CHAMPIONS**

Now THIS FRIDAY 1ST NOV
Rain date Sunday 3rd Nov

Racing Starts at 5.30pm
Gates open at 4.00pm

**COMMUNITY
FIREWORKS**

**& SPEEDWAY
SPECTACULAR**

So bring your family, friends, picnic
baskets, blankets, chairs etc
down for a great, safe family
night of racing and excitement

For further information checkout our website at
www.kihikhispeedway.co.nz