

# TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013

## Welcome to Week 5, Term 4 – 2013

### Principal's Diary...

Welcome back to Week 5. There has been much excitement around the school of late. Children are training for the upcoming athletics days, Syndicate 3 have been down at Te Awamutu College Science department learning about chemical change and reaction, and Syndicate 4 children have been to camp at Te Kauri lodge.

I would like to congratulate Tara McAuley on winning a position at Woodstock School in Hamilton. Tara (Teacher in Room 10) has worked at TAPS for 6 years. During Tara's time at TAPS she has taught in Yr 5/6, been a successful Syndicate leader, run our school touch teams who've entered into the TA Sports module and the Yr 5/6 Basketball. We will miss Tara's many teaching strengths and vibrant and positive personality around our school. We would like to welcome into a shared teaching role for 2014, Miss Vanessa Filer and Mrs Bridget Perkins (Previous Syndicate 2 Team leader). Both these experienced teachers have worked at TAPS before having taken maternity leave.

I would like to also take this opportunity to farewell Katie Goodridge who will be leaving TAPS at the end of this year. We thank Katie for her dedication to TAPS and wish her all the best.

### **Bus stop on Teasdale Street:**

Please do not park in this space during morning and afternoon drop offs. This is an urgent message for all parents as vehicles will be ticketed by the Police. This safety warning is coming from both Go Bus and the Board of Trustees. Thank you for keeping this area free for our Buses.

### **Early morning children:**

This is a reminder that all students who are dropped off to school before 8am are required to be enrolled at the Breakfast Club (before school care). Students that arrive after 8am and before 8.30am, and who are NOT enrolled at Breakfast Club, must remain on the deck outside Rooms 5 and 6.

### **Maunga Cycle Classic -**

Well done to the TAPS cycling team. Four fabulous girls, whom consisted of two cyclists and two rowers, represented TAPS in the school team challenge event and did us extremely proud. Well done and top efforts Mackenzie Margetts, Teegan Gulliver, Jordarna Furer and Toni James-Hartman. Also a big cheer to our two staff members, Miss Armstrong and Miss Garland, who not only rode in the event, but also won the relay section.

### **Fathers and Daughters breakfast:**

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 have a free breakfast together. The session is sponsored by Paper Plus, Te Awamutu. Our breakfast date is: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Week 9 at 7:15am in the School Hall. Our guest speaker is; Matthew Cooper (ex-All Black and CEO of Sport Waikato)

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

Kind regards - Ngā mihi nui

*Gareth Duncan*  
Principal

**SUMMER THEME MUFTI**  
**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

GOLD COIN DONATION

### **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.

#### **Camp news ...**

A huge thank you to all those parent helpers who joined us on our three Senior Camps at Te Kauri Lodge, Kawhia in the past two weeks, your time and efforts were very much appreciated by staff and students alike. Thank you too, to Sandra Gillespie from Columbus Coffee Mitre 10 Mega and the Miesenbeek family at Waikato Cakes for helping us with our catering this year.

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).

Accounts are to be cleared on a weekly basis unless you have made arrangements directly with Laille or with the school office. Should the account remain unpaid for more than 30 days your child/ren may be excluded from the programme. **ALL ACCOUNTS NEED TO BE CLEARED BY THE END OF TERM.**

**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](http://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.**

**Summer Uniform**

As you prepare for the summer months, can we 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.

**TE AWAMUTU BRASS BAND**

The Te Awamutu Brass Band is a thriving, nationally placed band.  
We have an active junior band and beginner lessons available at very reasonable costs for anyone aged 8 years and over.  
Some instruments are available for hire.  
For further information please contact  
Steve Derbyshire 871 6391  
or Jenny Yarnley 871 6789



**TERM 4 CALENDAR**

**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

**Tues 10th Nov - BOT meeting**

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

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