

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'

19th February 2014

Welcome to Week 3, Term 1 - 2014

Principal's Diary...



We have had a busy start to Term One with each Syndicate organising trips and Inquiry Activities. Room 20 recently visited "The Breeze" radio station to help gain some further insight into running our school radio station (TAPS 107.7FM). Everyone came away excited with a tonne of fantastic ideas. Syndicate One will be visiting Kawhia beach on 11th March. This links to their Inquiry Learning as they explore their local environment and belonging to a community. Student Led Conferences will take place on Wednesday 5th March and Thursday 6th March starting from 2.15pm. **PLEASE NOTE: School will be closing at the earlier time of 2pm on both of these days.** A notice regarding these will be going home shortly. Swimming sports and swimming displays are coming up in the next couple of weeks. Dates for school happenings can be found on the school website www.taps.school.nz. Have a great fortnight everyone ☺

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan☺

Principal

Please read: important information.

If you are aware of anyone living out of zone who intends to enrol their child at Te Awamutu Primary, the closing date for applications for the Term 2 intake is Friday 4th April.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO CURRENT STUDENT NUMBERS THERE ARE NO OUT OF ZONE VACANCIES IN OUR YEAR 3 & 4 CLASSES FOR 2014. THIS DOES NOT EFFECT IN ZONE STUDENTS. ALL IN ZONE STUDENTS HAVE RIGHT OF ENROLMENT AT ALL YEAR LEVELS.

For further information regarding the enrolment scheme and the 'home zone' please refer to our website or you can pick up a copy from the school office.

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

SCHOOL NOTICES

Lucky Book Club

Orders are due in by Friday 7th March. Sorry we cannot accept orders after this date.

Wednesday Wonderland

We would like to extend an invite to all our pre-school community (all children 4.5 years and older) to take up the offer of attending our preparation for school programme run every Wednesday afternoon with Tracy Findlay. The programme is fully funded by the school and therefore free of charge. This runs from 1.30pm – 3pm and will be held in Room 5. For more information, contact the school office on 871 5378 or office@taps.school.nz

Uniform

The uniform room is open every Wednesday morning from 8.15 - 9am in the school hall. We have lots of summer stock on hand including the compulsory school bucket hats for \$10 each. If you wish to place an order outside these hours, please leave your order form at the office and the uniform items will be delivered to your child's classroom. EFTPOS is available.

Swimming

Swimming is an important part of our school programme and is compulsory for all children. Please try to ensure your child has named swimming gear, including togs, towels and underwear, each day during the swimming season (Term 1), unless he or she is unwell. Parents are requested to send a note to school if they wish their child to be excused from swimming on any particular day.

Phone Books Fundraiser – CAN YOU HELP?????

Te Awamutu Primary School has again been offered the fundraising opportunity of delivering the local phone books around the Te Awamutu Township. **We are currently seeking volunteers to deliver these books into letterboxes around the area.** The phone books are ready to be delivered and can be collected from the school hall or alternatively please contact Maree Parkes in Room 3 or Kim Fabish in the office.

School Fees & Consumables Levy

2014 invoices were sent home recently. School fees are set at \$50 per child, \$90 for two children and \$120 for 3 or more children. These are due by the 31st March.

Unfortunately funding received by the Ministry of Education is not great enough to cover all teaching resource costs. It is your donation that helps us meet the cost of these resources, which in turn enables us to provide a fuller and wider education for your child than would otherwise be possible. The consumables levy is compulsory. The levy assists with the cost of paper and photocopied material supplies throughout the year. This fee is \$15 per child, per year.

PTA

Our small and friendly PTA will be meeting in the staffroom on Tuesday 4th March at 6.30pm to discuss events for the year including the possibility of an upcoming "School Gala" and/or "Quiz Night. We would like to encourage all parents & friends of the school to come along and share your ideas or lend a helping hand. Children are welcome to come along. We hope to see you there ☺

TAPS NETBALL

The netball season is nearly upon us. Next Wednesday we will be sending home a notice asking for Year 3/4 future ferns players and Year 5/6 competition players along with coaches, managers and referees for all TAPS teams. This year we will be trialling for the competition teams.

All girls that intend to play must have good playing shoes and black underwear.

Contact Kim in the office if you require more information.

Term 1 Calendar

- Wed 19th Feb - Miniball starts
Thurs 20th Feb - Rm 19 Parent Evening 6pm in Rm 19
Wed 26th Feb - HOT @ TAPS meeting
Fri 28th, Sat 29th, Sun 30th Feb - Rm 20 BBQ fundraising at Mitre 10 Mega for the radio station
Mon 3rd Mar - Syndicate 4 swimming sports
Wed 5th March - Student led conferences
Thurs 6th March - Student led conferences
Thurs 6th - Syndicate 3 swimming sports
Fri 7th March - Rm 19 - Arapuni fishing trip
Fri 7th March - Syndicate 1 swimming display
Mon 10th March - Syndicate 2 swimming display
Thurs 13th March - Yr 5/6 Interschool swimming sports
Thurs 13th - last day for HOT @ TAPS entries
Fri 14th March - Red Cross Mufti Day - gold coin donation
Fri 21st March - Grandparents Day (tba)
Fri 28th March - Gala
Tues 8th April - Syndicate 2 Hangi
Fri 11th April - Mothers & Sons breakfast
Wed 16th April - Celebration Assembly 10.10am in the hall
Thurs 17th April - Last day of term

Notices regarding trips etc will be sent home from each syndicate or class. Dates are subject to change.

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CELEBRATIONS
Saturday 22nd
February
10am - 3pm
Ohaupo Rugby
Grounds
FREE ENTRY
Music, arts, crafts,
games, prizes,
pony rides, old
skool band and
much more ...



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between
6-8am and 6-8pm
Hand-held hosing can be used anytime



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