

## TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau

Parent/student interviews will take place on Wednesday & Thursday next week. You will receive a slip on Monday with your confirmed appointment time(s). We have endeavoured to allocate the time stated on the return slip you sent back, unfortunately due to the large number of families some of you may have times outside of those requested. I encourage you all to take this opportunity along with your child, to attend the interview session and talk about the Learning Journey yearbook which contains a number of work samples relating to the classroom programme throughout this term.

The purpose of this is to show the cumulative efforts and learning of your child over the term and will offer valuable information about his/her improvement and skill mastery. An important part of this process is student reflection along with parental feedback. You are invited to add **positive comments** that acknowledge effort and achievement. At your child's interview you will get their Learning Journals to take home. Please return the Learning Journal book to school Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

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*

### Board of Trustees News

The Board would like to thank all those people who have been involved in the Strategic Planning focus groups. There will be opportunity to read through the BOT direction and strategic goals during Term 4. Thanks.

Bruce Airey BOT Chairperson

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### Book Fair

Next week we are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair at the school. The Book Fair is a great time to browse and buy some fantastic new titles to add to your home library. This year the event will be held in the school library and will be open for browsing and purchasing from 8.15am – 9.00am Monday to Friday and 2.30pm – 3.30pm Monday to Thursday. We will also have the book fair open during Parent/Teacher Interviews on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

We still need volunteers for this event so if you can spare an hour or two please contact Bronwyn Whiteman at the School on 871 5378, or email on [bronwynw@taps.school.nz](mailto:bronwynw@taps.school.nz)

Included with today's newsletter is a flyer outlining some of the titles available to purchase. Please have a look through with your child and highlight the books you are interested in seeing. Our school can earn credits for books as a result of our sales so come on down and join the Book Fair Party!



### Reading Workshops

We have received a lot of positive comments from parents who attended these workshops. A huge thank you to those parents/caregivers that attended. Your questions and comments were most valuable, and we look forward to hearing more of your successes in Term 4, at the last workshop.

### Internet User Agreement

Please return the signed form to your child's class teacher.

### Lost Property

Please check the name on your child's school uniform. Some uniform items have gone missing....sometimes children take home the wrong clothing and shoes.

### **Bus Tags for Term 3**

As of Term three the Bus Management Committee has advised us that **all** children who travel on a bus require a bus tag. The cost of the tags are \$30 per term. Payment for Term four can be made at the office any time, eftpos is available. All children must have purchased a Term four tag by 17<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Relief Cleaners**

We are currently looking for relief cleaners to fill in at times of illness/leave etc. If you are interested or have any queries please contact Jacqui on 027 606 7368 or leave your details at the office.

### **PTA News**

**PTA meeting Tonight**, 7.30pm in the meeting room.

### **Uniform Shop**

Our uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning from 8.30 – 9.15am in the school hall. We have a large range of stock on hand and EFTPOS is available. Now is the time to start purchasing hats for summer, these are compulsory for all students as of Labour Weekend. School bucket hats are for sale at \$8 each.

Once again at the end of this term, we will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the school hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 8.15 – 9.00 am. If you have any second hand items for sale please drop into the box at the office with your details attached to each piece of clothing e.g. name, phone number and price. Please **do not** use staples to attach details, pins are a good option. Cash Only.

## **TEAM NOTICES**

### **Syndicate One News**

#### **Parent Interviews**

Your child should have brought home a letter about parent/teacher interviews. Please return the slip as soon as possible.

#### **Learning Journey Books**

Children are really excited about their learning journey books. These will be coming home on Monday. Please bring your child's learning journey book with you when you attend your interview next week.

### **Syndicate Two News**

#### **Syndicate 2 & 3 Disco**

WOW! What a fantastic night. The children were well behaved and had a good boogie. We would like to give an enormous "thank you" to our D.J and all those people who helped out on the night.

#### **Syndicate 2 Assembly**

This week Rooms 10 & 11 will be presenting a small item at assembly (Thursday at 2.15pm)

#### **Calendar orders**

Order forms should have been coming home. The calendar art will be ready to view next week, in the foyer of the School Office.

#### **Mathletics**

Room 13 is lucky enough to be involved in a free MATHLETICS trial starting next week. If you have any questions please see Lanah Gibbes.

### **Syndicate Three News**

The children are very excited about selling their snakes. Many children have already sold at least one box and they are already onto their second. A fantastic effort from all of those children, well done we are very proud of you.

Remember, depending on the number of boxes your child sells, it could greatly reduce your camp fees. Thanks to everyone for their support.

#### **Te Awamutu Intermediate Information Evening**

A reminder to all parents of Y6 children who will be attending Te Awamutu Intermediate next year, there is an information evening on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Intermediate School hall.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Domino's Pizza**

Come and buy a Dominos Pizza for dinner tonight! The children involved in this fundraising venture will earn \$1.00 from each pizza sold between 5.00pm and 8.30pm towards their camp fees. So tell all of your friends, relatives and neighbours Dominos for dinner tonight 😊

**Te Awamutu Sports Junior Rugby Prize Giving** – Grades 7-10, tonight at Te Awamutu Intermediate, 6.30pm