



TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

15th October 2014

PRINCIPALS CORNER – Term 4 – Week 1

Welcome back to Term 4. This term is going to be an exciting time for all teachers and learners at TAPS, with the introduction of 1:1 Chromebook (laptop) devices for every learner from Yr 3-6 and iPads in the Junior school. I would like to thank our Board of Trustees for the investment they have made in our children and teachers.

Thank you all again for taking the time to share your thoughts about TAPS through our recent community surveys, and as principal, I will be sharing with you the future direction for all our learners during the term.

A new teaching tool and digital era is coming to TAPS 2015. These discussion sessions will be: Wednesday 15th October at 5:30pm, Thursday 16th October at 3:30pm and Friday 17th October at 9:30am. All meetings will be held in the school library and you are all welcome to come and have your say.



During these sessions I will discuss the learning direction, resources needed to promote learning opportunities and the digital tools that we will be using starting 2015. Te Awamutu Primary School will be using more computer hardware and software to enhance learning and these changes are ready to be shared with you. At these meetings my purpose will be to discuss

- computer use...
- the tool – Chromebooks and iPads
- future stationery list items (voluntary purchasing plans)
- strength based classes that will be operating across Syndicate 3 and 4 next year
- how we will report to you about your child's learning?
- digital citizenship and cyber safety
- survey feedback regarding technology use

Reminders:

- Please diary the Parent Meetings: Wednesday 15th October at 5:30pm, Thursday 16th October at 3:30pm and Friday 17th October at 9:30am.
- Dads' and Sons' Breakfast 5th December sponsored by ANZ Bank
- Parent Evening and feedback sessions with Gareth

This term we also welcome to the TAPS family two new teachers for Term 4: Mr Gareth Cox - Room 17 and Mrs Tracy Hopewell - Room 5.

A great site for parents to visit: <http://www.parents.education.govt.nz/>

If you have a concern or complaint that you would like to have addressed please visit our web site and follow the TAPS procedures: http://www.taps.school.nz/62/file_sets/17-policies-and-procedures

Regards

Gareth Duncan

Principal

Please read: important information.

If you are aware of anyone living in or **out of zone** who intends to enrol their child at Te Awamutu Primary in 2015, enrolment forms are available at the school office as well as all out of zone enrolment information along with expression of interest forms are found on our school website.

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.**



Year 5 & 6 Camp

A reminder that all camp invoices must be paid by Friday October 31st.

Term 4 Bus Tags

Can be paid for at the office NOW. Payments due by Friday 24th Oct
NO TAG - NO RIDE

On Sunday 5th October TAPS had 14 students participate in the Commando Challenge at Flagstaff in Hamilton. This was a fun event offered as part of the Hamilton Half Marathon. The students were asked to run 1.5 km in which they had to complete challenges such as balance beams, climbing under nets and hurdles. The weather held out for us and a fun morning was had by all. Congratulations to all those students who took part.

McDonalds Kihikihi Speedway Fireworks Spectacular

THIS SATURDAY - RACING
STARTS AT 6PM

KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Thursday Twilight Touch

Starts Thursday 16th October
At Te Awamutu Sports

Te Awamutu Miniball Competition

Starts Wed 22nd October.
Teams & dates tba

NOODLE TUESDAY

Beef or Chicken Noodles - \$2
- starts again next Tuesday

SYNDICATE 3 DISCO

Thursday 23rd Oct
Notice going home tomorrow

Build a great family team
and have fun on the way!

Toolbox Parenting Groups

Join a Toolbox Parenting Group
Whatever stage you are at a Toolbox group will give you the confidence to be the best parent you can be and have fun on the way

BUILDING AWESOME WHANAU (0-12YRS) DAYTIME COURSE

Starting Tuesday 21st October 2014
9.30 - 11.30am

@ Te Awamutu Primary School
For 6 weeks - Subsidies available
TWEEN/TEENS EVENING COURSE

Starting Wednesday 22nd October 2014
7.30 - 9.30 pm

@ Lighthouse Room, St Andrews Church Complex,
Mutu St, Te Awamutu
For 6 weeks - Subsidies available

To register or for more info contact
Pat Schwass 07 871 7394 or 0211 223 803
Lesley Egglestone 0223 863 361

Te Awamutu Primary School

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8.15am - 3.30pm

Uniform Room Hours

Wednesdays only 8.15am-9am

Orders can be left at the office outside of these hours

TERM TIME ONLY

Lunch Orders

Mon, Wed & Fri only - orders must be made at the office BY 9am

STUDENT MESSAGES

Emergency messages for students must be phoned or texted to the school office by 2pm



