



TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

19 November 2014



PRINCIPALS CORNER – Term 4 – Week 6

Our busy and exciting term continues...

Last week we celebrated with Commonwealth Games and NZ Number 1 Squash player Joelle King. Following is the link to the article on the Squash Waikato website in relation to Joelle's visit: <http://www.squashwaikato.co.nz/content/Teawamutuhaveago/280.aspx> Also, here is the link to the Squash Waikato Facebook page photo albums so you can view the photos of the day: https://www.facebook.com/squashwaikato/photos_stream?tab=photos_albums

Digital Learning Opportunities - We are offering more workshops for parents to attend and talk with us about digital learning opportunities for our children. Below is an outline of the next workshop; you are all more than welcome to attend this session:

- Cyber Safety and Digital Citizenship – Workshop No 3 – *In the school library we will explore, show and share the Cyber Safety curriculum and talk about the fears, challenges and the steps we will take to work with cyber safety and the internet. We will also discuss the google chrome account that your child has if they are in Syndicate 3 and 4. **This workshop will be held on: Tuesday 25th November @ 3.30am – 4:30pm max.** The Common-sense Media website has a new link to a parent concern page. It covers: Screen time, Cyber bullying, Privacy and Internet Safety, Social Media and Learning with Technology* -<https://www.common sense media.org/parent-concerns>

Please note that we are responding to the feedback from our recent survey where parents indicated they wanted to have quick, on-going, regular and accurate communication about things happening at school; a key frustration that many of you shared in the survey was around information being accurate and timely. We have come up with two solutions:

- Our school Facebook site
- Emailing all updates, newsletters and changes that might occur at school for a number of reasons.

Mufti Day last week – A huge thank you for the efforts made to dress up and we apologise for not mentioning what the funds would be going to. The donations that we received during last week's mufti day was - \$322 and this money will go towards the repair of our gazebos which were recently damaged in high winds at our cross country day. Thank you for your on-going supports.



Our TAPS Unsung Hero – Alison Armstrong receiving her award from the Mayor. Thank you for all your work and support of Te Awamutu Primary School, Alison. "Alison is a strong candidate for this award because.....she has given her time voluntarily to Te Awamutu Primary for over 10 years and has never missed a day of work. She is our silent angel, putting books away after teachers have used them, running and manning the road patrol morning and afternoons at the school. Alison is always serving others and she is a community's example of a 'giver'. Alison can be found on a daily basis working for others, giving!"
Alison - she certainly was a worthy recipient.

I have recently said farewell to Mrs Hardy (Our Library Manager) who is pursuing a new career option. Thank you Diane for your 22 years of service to TAPS.

Regards

Gareth Duncan

Principal

Welcome Elijah-Blue and Quin into Syndicate 1. Kahliel and Sequioa in Syndicate 3 and welcome Lezayne to Syndicate 4.

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.**

We had a large number of students who took part in last weekends "Round the Bridges" fun run/walk in Hamilton. They competed in both the 2kms and 6kms. Also to those that participated in the recent Maunga Challenge, you should all be proud of yourselves.

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NOODLE
TUESDAY
Beef or Chicken
Noodles - \$2
Tuesdays
Morning Tea time

As per the Ministry of Health guidelines, it is recommended that if your child has been sick, they should not return to school until 24 hours after vomiting. If your child has been feeling unwell, please keep them home until they have fully recovered. This also helps to reduce the spread of bugs.

If you have already updated your email address with us, we have sent you a copy of this fortnight's newsletter.

Please check your inbox.

The consensus of our recent parent survey was to utilise our parent database. If you haven't and you wish to update or let us know your email address, you can email office@taps.school.nz so we can add it to your child/rens profile.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Last day for orders will be this Friday. If you are requiring orders for Christmas presents, we are able to hold these at the office for you to collect at any time.

Please take orders straight to Sue or Kim.

SYNDICATE 1 & 2 ATHLETICS

This Friday (21st Nov)

11am - 2.45pm on the back field.

Please remember a sunhat, sunblock, morning tea, lunch and plenty of water.

SYNDICATE 3 & 4 CAMP 2014

What a fantastic week our seniors had at Camp Adair. We would like to thank parents for their support towards our fundraising efforts throughout the year, to bring down the costs of buses etc. A special thank you goes to those parents that were able to accompany our students at camp. The top block is still abuzz with camp stories.

As some of you are aware, this year we were able to give daily updates via our Facebook page of the days happenings during this time.

Inter-schools Athletics

Students will be notified if they have been selected to represent TAPS at the Inter-school Athletics on Tuesday 2nd December. A notice will go home with these students shortly

For any of your Chromebook and technology needs, visit www.pbtech.co.nz. Sign up using teawamutu as the promotional code to receive discounts. Also visit Noel Lemming, Te Awamutu for your appliance and technology needs this Christmas.

WHATS THE HAPS AT TAPS ... TERM 4 CALENDAR

Every Wednesday – Years 1 – 6 miniball – please check the website for playing times and venues.

Every Thursday – Junior Touch – This is held at Te Awamutu Sports.
Yrs 3 & 4 play at 4.15pm – Yrs 5 & 6 at 4.45pm

Assemblies

Syndicate 1 – Mondays – 2.30pm

Syndicate 2 – Thursdays – 2.30pm

Syndicate 3 – alternate weeks with Syndicate 4 – every Friday 2pm

PMP

Every Tuesday & Thursday at 11am in the hall.

November

Friday 21 – Syndicate 1 & 2 Athletics

SYNDICATE 4 ASSEMBLY – PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME OF 1.45PM.

Tuesday 25 – League Tag Tournament - TBC

Thursday 27 – Road Patrol Thank You Day

December

Tuesday 2 – Interschool Athletics

BOT Meeting

Friday 5 – Fathers & Sons Breakfast

Monday 8 – Y6 TAI Orientation Day

Friday 12 – Whole School Showcase - TBC

Saturday 13 – Te Awamutu Christmas Parade

Monday 15 – Y6 Graduation

Tuesday 16 – Learning Journeys, Reports & Class Placements go home

Wednesday 17 – Last Day of Term

ALL DATES AND EVENTS ARE ALSO POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE..

Like our FACEBOOK page for what's haps at TAPS.

Keep preview and continue

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