



# TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'



1<sup>st</sup> April 2015

Welcome to Week 9.

It will be with pleasure, that we welcome Mrs Sharon Griffiths to our staff in Term 2. Sharon will take up the position of Deputy Principal. Sharon currently lives in Tuakau and will be relocating over the holidays to live locally with her family. Sharon's husband Mike is a mechanic and they have two young boys, Connor, 3 years and Hunter, 5 months. I know you will all introduce yourselves and make Sharon feel very welcome here at TAPS.

Thank you all for taking the time to attend the Syndicate showcases that have taken place over the past two weeks. It has been a great opportunity for you to share in your child's learning, whilst also allowing them the opportunity to be proud of their achievements. This term has been extremely busy with a diverse range of class trips and different sporting events. Classes have visited Hamilton Gardens, Karapiro, Jump, Maungatautari and Raglan beach. It is with your help that our students are able to enjoy these activities. Sspecial thanks for your support.

The students of TAPS have competed in wide range of sporting events this term and have at all times displayed our school values. Swimming sports & displays were held earlier this term in the warmer weather. Our year 5 & 6's competed against other schools in our first annual TAPS 7's tournament; we would like to thank St Colombus, Korakonui and St Patricks for the 'fun' day. TAPS played a nail biting final and came away with the win. Congratulations. Touch Rugby finished last week at Te Awamutu Sports. All of our teams showed great sportsmanship and TAPS Supers were lucky enough to win the Year 5 & 6 grade which went into extra time. Te Awamutu Tigers Miniball league has its finals tonight; we have many teams playing for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in each grade. Good luck to you all. Te Awamutu Primary was lucky enough to have Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 duathlons held here at school in week 7. Other schools came and competed and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the competitors and winners.

I would also like to acknowledge our breakfast sponsor from last weeks Dads and Daughters breakfast, Deb & Deni Vanin at Te Awamutu Glass. Our breakfasts are a great way for us all to celebrate collegially and reflect on other achievements, especially those of our guest speakers. Thank you again Deb & Deni for your continued support.

Next term we have a Teacher Only Day on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June. This is the Friday of the National Fieldays. Most schools around the Te Awamutu district will be closed for learning on that day.

On behalf of myself and staff, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable break. We will look forward to seeing you again at the start of Term 2, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

If you have a concern or complaint that you would like to have addressed, please visit our web site and follow the TAPS procedures: [www.taps.school.nz](http://www.taps.school.nz).

As social media is fast becoming the quickest way of communication, TAPS has created a Facebook page which is updated regularly with events, cancellations and generally what's happening around our school.

*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 first intake for Term 2 is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. This is for those wanting to start at Te Awamutu Primary between Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.

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 or see our website for further enrolment periods.

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

**TE AWAMUTU SQUASH JUNIOR'S NIGHT**

Junior club nights start on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April and will run every Monday night during Term 2 & 3. It is a fun night for all juniors and is a great opportunity to develop skills through coaching.

Years 3 & 4 – 5.30-6.15pm

Years 5 & 6 – 6pm-7pm

Years 9 + - 7pm – 8pm

Membership fees are \$100 and coaching is included during junior club nights. Bring along non-marking shoes, drink bottle and a squash racquet if you have one.

Queries to Scott Hill 0275 656 982

**School Fees & Consumables Levy**

2015 invoices were sent home recently. School fees are set at \$50 per child, \$90 for two children and \$120 for 3 or more children. The consumables levy is set at \$15 per child.

**Children's Talent Quest**

Pirongia School are holding a Children's talent quest that will cover 3 categories.

Starting Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April at the

Pirongia Clydesdale Café.

Juniors 3-7 years

Intermediate 8-12 years

Seniors 13-16 years

Children can sing, dance, play an instrument or perform a skit. You are to supply your own instruments, backing tracks or props to perform your chosen act. We do have sound equipment, mixers and a microphone for your use. Auditions will be over a six week period ...

Juniors 5-6pm

Intermediate 6-7pm

Seniors 7-8pm

Please contact Lee on 07 8719444 or 027 463 3536 for inquiries and a registration form. Please leave a message and Lee will get back to you as soon as she can.

Good luck to all our Miniball teams in Tonights finals



*TAPS like to thank Tracy Fleming, our schools energizer from Sport Waikato. We have all enjoyed having you here and have enjoyed your help with sport & nutrition. Tracy has been our Energizer for a number of years and will leave us this term. We wish you all the best in your next endeavour.*

