



## Te Awamutu Primary School



On Tuesday, 12 May, 2015, Hekia Parata, Minister of Education visited Te Awamutu Primary School. Of 3,000 primary schools across New Zealand, Mrs Parata had heard about the strengths based, passion classrooms that Syndicate 4 operate and had requested this visit. Mrs Parata met the Year 6 Leaders before visiting Rooms 19, 20 and 21, and stopping in at the TAPS107.6FM studio. Many students were able to share their learning and the opportunities the passion classrooms have provided for them. Room 21 performed a musical number and Mrs Parata sat with students who conducted an impromptu, informal interview.

### From the students.....

#### Dani Johnston

I talked to Hekia Parata about my learning at TAPS. I told her what I did in class and what projects we have and how we accomplish them. We talked about how in Room 20, as well as the normal curriculum, we have a background of multi media. I told her how we use the equipment we have and how it makes learning easier. Hekia was interested in the P.E shirts we designed and marketed and our preparation for the Kihikihi Speedway Derby.



#### Cameron Tonihi

I met Hekia Parata and talked to her about my learning and how we work in Room 19. As my class is the sports room, she was interested about my sport and what I play. She was really impressed with Room 19 and how we work because we learn with our passion... sport.

Kindest regards



Gareth Duncan  
Principal

