



TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'



6 April - Week 10 Term 1 2016.

Hi TAPS Family

Welcome back to the penultimate week of the term. Included in this newsletter is a Road Safety message and also new guidelines for the safe use of the school crossing, beginning in Term 2. Please read the attached sheet in this newsletter. We look forward to your support in modelling road safety outside our school. Thank you everyone in advance.

Respect is our virtue this week:

Goal: To encourage the children to accept challenges and risk failure in learning new skills and attempting untried activities.

- i. I will try new things... (Syndicate 1 and 2)
- ii. I will try new things even when I feel scared... (Syndicate 3 and 4)

Reminders:

- School term dates for next term: **Term 2** - Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July (10 weeks) and **Term 3** - Monday 25th July - Friday 23rd September (9 weeks)
- Pre-enrolments to TAPS. Please get your pre-school child's enrolment form in as early as possible before their starting date. This allows us to organise class visits so your child can settle smoothly into school.
- Wednesday Wonderland starts, Term 2, Week 2, 1.45pm in Room 6 with Di Gudsell. All 4 ½ year olds are welcome to attend if they are enrolled at TAPS.

Before school safety

All children are able to access their classrooms at TAPS from 8:30am. If children are earlier than that to school, they are to wait quietly on the deck outside rooms 5 and 6. This area is **not supervised** by teachers before 8:30am as they are preparing for their instructional teaching day. Please do not drop your child at school before this time thinking (they will be supervised). Morning school care (Oscar and WINZ approved and financially supported programme) is available to all TAPS families and opens for breakfast and monitoring of the children from the hall every day at 7.00am. Please see the Office for enrolment forms if you would like to access this programme.

Uniform

The uniform room is open every Wednesday morning from 8.15 - 9am in the school hall. We have lots of stock on hand, including the compulsory school bucket hats for \$10 each. If you wish to place an order outside these hours, please leave your order form at the office and the uniform items will be delivered to your child's classroom. EFTPOS is available.

PLEASE NOTE: Hats are available for purchase from the office at any time.

Our school safety problem:

TAPS has a road safety issue and we need your help. We are implementing a new system for dropping off and picking up children from school.

This new approach is about responding to the safety of your children and the near misses that we have witnessed with both children and adults crossing on Teasdale Street.

Context:

New Zealand's new **Health and Safety Act** came into effect on Monday 4th April. It is no longer acceptable for the teaching staff and principal to have to witness the near misses and see people not following safe road crossing practices. Work Safe NZ states that there must be every effort made for safety of all children on site, or leaving the site.

These are the areas that are a cause of major safety concerns:

- Top end of Teasdale Street (close to the top block) – children and parents crossing from the opposite side and also those going down to Princess Street
- Children are starting to run across the road themselves and are not looking for traffic. They run from the school property to meet parents on the other side of the road, or as recently witnessed, to a parent sitting in the vehicle yelling at the child to come across the road.
- Bottom end of Teasdale Street parents are crossing students away from the patrolled zone. Children are again running across the road to head down Jacobs Street (the road to Fresh Choice/Magill's etc.).

Concerns we have for vehicles:

- Double parked outside school and getting children to get into car while traffic is waiting behind you.
 - Parking on the yellow lines and parking in the bus bay.
 - Parking across driveways along Teasdale street.
 - Parking on the corner of Princess Street, making it difficult for the buses to turn down Princess Street.
 - Parking too close to pedestrian crossings.
 - Doing 'U turns' very close to the patrolled zone or on Princess Street.

These are all unsafe practices and the Board of Trustees has asked the Te Awamutu Police to ticket any motorists who break any of these laws. No more warnings will be given by school staff outside the school gate.

Solutions to safe road use starting Term 2 are:

- All children (and adults) crossing Teasdale Street MUST use the school crossing between 8.30am – 9.00am, and 2.55pm – 3.15pm or when the crossing is staffed.
- Children are not to cross the road outside school by themselves outside the times above.
- Vehicles are not to park in the school bus bay, on yellow lines or double park to pick up or drop off children.
- No vehicles are to come up the back entrance (Bank Street) to drop children off (including in wet weather). This is for staff vehicles, emergency vehicles, courier and contractor vehicles. Children must be dropped at the gate and use the footpath provided, to keep them safe.

There will be teaching staff on duty watching these areas and making you aware of the risks. The Te Awamutu Police will be supporting our campaign for safer road use commencing day one Term 2.

Please use the school crossings at all times. This initiative is for the safety of YOUR children.

Thank you



Gareth Duncan
Principal

STEPS Information:

- Classroom teachers are beginning to use this individualised programme as part of their reading rotations as it has numerous literacy based activities that students are able to access.
- If students are signed up and have paid their fee, then are able to access their learning at home and follow up on the activities; such as their weekly spelling words. This is available for any device where you have internet access at home.
- Next Term, our STEPS expert, Chris West, will be not only working with groups in Room 6, but will be rotating through classrooms to assist individual or groups of students who have signed up with this programme. If you have individual queries prior to this time, you can make an appointment to see Mrs West during school hours.
- Next term we are planning on having an information evening on how your child can benefit from having access to StepsWeb at school and at home.

Syndicate 1 Showcase:

Monday 11 April at 2.15pm in the hall followed by a walk-through of the classrooms to view your child's work.

Phone Book Delivery:

Thank you to the families and friends of TAPS who helped deliver the phone books. We have completed all the streets and country roads except the main CBD from z station to z station. If there is anyone who could help complete this area before the holidays it would be hugely appreciated.

Extra Uniform Room Opening:

Our fully stocked Uniform Room will be open on the last Friday of the holidays, April 29th from 12pm-2pm. As the weather is cooling down, we are now fully stocked with polar sweats, socks, tights, jackets etc. Cash, cheque and eftpos available.

Pita Pit Lunch – Friday

Orders must be placed in the purple Pita bin which is in the office and MUST be received by Thursday 3pm. Extra order forms can be collected from the office.

Thank you

Syndicate 3 and 4 would like to sincerely thank all parents and caregivers that were able to help out at our recent swimming sports. Your help in appreciated.

Maniapoto / Localised Curriculum Consultation hui tomorrow night Thursday, 7th April.

Purpose: What do we want our TAPS learners to know, do and be when they leave our kura? What experiences would they need in order to achieve this?

Venue: Te Awamutu Primary School Inquiry Centre

Time: 6.30-7.30pm.

Tamariki: Tamariki are welcome and will be supervised during our hui.

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 second intake for Term 2 is Friday 29th April 2016. This is for those wanting to start at Te Awamutu Primary between Monday 6th June and Friday 8th July 2016.

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.**

Parenting Roadshow

Raising happy, confident and resilient children with Jenny Hale.
Monday 11 April 7.30-9pm at North End Church, 1310 Racecourse Road.

Cost - \$5

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EGG CUSTARD!

Custard is a good choice if you're having dessert.

- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp honey
- 1/4 tsp vanilla essence

Whisk all ingredients together. Stir over a very low heat until the custard coats the back of a spoon. Serve hot or cold with fruit.



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THE SAFE & HAPPY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The April holidays are almost here and once again we are offering a fun filled programme, running from Te Awamutu Primary School. We have loads planned including trips to Paradise Valley, Bowling, Action World, De Bretts Hot Pools, The Narrows Christian Camp, the cinemas & pools. Also numerous interesting onsite days....

If you would like a programme call Laille on
027 727 8521 or email info@safeandhappyclub.co.nz



PLEASE NOTE - FOR THOSE THAT QUALIFY, WE HAVE THE WINZ SUBSIDY AVAILABLE.



In our reading and writing we have been learning about narratives. We have enjoyed reading about characters and creating some of our own.

Today, Syndicate 3 had a 'Narrative Day' where children dressed as their favourite book characters. Pictured are Rapunzel, Maleficent, the Joker, The Mad Hatter, Harry Potter, Hermione, Snow White, Modern day Mad Hatter and Pocahontas. The teachers are Miss Frizzle, The Cat in the Hat, Ariel and a Fairy Princess.

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