



TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'



4 May - Week 1 Term 2 2016.

Welcome back to Term 2. We would also like to welcome to the TAPS family all 11 new students whom started at TAPS this week, and to their extended families. I look forward to working collaboratively to support all of your children to be the best they can be by developing their learning, and growing their strengths. It is a privilege to be working in partnership with students and families, and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a successful and rewarding term.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all grandparents (or any significant family member) next **Friday 13th May**. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to share with your grandchild/ren at 1pm. From 1.30pm all grandparents are welcome to join us in the hall for a cup of tea and cake. Following this, we invite them to go into the classrooms to view the children's learning. If children leave early they must be signed out at the office and teachers must be informed of an early departure. We look forward to sharing our school with your extended family.

Throughout the term, we are pleased to be bringing to you soon a series of 4 "Reading Together Workshops". If you would like to be able to support your child's reading and know what we do in school, then these workshops are for you. More information will be posted soon. For immediate information please see myself or Sharon Griffiths.

Care and Concern is our virtue this week:

Goal: To develop positive relationships between teachers and pupils and foster a willingness amongst children to be kind, thoughtful and to consider the needs of others before themselves. This value embodies kindness, consideration, empathy and compassion.

- i. **I am kind to everyone. (Syndicate 1 and 2)**
- ii. **I look after the feelings of everyone. (Syndicate 3 and 4)**

Reminders:

- Bus tags and all bus information can be attended to at the Office. Please do not hesitate to call us if you need any clarifications. Tags are due for payment by this Friday 6th May. No tag – no ride.
- 13th May – Grandparents afternoon from 1pm to 3pm
- 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 enrolling at TAPS.

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

Tune into – 107.6 TAPS FM "...your education station"

Before school safety

All children are able to access their classrooms at TAPS from 8:30am. If children arrive earlier than that to school, they 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 in 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. If you wish to place an order outside of 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.



STEPS Information:




- Classroom teachers are beginning to use this individualised programme as part of their reading rotations because it has numerous literacy based activities that students are able to access.
- If students are signed up and have paid their fee of \$10, then are able to access their learning at home as well 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.
- Our STEPS expert, Chris West, will not only be 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 queries prior to this time, you can make an appointment to see Mrs West during school hours.
- Later this 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.

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 Term 3 intake is Friday 17th June 2016 at 3pm. This is for those wanting to start at Te Awamutu Primary between Monday 25th July and Friday 23rd September 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.**

<p>FREE HEARING CLINIC Friday 6th May 9am – 2pm (closed 12pm-1pm) At St Patricks School (entry via Rewi Street)</p>	 <p>Bus Tags Due Friday 6th May No tag - no ride</p>	<p>School Fees, Consumables Levy & Hapara Dashboard 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. Hapara Dashboard is \$7 for each student Years 3- 6. A \$10 Steps fee also applies.</p>	<p>Netball Fees Are now overdue \$50 (Saturday players) \$20 (Wednesday skills sessions, paid directly to the TA Netball Association)</p>
<p>Grandparents Day Friday 13th May</p> 	<p>Syndicate 4 Disco Thursday 19th May 6-7.30pm In the hall \$5 per ticket (available every morning from Mr C in Room 19 SYNDICATE 4 STUDENTS ONLY</p>	<p>MARRZIPAN DRAMA Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking? Do they find it difficult to make eye contact? Come & join Marzipan. We run awesome drama classes which focus in key life skills in Room 19 at lunchtimes every Monday in Term 2.</p>	<p>Toolbox Parenting Groups Building awesome whanau (0-12years) Daytime Course. Starting Tuesday 10th May 9.30-11.30 at Te Awamutu Primary. To register or for more information: Pat Schwass 0211223803 or Lesley Egglestone 0237866670</p>
<p>MAD COW DRUMS Lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons at 3pm in Room 16. Cost per student \$11.75 + GST. No drums required. Ring Glenn to book a space 021 2020 269 madcowdrums@ihug.co.nz</p>	<p>TAPS 107.6FM "Your education station" Broadcasting daily from Te Awamutu Primary</p>	<p>FACEBOOK Like our TAPS Facebook page and get weekly updates, sports draws, photos and what's happening around our school.</p>	<p><i>Mother's Day</i> Sunday 8th May</p> 

**FRESH CHICKEN EGGS - \$5 DOZEN (\$3 HALF DOZEN)
PLEASE SEE THE ENVIRO WARRIORS IN ROOM 17**