



**18 May – Week 3 - Term 2 2016.**

Hi to all of our children, parents, caregivers and friends of TAPS. The Board of Trustees would like to keep you informed of what's happening at board level and every month or so we will try and give you some updates. Last night we had our first meeting for Term 2, some highlights we would like to let you know about are:

1. We have our Education Review Office (ERO) visit in July, the whole school is busy preparing themselves for the review. This is and will be a very busy time for all of our management, staff and teachers.
2. Your children would have come home with notices to sell chocolates this term. Our major fundraising drive this year is to raise funds to resurface the two asphalt courts that all of our children use. If you can we would love any help you can give your children with this fundraising, thank you in advance!
3. The board identified a couple of strategic points that we would like to work on this year. One of these is to increase the involvement of the school community. Some of you may have noticed that we do not have a school PTA and haven't had for a couple of years now. A PTA is a very important part of the school community, they can help us with organising events, fundraising, supporting families in times of need etc. At the moment much of this work falls to the teachers, support staff, management and the board. We would love more help as there is only so much that these busy people can do. If there is anyone out there who is wanting to help out in our school community please let us know; talk to me, your child's teacher, or Gareth Duncan. Any help is gratefully received.

Thanks for reading and thank you in advance for your help with the above initiatives.



Debbie Scott  
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

### **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.

### **Children's Absences**

It is school policy that you notify the Office: 8715378 before 9am daily if your child is going to be absent. Our school mobile phone can be texted with a message as well: 0212760505. We thank you all for your support in keeping children safe. Our office staff will call you by 9.30am if your child is not in class, or if we haven't heard from home.

### **Wednesday Wonderland**

All 4 ½ year olds that have been pre-enrolled are welcome to attend. This is held in Room 6 with Mrs Gudsell. Wednesday Wonderland starts at 1.45pm.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 3pm. This is for those wanting to start at Te Awamutu Primary between Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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><b>Sausage Sizzles every Friday in Term 2 for ALL students. Starting NEXT Friday (27<sup>th</sup> May) \$2 Sausage \$1 Juicie</b></p> <p>Fundraising for Term 4 Senior Camp</p>	<p><b>Syndicate 4 Disco</b> Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 6-7.30pm In the hall \$5 per ticket available every morning from Mr C in Room 19</p> <p>SYNDICATE 4 STUDENTS ONLY</p>	<p><b>School Accounts are overdue</b></p> <p>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>Thank you to all our visitors on Grandparents day, we enjoyed having you.</p> 
<p><b>Lucky Book Club</b> Last day for orders is this Friday, we cannot accept orders after this date.</p>	<p><b>Hell Pizza</b> Congratulations to Johanna &amp; Ruth for completing the first Hell Pizza Reading Challenge</p>		<p><b>WHANAU HUI</b> Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 6-7pm In the staffroom Bring some kai to share</p>
 <p>A big thank you to Grant Redshaw for helping our junior beekeepers</p>	<p><b>BOT ELECTIONS NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT NOON.</b></p> 	<p><b>TALOS presents Oliver!</b> Showing from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets available from i-Site</p> 	<p><b>MARRZIPAN DRAMA</b></p> <p>Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking? Do they find it difficult to make eye contact?</p> <p>Come &amp; join Marzziipan. We run awesome drama classes which focus in key life skills in Room 19 at lunchtimes every Monday in Term 2</p>