



12 August – Week 3 – Term 3 2016.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Welcome to week 3. It has been a busy, active and fun filled week at school with many learning opportunities and activities related to the Olympic Games. We are as well preparing for our school cross country and the BP technology challenges in Syndicate Two. Thank you to all those who supported their child's learning by attending Parent Interviews. It was such a valuable time for our staff to meet with you all. If you were not able to attend, you can contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.

Unfortunately, on Tuesday of week 2 we had a sewage blockage at school which resulted in the closure of the new entrant playground and a late night task for the plumbers as well as Manu, our caretaker.

We are monitoring our school water usage using Smart Water. There will be a sensor going on to one of the school's 4 water meters which will send information about the water processed through that meter every 15min for Room 17 or Matua Manu to track hence, if you see a small solar panel at the front of the school then this will explain the reason.

One of our generous families recently nominated TAPS as the school to receive a \$500 donation from Harcourts after the sale of their house with Viv and Tony Veal. We thank them for their support.

Keep up to date with events, cancellations and what's the haps at TAPS on our Facebook page.

Yours in Learning

Sharon Griffiths
Acting Principal

PITA PIT
NEXT FRIDAY
Order forms will go home on Monday
Please put order & **CORRECT** change in an envelope & put it in the purple Pita bin in the office.



Whakaahuatia Mai Returns to Waikato!

Taki Rua Theatre are proud to announce that mid-August they will be performing one week. Bringing te reo Māori theatre to schools between Waikato and Coromandel.

To celebrate the return of *Whakaahuatia Mai* to the Waikato home of it's writer, Kahu Hotere ...
Taki Rua will be hosting a FREE public show at:
Te Awamutu Primary School Hall
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Wednesday, August 24
Teasdale Street, Te Awamutu

Eleven year old Miharo is forced to cancel his birthday party after his kuia passes. His family must travel up north to their marae for her tangi, where Miharo meets his whānau for the first time.

Whakaahuatia Mai shows a moment of discovery for Miharo, a young boy learning the beauty of tikanga, the importance of tangihanga and the meaning of whakapapa.

Written in te reo Māori by **Kahu Hotere**
-Kahu is the mother of our very own Whaea Waimihi and nanny to Mahutonga in Room 12 - and directed by the esteemed **Nancy Brunning**.

A musical journey into the world of whanaungatanga, this show will entertain audiences of all ages, whether you speak te reo Māori or not!

The TAPS PTA will be holding a sausage sizzle for your rumbling tummies, especially thinking of whānau coming straight from work. All funds from the sausage sizzle will go towards the astro-turfing of our courts.

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PTA MEETING
Wednesday 17th August
7pm-8pm
In the TAPS staffroom

ALL WELCOME

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 4 intake is Friday 2nd September 2016 at 3pm. This is for those wanting to start at Te Awamutu Primary between Monday 10th October and Friday 16th December 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.**

Syndicate 2
BP Technology
Challenge



Ag Day – Tuesday 11th October 2016
This year it will be hosted by TAPS. More information will go home shortly
Or contact Mrs Picard in Room 17 for more information

Last day for Lucky Book Club Orders
Friday 19th August

Syndicate 4 Camp Adair – Tuesday 8th November to Friday 11th November 2016

Part payments can be made through the school office or via internet banking. We suggest you start making weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments to help with the final cost which is approx. \$235. Individual chocolate sales will also be taken off this amount along with the whole syndicates fundraising efforts through discos, sausage sizzles etc.

Camp Statements have been sent home this week.
You MUST include your child's name, room & camp as the reference if paying through online banking.

Term 3 – Monday 25th July to Friday 23rd September

Like our Facebook page for what's happening, events, cancellations. draws and much more ...

Whats Hot

- Newly formed PTA of enthusiastic parents & teachers. WHOOP WHOOP!!!
- TAPS Speech contest. My son Dom thought this was brilliant and it really made him think about what to put.
- The Olympic Games! Go NZ!!!!

Whats Not

- No Sausage Sizzle last week.
- Rain ☹

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Lessons will be on Tuesday afternoon at 3.00pm.

The cost per student is \$11.75 + GST/week. The lesson dates will run in conjunction with the school term.

Please feel free contact Glenn on 07 871-4738 or 021 2020269 to confirm a spot and get more details.

We will be offering a drum kit hire service. If this is of interest please do email us at madcowdrums@thug.co.nz.

Please note there is no requirement for a drum kit to begin these lessons!

If a student misses a lesson there will be no refunds on that lesson as the fee covers his or her placement for the term.

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