



12 October – Week 1 – Term 4 2016.

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you so much for making me feel so welcome at Te Awamutu Primary School. Starting my Principalship with a very special Powhiri was an amazing experience. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and striving '*together to achieve personal success*'.

I am extremely proud to be your Principal and am ready to embrace the leadership and learning at Te Awamutu Primary School: building learning capacity; providing purposeful, innovative and engaging learning experiences for our students; establishing strong relationships while pursuing excellence for all at Te Awamutu Primary School.

Seeing the huge smiles on all TAPS students faces every day is a direct reflection on how much they love our learning environment and the wonderful team at Te Awamutu Primary School.

It was fantastic to see a huge turnout for the Ag and Pet Day on Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Picard and Miss Marston for their leadership, initiative and lots of hard work to give TAPS the opportunity to host this event. All TAPS students loved the opportunity to see the lambs, calves and goats in action on the field and lots of our Ag animals were awarded winning ribbons. Classrooms were hives of activity with sand saucer creations, art and crafts, vegetable animals and pet rocks. Our guest judge, Alicia Cowan from The Funny Farm, was kept very busy in the hall with judging students' pets.

Our 'Friends of TAPS' team looked outstanding in their new team t-shirts on Ag / Pet Day. Special thanks to Image Apparel in Cambridge for sponsoring the team. Thank you to all of the parents/caregivers that donated baked goods to sell and provided lunch for our Ag Day judges. Thank you to the 'Friends of TAPS' team that baked, made coffees and cooked sausages. If you would like to join the team, please contact the school office.

Term 4 is a very busy term with lots of action packed learning opportunities across the school so please keep checking school bags for notices, the TAPS Facebook page, fortnightly newsletters and on your emails for all of the latest news.

Nga mihi nui

Craig Pentecost
Principal

SYNDICATE 4 CAMP ADAIR

Tuesday 8th November to Friday 11th November 2016

Camp statements have been sent home. You **MUST** include your child's name, room & camp as the reference if paying through internet banking. Camp payments are due by Friday 28th October.

BOOKFAIR

The Book Fair is coming to TAPS and you're invited! During week 3 we will be holding a book fair in the Inquiry Centre. Times we will be open for parent / community are as follows: Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th you can visit us between 8.30am - 9.30am or between 2.30pm - 4.00pm. And Thursday 27th the bookfair will be open all day from 8.30am - 4.00pm. Please come along and support this cause - The book fair enables parents and children to purchase quality books at reasonable prices and all purchases benefit our school! Eftpos and credit card payments will be accepted. There will also be a mufti day on Friday 28th - come dressed as your favourite book character.

(FREE MUFTI).

LOVE PIZZA?

The Hells Pizza Reading Challenge runs right up until mid-December - read 7 books and have them signed off on your pizza wheel and voila .. free pizza. See Karen in the Inquiry Centre if you haven't got a pizza wheel or would like another. Congrats Chloe Room 11 for finishing off her pizza wheel during the first week back at school!

Syndicate 1

The term started with an absorbing day of activities associated with Pet Day. Our Inquiry focus is 'Our Community' with the reciprocal nature of groups serving us and we serving them. We have planned walks to community services.

- Wednesday 12th Oct - Vetora
- Wednesday 26th Oct - New library (11am -1pm)
- Tuesday 8th Nov - Fire, Police & St Johns (11am - 1pm TBC)

We offer a special welcome to our new students and their families and already have enjoyed engaging with many parents, some with pets in hand.

Syndicate Leader - Mrs Di Gudsell

- Room 1 - Mrs Karen Sykes
- Room 2 - Mrs Karen Holland
- Room 3 - Mrs Maree Parkes
- Room 4 - Mrs Toni Densem

Syndicate 2

This term's big inquiry question is "Do they know it's Christmas Time?" It is a time where the students will be exploring the idea of 'Serving Others' and how this idea can look differently on an international, national, community and school and family level. Syndicate 2 students will be participating in:

- The annual Shoebox appeal (international)
 - Red Nose Day (national)
- Reverse Advent Calendar (community)
 - Buddy Seats @ TAPS (school)
 - Gifts are free (family)

Syndicate Leader - Mrs Kim Tautari-Scott

- Room 7 - Mrs Janette Gillespie
- Room 8 - Mrs Tammy May
- Room 9 - Mrs Kim Lester
- Room 10 - Mrs Vanessa Filer

Syndicate 3

Syndicate 3 have had a great start to Term 4 with the opening of Rooms 15/16. We have been watching the refurbishment of these two classrooms with excitement and look forward to being able to put them to good use especially with our Syndicate singing. This term, Syndicate 3 will be 'Serving Others' through the arts with drama, music/singing, dance and visual arts. We are looking forward to Book Fair and activities in week three.

Syndicate Leader/Room 12 - Miss Wendy James

- Room 5 - Miss Linda Woulfe
- Room 11 - Miss Charlotte Fraser
- Room 13 - Miss Michelle Galbraith
- Room 14 - Mrs Jane Ellis



Syndicate 4

Syndicate 4 has a huge term ahead, especially for our Year 6's as they transition to Intermediate. The first big event is Camp on the 8-11 November.

Next Tuesday we have our girls' night starting at 6pm in the library. This is a casual but informative evening for our growing girls. Next Wednesday is our information and instruction evening for all our camp helpers (Rm 19). Week 3 is book week and we are looking forward to celebrating our favourite authors and characters; some of our classes are also heading down to the new library. Syn 4 has also started training for athletics (Thursday 3rd Nov). This term is a busy one for us. Watch this space for updates.

Syndicate Leader/Room 20 - Mrs Davina Bron

- Room 17 - Mrs Kathryn Picard
- Room 18 - Mrs Joanne Dannock
- Room 19 - Mr Gareth Cox
- Room 21 - Mrs Tracy Hopewell
- Room 22 - Miss Atalya Marston

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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@iug.co.nz.

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