

26 October – Week 3 – Term 4 2016.

Kia ora koutou

It has been wonderful to meet so many delightful TAPS students and parents over the past 2 weeks. I am really enjoying working with the Te Awamutu Learning Community and excited about what the future holds for us all at TAPS.

This week's Book Fair is full of exciting learning opportunities for our students. Last Friday classrooms were full of straw as our students made scarecrows for the Book Fair competition to link with the 'Kiwi Country' theme. They look amazing so make sure you pop in to check them out in the Inquiry Centre. The Book Fair is on all week and will conclude with a whole school book character dress up day on Friday. Special thanks to Karen Nicholson for coordinating this week's activities.

To ensure all of our students stay safe while outdoors this term it is now compulsory for all students to wear their school hat. If students do not bring their hat to school, they have to stay in the designated area outside. Hats are available to purchase from the school office.

Next Friday all Year 4 students will attend the 'Year 5/6 Passion Class Expo'. This will help our Year 4 students gain an understanding of what happens across all passion classrooms in Syndicate 4 and will be led by our Year 5/6 students. After the expo all Year 4 students will bring home a notice for them to complete with an expression of interest as to what 'Passion Classes' they would like to be placed in for 2017.

Nga mihi nui

Craig Pentecost
Principal



News Brief

Syndicate 1

With book week upon us, it is a great time to celebrate reading and writing. The whole school has been inspired by our once local author, Sharon Holt, who shared her Te Reo stories along with her journey into publishing. On Friday we have another local author, Kat Mereweather, coming to share her stories. Karen Nicholson has utilised her creative skills to bring our Inquiry Centre alive with books and scarecrows. Don't miss the experience and bring others, like grandparents, along to share in it. Welcome to our new school students and their families and to those who are new to Wednesday Wonderland.

Syndicate 2

We have had a busy start to the term with Ag and Pet Day being a big success. The children enjoyed bringing in pets and making sand saucers. Last week we had our 'Hook-in' for Inquiry with our shoe box donations under our tree. Thank you to those families who have returned the boxes with small gifts for needy children in Fiji. This week is Book Fair week. We were lucky enough to have the author, Sharon Holt, come in to show us her new books that she has written. On Friday we have Kat Mereweather reading her books to us. Remember it is Term 4 and all children need to be wearing their school bucket hats every day.

Syndicate 3

It has been a great week so far with the celebration of our book fair. Make sure you visit the library to see our scarecrows. On Friday we have our book character dress up day where students can dress up as their favourite book character. I wonder who will come along the yellow brick road? We are looking forward to our visit to the new Te Awamutu Public Library and the Walk of Fame in the next couple of weeks. Watch out for the notice coming soon. Next week we have our Syndicate Three/Four athletics on Wednesday and then on Friday our Year 4's have the opportunity to experience the Syndicate Four Passion classes in action with the view of looking towards next year.

Syndicate 4

Syndicate 4's exciting and action packed Term is well underway. Students are beginning to investigate their Term 4 Inquiry topics in their classrooms and continue to actively engage in their curriculum learning. We are all looking forward to some of the special events that this term brings as we near the end of the school year. Please include the following on your calendars over the next 2 weeks.

Week 3

- Wednesday 26th - Amazing Race * Thursday 27th - Syndicate walk to the Te Awamutu Library- Book Week
 - Friday 28th - Character Dress Up Day - Book Week * Friday 28th - Touch tournament
 - Friday 28th - Last day for Camp Payment

Week 4

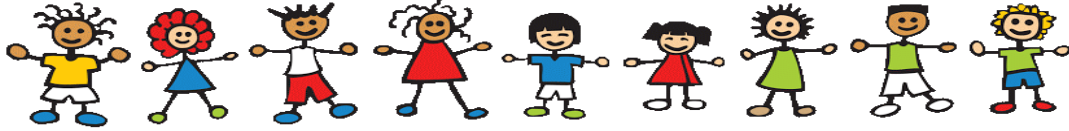
- Tuesday 1st - At Te Awamutu Intermediate - accelerate Testing * Wednesday 2nd - Athletics Day, Postponement Thursday 3rd * Wednesday 2nd - Edible Garden Workshop * Friday 4th - Room 20 Assembly

Thank you again for all of your amazing support.

It has been a brilliant year and we look forward to enjoying the remainder of Term 4.

Class Placement Letters for 2017

For all those parents new to our school this is an opportunity to put your thoughts in writing to the Principal and the Management team regarding the best placement for your child for the 2017 academic year. This is not a time to choose a certain teacher or the best friend that you would like your child with, but to share the learning, personal and social needs of your child. We compare your thoughts with that of the current teacher, and the syndicate leader. The teaching staff will make the best choice for your child based on the data and knowledge we have already. Please feel free to share your thoughts via letter or email format by **Week 5, Term 4 – Friday 11th November**. Classes do not have a teacher assigned to them until late December when we will notify you all via the school newsletter and your child's report.



The Book Fair is here ...

Our Inquiry Centre (Library) is open on Tues & Wed 8.30-9.30am & 2.30-4pm and Thursday 8.30am - 4pm for our community (parents & caregivers) to come and have a look at the amazing array of books on sale. Classes have also made some pretty amazing scarecrows for the scarecrow competition, so be sure to come check them out!



Book Character Mufti Day – Friday 28th October

Come dressed as your favourite book character. How creative can you be? Harry Potter, Where's Wally?, Cat in the hat, the ideas are endless. This is a free mufti to celebrate our Book Fair week.

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