



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to all of the new families that have joined TAPS this term. We are receiving steady enrolments for 2017 and we have begun the class placement process. If you know of any new families that are intending to enrol but have not done so, please remind them to contact the office as soon as possible. **The cut-off date for Term 1 2017 out of zone enrolments is Friday 9th December.**

As we draw closer to the end of the school year, it is timely to share some staffing changes for 2017. At the end of this year we farewell Linda Woulfe, Tracey Hopewell, Charlotte Fraser and Tammy May. Charlotte will head off overseas with Linda, Tracy & Tammy taking up teaching roles at different schools in Hamilton and the outer Cambridge area. On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to sincerely thank you all for the years of service and wish you all the very best in your new endeavours. In light of this, we are delighted to welcome new staff for 2017, Christie Millin, Taylor Ashley and Ana Stites. I know you will give them a warm and friendly TAPS welcome.

Our Year 5/6 students left for Camp Adair yesterday and to date, all reports from parent helpers & teachers, is that they are having an amazing time so far. Keep an eye of our Facebook page, there will be daily updates and pictures posted during the week.

On **Monday 12 December school will be closed for instruction.** School will be closed for a teacher only day so that all staff can be involved in professional development opportunities to shape learning programmes for our students in 2017. After school care will be open on this day to accommodate those who require care for the day. Keep in mind that numbers are limited and preference will be given to regular attendees. See Laille for further information and to make a booking.

The Board of Trustees is seeking your feedback via our Community Consultation. Information collated will give the BOT valuable information that will help guide the development of our School Charter. The Community Consultation form will be available to complete online via the TAPS website and Facebook page this Friday. There will also be a paper copy available at the school office. The Community Consultation will be open until Friday 25 November and any feedback is greatly appreciated.

Our Year 4/5 students enjoyed the first 'Passion Expo' last Friday. These students had the opportunity to visit the various passion classrooms in the Top Block and find out more about what is on offer in 2017. If y our child is in Y4 or 5 please remember to complete the Passion Choice form and return it to school by Friday 18 November.

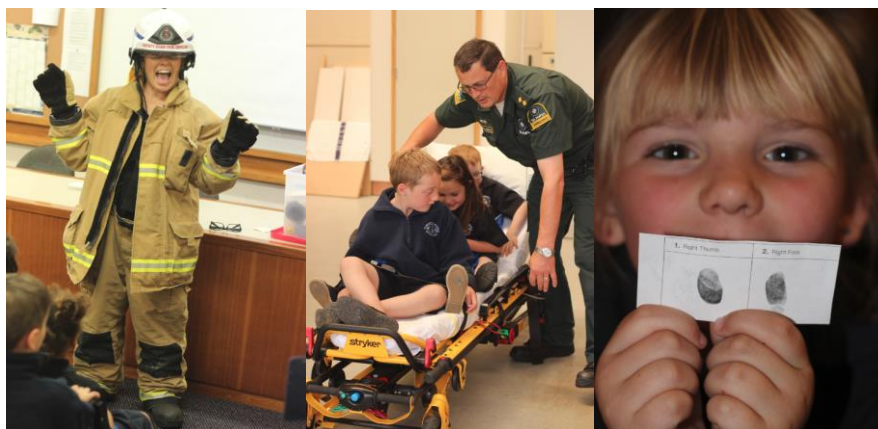
Nga mihi nui,  
Craig Pentecost



## News Brief

### Syndicate 1

As part of our inquiry around people who serve our community, Syndicate 1 children and helpers enjoyed an exciting visit to the Police, Fire and Ambulance Station this week. We were treated to a roller coaster ride on a stretcher at St Johns and had our fingerprints taken at the Police Station. Ms Holland pretended to be a fireman and stomped around in her huge boots! Thank you to all our helpers for making this trip possible. We learnt so much and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



### Syndicate 2

As part of our inquiry unit of Serving Others, Syndicate 2 students have been collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. These shoeboxes will be collected on Thursday and the items will be sent to less privileged children in Fiji.

Last week we were gifted four outdoor bench seats which will be painted and decorated before they are distributed throughout the school to be used as 'Buddy Benches'.

### Syndicate 3



Another busy week for Syndicate 3 students. This week we have had our trip to the new Te Awamutu Public Library and the Walk of Fame. A great time was had by all and our thanks go out to the parents who came along to help.

Our Syndicate 3 assemblies are held during odd weeks for Term 4 on Wednesdays at 2.15pm in the school hall. Come along and join us to celebrate the amazing learning going on in our classrooms! We will be running another Sausage Sizzle to raise money for Cure Kids as part of our Red Nose Appeal this Friday; orders are to be placed with the classroom teacher on Friday morning. Red Nose Day is Friday 18 November and will be a red muffin day as well as our 'Non-stop motion exercise day' fundraiser.

### Syndicate 4

"We are at camp" .... We are going to be climbing, tramping, raft building, and orienteering. On top of that, we will be doing a Burma Trail, and looking at Glow Worms. We have been practising camp skits for what is shaping up to being a VERY entertaining camp concert. We have an amazing team of parents to support us at camp and are thankful to Mr Cox who has worked tirelessly to organise camp for us.

## Class Placement Letters for 2017

This is an opportunity for you as parents/caregivers, to put your thoughts in writing to the Principal and the Management Team regarding the placement of 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 their syndicate leader. The teaching staff will make the best choice for your child based on the information you share, the data and knowledge we have already. Please feel free to send a letter or email; the closing date for these letters is **THIS FRIDAY - 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

# TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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Syndicate 3 & 4  
Inter Schools Athletics  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

**SYNDICATE 1 AND 2 ATHLETICS**  
**FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**STARTING AT 11AM**

**Syndicate 1 Final Xmas Singing Assembly**  
**Come along to sing Xmas carols with us**  
**Monday 28 Nov 2.30pm (tbc)**

**Syndicate 3 Final Assembly**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
**2pm**

Syndicate 2 Celebration of  
Learning Assembly  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

**Last day of school for 2016**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**1pm finish for all students**

### PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA

**We invite all parents and caregivers that have helped us over the past year to come along and have morning tea ... on us!**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10.40 in the hall.**

Save the date ...

**GRADUATION DAY!**  
**Year 6**  
**Graduation**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**December 6pm**



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We will be offering a drum kit hire service. If this is of interest please do email us at [madcowdrums@iug.co.nz](mailto:madcowdrums@iug.co.nz).

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