



7th December – Week 9 – Term 4 2016.

Kia ora koutou

I have had an amazing term as Principal of TAPS. I have really enjoyed getting to know the learning community and am excited about the learning opportunities for 2017 and beyond. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome and supported.

Our Board of Trustees, educators and support staff have had a very busy year and I would like to thank them for all they have contributed during 2016 to ensure that TAPS continues to provide exceptional learning experience and success for all.

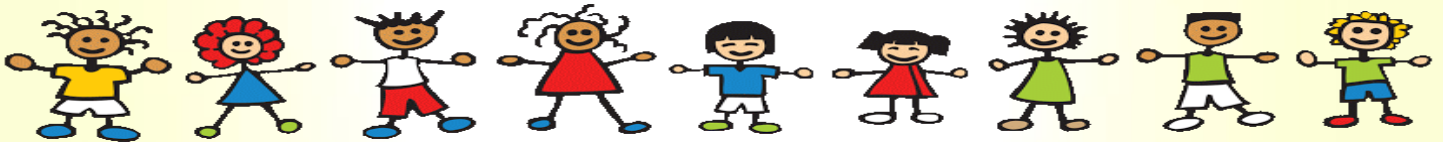
Student reports will be sent home next Thursday for all students. With the report, will also be your child's class placement for 2017. All students will have the opportunity to meet with their new class on Thursday afternoon from 12.30pm-1pm.

The staff have been working hard on their 'TAPS Christmas in the Park' item and are looking forward to the evening event on Thursday 15th December. As we head into the end of the year festivities, I hope that all of our students, whanau, and staff have the opportunity to enjoy some quality family time during the holiday period. School will officially close for the year on Friday 16th December at 1pm. Please remember to make arrangements to collect your child/ren from school.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

Craig Pentecost
Principal

**TEACHER ONLY DAY
MONDAY 12TH
DECEMBER**



Uniform Room 2017 opening hours

The uniform room will be open on Wednesday 25th January 3.30 - 6.30pm, Thursday 26th January and Tuesday 31st January 10am - 2pm. EFTPOS available.

We will also be holding a second hand uniform sale on Tuesday 31st January between 10am - 2pm. If you have any second hand uniform you would like sold please **label each item** with your name, contact mobile number and price. These items can be dropped into the office or uniform room before this date. The second hand uniform sale is **strictly cash only!**

The school office will be open for enrolments and queries on Wednesday 26th January from 3.30pm - 6.30pm also Thursday 26th January & Monday 31st January 10am - 2pm.

Kiwifruit Jam - \$5
Made by Room 5
Available at the office



**Chicken Holiday Home
Required**

We are looking for a holiday home for our school chickens & bantams over the school holidays. If you have suitable accommodation for a few chickens, please see Mrs Picard in Room 17. They are sure to give you a few eggs and are very friendly.

2nd generation Avalon Drive Xmas Tree Farm

OPEN 01 Dec
Mon - Fri 3:30 - 7:30
Sat - Sun 8:30 - 7:30

PIRONGIA CHRISTMAS TREES

Beautiful hand sheared trees
14 Owen Rd, Pirongia
PH 027 514 0342

EVERYDAY FOOD HEROES

AVOCADO

Avocados have minerals and good fats for a healthy heart. Try putting mashed avocado on crackers or toast for a yummy breakfast or lunch.

Developed by Sport Waikato

NEWS BRIEF



Syndicate 1 - As the year draws to a close, we would like to just say thank you to all our parents and caregivers for gifting us your children for the first year of their learning journey. We regularly celebrate the successes they have, as we strive each day to endeavour that each and every one reaches his, or her, potential.

We take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have afforded us, and wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Our final celebration will be "Christmas on the Park" - Thursday 15 at 5.00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Syndicate 2 - Wow, this year has gone fast! Syndicate 2 would like to celebrate all the fantastic learning of our wonderful students. We invite all our parents and caregivers to our 'Celebration of Learning Assembly' to be held 14th December starting at 2.15pm in the TAPS hall. We will be presenting the Athletics certificates at that Assembly to. See you all there. Look out for our beautiful 'Buddy Benches' around TAPS. We created them as part of our 'Helping Others' focus. Thanks to Mandy Curran, one of our TAPS parents, for organising the construction of these seats from recycled wood that came from Lake Ngaroto. Each Syndicate 2 class has had fun decorating the seats and then we each delivered them to a different Syndicate- a happy place for anyone to sit and reflect. Thank you to all our kind parents and caregivers who have donated grocery items for the Kainga Aroha box to help others in our community. We want to make a difference to people's lives so we will have pleasure delivering those goodies on Friday 9th December. Finally, all the Syndicate 2 teachers would like to say a huge "Thank you" to all our lovely class members and their families for a great year! We love your work!

Syndicate 3 have had a very busy last two weeks; no wonder the time has gone by very quickly. We have been busy practising for our end of year certificate assembly which was held this afternoon. Congratulations to all of our award winners. It is a sad time for us as we say goodbye to our Year 4's who move up to Syndicate 4 next year. Those students who have been chosen as Physical Activity Leaders (PAL) next year will be having their training on Thursday, 15th December. As our pool is heated and ready to go all students need to continue bringing their togs and towels on a daily basis. The Syndicate Three teachers wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Syndicate 4 - It has been incredibly busy time in Syndicate 4. Our year 6 students visited Te Awamutu Intermediate on Monday to meet their teacher for next year. Many of our students will be competing at the St Peter's Summer Games Tuesday 6th - Thursday 8th December. This is an annual event and is well supported. Best wishes to all our competitors. We are busy practising for our Year 6 Graduation Night next week.

Date: Tuesday 13th December

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Venue: Te Awamutu Primary School Hall.

Your child has received 2 tickets for you to attend their graduation. This is a very special night for them as it celebrates their last year at primary school.

NO CHILDREN OR SIBLINGS WILL BE ADMITTED ON THE EVENING, due to limited space in the hall.

Year 6 Graduation - Tuesday 13th December at 6pm in the hall.

Spaces are strictly limited

Syndicate 2
Celebration of
Learning
Assembly
Wednesday 14th
December 2pm

TAPS CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
Thursday 15th December 5pm (back field)
Food available to purchase: Hot chips, hot dogs, nachos, Sausage
Sizzle and a candy lane.
There will be a special performance by staff.
EVERYONE WELCOME