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TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary.....

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Tēnā koutou and welcome back to Term 4. Firstly, a huge welcome to our new families at Te Awamutu Primary School. It is great to have you on board.

We greet the new term excited about the learning that will take place and excited about the chance that we have to share the learning with you all. Our inquiry scope this term is titled: `Serving Others`. All our classes last term spent time thinking and planning to serve others this term by coming up with designs and products to sell at our School Gala on Thursday 23rd October. Please come along and support your children to sell their classes products. Raffles and food will be available on the night...everyone is welcome.

Our virtue for the beginning of this term is: 'Manners'

i. I always use good manners. (Syndicate 1 and 2)

ii. I am well mannered and I always treat others politely. (Syndicate 2 and 3)

Our Goal for this term is to develop positive relationships between teachers and pupils, encouraging our pupils to use the appropriate manners in all situations. Good manners require the use of politeness and courtesy at all times.

Indicators of success:

1. Adults and children in our school smile and greet one another.
2. All people are heard using the common courtesies – please, thank you, excuse me, may I
3. We see and hear children waiting patiently for their turn and not interrupting.
4. We hear people speaking considerately.
5. The feelings of others are protected.
6. People listen attentively to others.
7. People are asked to do things – not told.
8. People eat, speak and move graciously.

2009 Classroom placements:

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 during the 2009 academic school 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 their current teacher and the syndicate leaders. 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 format by Week 4 – Thursday 6th November.

Classes do not have the actual teacher assigned to them until late in December when we will notify the school community via the school newsletter. Your child's end of year report will have their class and learning level for 2009 on it.

Term Dates for 2009

Just letting our families know about the dates for 2009 and 2010. Please visit the school web site and find the dates

<http://www.taps.school.nz>

OUR School fundraiser – 'Dancing with the Te Awamutu Stars'

The purpose of this night is an entertainment fundraiser for our school, run by the teachers' here at TAPS. It is a night out for **adults** and tickets are available to the general public as well as TAPS families. The proceeds going to our children's education programmes. If you are able to support our night by helping with the set up that would be great. Please give me a call at school.

Gareth Duncan

Principal

School Notices...

Uniform

This term school HATS are a compulsory part of the school uniform. (Please ensure they are named)

Lunches

Thank you for your understanding about our tuck shop being closed for lunch orders over the past term. This has been due to unavailability of parents to help out on the roster. As of Monday 20th October we will once again be providing a lunch service for all children on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday's only**. Orders can be placed in your child's classroom between 8.30-8.55am on the relevant days. Please put the enclosed menu in a safe place. **There is no tuck shop at morning tea.**

School Banking

We start school banking this term with Westpac. Deposits can be dropped off at the office in a sealed envelope by Thursday each week. Forms to open an account at Westpac can be picked up from the office.

PTA News

We have our monthly PTA meeting **tonight at 7.30pm** in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

School Gala Thursday 23rd October 5pm to 7pm

Our children have made some fantastic creations to sell...PLEASE come along to support our children and the school PTA with this fundraiser.

Road Patrol

If there are any parents out there who are able to help out with road patrol duty in the mornings 8.25am to 8.55am or afternoons 2.55pm to 3.15pm, at the back gate, could they please leave their name at the school office.

Bus Tags for Term 4

Payment for Term 4 bus tags can be made at the office any time. The cost is \$30 per tag, eftpos is available. All children must have purchased a Term 4 tag by 17th October.

Agricultural Day

A great day was enjoyed by over 70 children at the combined Te Awamutu Schools Agricultural Day. Thank you for all the parent support. We thank LIC, Allied Grain and Farmlands for sponsoring prizes. It is our turn to organise Group Day next year. Thanks Jessie Monk.

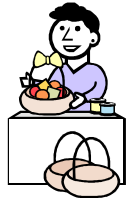
Super Hero Mufti Day 31st October in conjunction with the ANZ Bank. Gold coin donation for Plunket.

TEAM NOTICES

Syndicate One News

School Gala – thank you to those parents and caregivers that have signed our class rosters for helping out at the school gala on the 23rd October. Many of us still need a few more helpers, so if you can commit to half an hour or so, please see your child's teacher.

Class Raffle Prizes – each class is responsible for putting together a raffle prize for the school gala. Families are being asked to donate something for the raffle. Each class has their own 'theme' for a prize. Please watch out for a notice about this.



Syndicate Two News

Welcome back to the start of Term 4! We have a busy term scheduled. If your child did not bring home a Syndicate notice please make sure you get one ASAP.

Next week is the school GALA. Most classes have sent home individual notices about this. If you can help in anyway please see your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Reminders

- There will be NO Syndicate 2 Assembly next week due to the school GALA.

Syndicate Three News

Welcome back to Term 4. We can't believe how quickly the year has gone. We have lots of exciting activities happening this term, please remember to ask your child everyday if they have notices.

Camp is looming and shortly you will receive the final cost for camp. More information will be coming home listing all your child's camp requirements.

Snakes....for those families who's children have taken another box of snakes or have not returned their first box, the money is now due. We would like all money returned by this Friday at the latest so we can give everyone their final cost for camp fees. We are unable to do this without the money being returned to school.

Congratulations....The winners of our Grocery Raffle are

1st prize Neil Edgecombe

2nd prize BJ Emery

3rd Prize Deven Subramoney