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TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Absentees - text only 021 276 0505

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Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Primary School Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome back to week 2 and another big welcome to our new families at TAPS. I would like to encourage the use of the school web site as a place for parents to find information at the click of a button, and to be able to download the school newsletter every Wednesday afternoon. Just visit: www.taps.school.nz

We thank all those parents who filled in a response form regarding the school stationery packs. We have a variety of constructive feedback and we will review the ideas to determine the process for next year. Paper Plus (Murray Green) will be meeting with us to support any suggestions or changes we have. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support that Paper Plus have given to our school each year. Last year Paper Plus sponsored our morning breakfast sessions at a total cost of \$1000 for the year...we thank Paper Plus.

An opportunity is available for you and or your business to sponsor our eight netball teams this year. I would like to talk to any business who would like their logo (embroidered) on our new netball uniforms. For manageable sponsorship deals please give me a call on: 8715378 or email me for more information: principal@taps.school.nz

Our **Mission Statement** - Every learner will have the opportunity, support and guidance to achieve and celebrate their personal best and the **Vision** -

Together Achieving Personal Success
@
Te Awamutu Prietary School

Have a great end to your week.

Gareth Duncan

The PROUD Principal of TAPS

Reminders:

- PTA Meeting tonight in the staffroom at 7.30pm. All new and interested parents welcome.
- BOT Meeting 2nd March at 7pm in the staffroom.
- Syndicate 4 Swimming sports - Thursday 19th February, 9.15am at school pool.

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS CORNER

Our school goal .."Smile and say hello to the people you meet" embellishes our Cornerstone Values and reflects the exuberance of our Junior school children.

The spontaneity of children saying hello and smiling helps us to reflect daily on the reasons why we all love teaching.

The excitement and anticipation of what the day may hold for our young learners is secure with our dedicated and committed staff who provide exciting learning opportunities for your children.

As we begin the year we have timely reminders...

1. Swimming is part of our curriculum and we encourage all parents to support their children with our swimming programme.
2. Sharing reading books with children is important to your child's literacy development.
Please take the time to share and enjoy your child's books [at home](#).

3. The daily teaching programme commences at 8.55.
Please help your child to arrive at school to prepare and settle ready for the day.

Come and experience a spirited exhilarating start to your day.. Join us in the Junior School.

Viv Buchanan.

Parent/Caregiver Reading Workshops

This year we would again, like to provide *four one hour workshops for parents* which will assist with helping their children with reading at home.

We have set dates for the first three workshops:

Wednesday 4th March

Wednesday 11th March

Wednesday 25th March

The fourth workshop will be held early Term 2. Date to be advised. The workshops will be held in the staffroom from 5.45 pm to 7.00 pm.

This is an opportunity for parents to find out how children learn to read, ask questions about reading with children and how to support children's reading.

We received excellent feedback from parents who attended the workshops last year. If you are interested in attending please inform Viv Buchanan or Jane Coles or leave a message with our office staff. Parents who enrol are asked to attend all four workshops.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Absentees

Please ensure that if your child is absent, you call the office on 871 5378 or text a message to 021 276 0505 with the child's name, room number and the reason for their absence. This is a Ministry of Education requirement and if we are not notified of your child's absence they will be marked as truant.

Late children

If your child arrives at school after the second bell at 9.00 am, they must report to the office before going to class. They can then be marked as late rather than absent. If you are taking your child off school premises during the day, you must also come via the office and sign them out.

TAPS After School Care Programme

Our After School Care Programme requires a new member of staff. If you enjoy working with children, are reliable and have a sense of humour you may be the person we are looking for! Please email Laille at asc@taps.school.nz or alternatively call into the hall between 2pm and 6.00 pm.

Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that the uniform shop is open from 8.15 – 9.00 am every Wednesday

Whanau Meeting

There will be a Whanau Meeting in the staffroom on Thursday 19th February at 7.00 pm.
A special warm welcome to all.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free Ear Clinic

Te Awamutu Primary, 17th February, 9.15am - 12.30pm 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Phantom Kickboxing Te Awamutu

178 Teasdale Street (behind Marshalls Pharmacy) 2 for 1 training deal. Two juniors (6-13 years old) can train for the cost of one person for the whole of February. Juniors training on Thursday 6pm-7pm, \$5 for 2 people, for February, with the mention of this ad.

Meridian Kids Bike Jams

Rotorua-April 5th. For more information go to the website – www.kidsbikejams.co.nz

Waipa Mayoral Fun Cycle Challenge

Tuesday 17th February, 5.30pm. Leamington Domain, Wordsworth St, Leamington

This is a fun family event for all ages and there is a shorter course for children. There will be spot prizes and two new bikes to be won.

