

## TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Primary School Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome back to week 3 everyone.

**Participating and contributing** – This competency is about being actively involved in communities. Students who participate and contribute in communities have a sense of belonging and the confidence to participate within new contexts. They understand the importance of balancing rights, roles, and responsibilities and of contributing to the quality and sustainability of social, cultural, physical, and economic environments. **From the Key Competencies (NZ Curriculum)**

I would like to take this chance to congratulate our newly elected senior leaders at TAPS. These students are keen participants and contributors at Te Awamutu Primary School. Anahera and Kingston are our school Ambassadors. Izabelle and Mahinarangi represent Arawa. Tamara and Courtney represent Aotea. William and Phoebe represent Tokomaru and Alex and Aislinn represent Tainui.

We also have a new group of student councillors who represent each class from Syndicates 3 and 4. We look forward to helping this group of students to achieve their personal best through leadership training and mentoring.

With participating and contributing being in focus this week, I would like to put a huge invite out to whānau to come together for our hui on Thursday evening. Everyone welcome. So come along at 7pm on Thursday evening. We meet in the staffroom and have lots to share.

Some other happenings this week include the Syndicate 4 swimming sports on Thursday. We are keen for parental support. Please see Tara Walter or Kylie Edwards if you are able to help out.

Have a great end to your week.

*Garoth Duncan*

The PROUD Principal of TAPS

### Reminders:

- BOT meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Staffroom at 7.00pm.
- Whanau Meeting this Thursday at 7pm in the school staffroom
- Syndicate 4 swimming sports tomorrow here at school – 9.15am



Picture of Brad Pye Room 5 riding a Harley Davidson during story time this week. "I bet you all wish story writing was like this for you at school?"

## **SCHOOL NOTICE**

**URGENT NOTICE:** Please note that for safety purposes, the driveway entrance off Bank Street is strictly for staff and service vehicles only (unless prior arrangement has been made). There is pedestrian access for children and parents from Bank Street via the fenced footpath that runs alongside the driveway.

If your child/children ride a bike to school please ensure they are aware there is NO riding in the school grounds. They are required to walk with their bike from the gate (regardless of whether they enter via Bank St or Teasdale St).

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all our children and their families.

### **Parent Reading Workshop**

Thank you to the parents who have registered their interest in attending our Parent reading Workshops. We look forward to hearing from you as you register your interest with the office staff, in helping to support your child with his/her reading at school. Our workshops are lead by skilled teachers who will help and support you as we work together to create successful reading strategies for your child.

Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> March, 11th March, 25th March

These workshops will be held in the staffroom from 5.45pm to 7pm.



### **AN INVITATION TO PARENTS**

#### **Pre-school Parent night 18<sup>th</sup> March 5.45 pm**

We are delighted that your child is beginning their education at Te Awamutu Primary School and we would like to extend an invitation to all prospective families to attend an informal, 45 minute introduction to life at Te Awamutu Primary.

Our aims for this evening are: To provide an induction for parents focusing on your child's transition to primary school.

Our New Entrant teachers will be there to share their enthusiasm and support your family as you prepare for school.

Please feel free to contact the school for further information.

### **Syndicate One and Syndicate Two Assembly**

*Please note that we have changed the time of our Assembly.* Our first Syndicate One and Two assembly is this Friday at 10.05 am. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend. Room 7 will be doing an item this Friday. We are looking forward to seeing it. Our next assembly will be in Week 5, on Friday, 6th March, at 10.05 am.

### **Uniform Shop**

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

### **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.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL LUNCHES THIS FRIDAY.**



What: School Sausage Sizzle

When: Friday 20th February

Cost: \$2 per sausage

Drinks: (H2GO) \$2 each

Order in classrooms Friday morning as per normal lunch orders

