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TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary

Kia ora Te Awamutu Primary School Learning Family/Whanau

I would like to acknowledge the current media attention on, 'bullying in schools.' and to ensure you that here at TAPS (Te Awamutu Primary School) we continue to treat all behavioural situations with consistency. Our robust steps in place are to help children to reach their full potential and to support children in developing the integrity to make ethical choices according to the values of our school. Please see the enclosed 'Building Positive Relationships Booklet.' A site for your perusal: <http://www.police.govt.nz/service/yes/nobully/>

During Term 3 the whole school will be completing the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme (which is run in schools every two years). The NZ Police have updated the programme to accommodate the current research regarding social issues in our community and nationally. A fabulous resource provided by the Government for schools. Please feel free to go online and have a browse at the learning areas that will be provided during term 3:

http://www.netsafe.org.nz/keeping_safe.php?sectionID=parents

I would also encourage all our families to have a look at the online parent resource titled: Team- Up

<http://www.teamup.co.nz/home.aspx>

PTA Meeting

Wednesday 25th March at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is very welcome to attend this meeting to put together the fundraising calendar for this year. Please come along and support our children and their learning opportunities.

Maori TV

Tau Kē is Māori Television's tamariki time on television between 4.00-5.30pm, Mon-Fri. Tau Kē is a 100% Te Reo Maori show that promotes fun after school. The presenters Robynleigh Emery and Nanny Mihi and a technical team are visiting TAPS tomorrow, Thursday 19 March. We are very excited!

Maori TV will be filming at TAPS tomorrow and students in Syndicates 3 and 4 have been invited to participate in this presentation. A reminder that students must return permission slips if they are to participate.

Uniform

As you prepare for the winter terms can I please remind you the shoes stipulated in the school uniform Policy are: **Black or blue shoes (laces and or velcro are acceptable)** – this does not mean sneakers with other colours on them. Your support of this policy is appreciated.

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Principal

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Reminders:

- **Pre-School parent night tonight, 5.45pm.**
- **Lucky Book Club, last day for orders Thursday 26th March**
- **Whanau Meeting, Thursday 19th March, 7pm in the staffroom.**


ProJoe's Myth Busters!

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away"

True!

Apples are packed full of vitamins, in particular vitamin C. Vitamin C is a strong antioxidant which helps the body to fight infection and heal cuts and wounds.

So get crunching!



ProJoe's Myth Busters!

"Sports drinks make you run faster"

False!

Sports drinks have been designed to help elite athletes (NZ representatives) recover after training or competition so they are ready for their next session. If we drink them (as non-elite athletes) then we just get sugar (can be up to 14 teaspoons per bottle!), so stick to the **water** to keep yourself hydrated.




DP's Corner:

Interviews

We are all looking forward to parent teacher interviews. A reminder that this interview is an important information sharing time. We look forward to sharing results of assessment to date with you and to hearing about how we can best help your child achieve their personal best. The last day for getting your return slip in is Tuesday 24th March. Your interview day and time will be sent home on Monday 30th.

Whanau hui

A reminder that our second whanau meeting is tomorrow night (Thursday 19th March) at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome. Bring along lots of ideas to share about strengthening our whanau group. We will also be talking about academic results from last year.

Absentees

It is vital that you contact the office if your child is away. Yesterday our office staff were tied up trying to contact 40 parents. If we don't hear from parents of students absent they are noted as truant. This follows Ministry of Education guidelines. Your help in this area is much appreciated.

Park

There have been recent concerns with students being asked to wait in the park next to school to be picked up. This is not a supervised area and we would discourage students being in the park without parental supervision. If you do meet your child there very soon after 3pm, could you please remind them that they are not to climb the fence. They are to go out the school gate and around. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Gill Gibbs

Deputy Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Waikato Microlight Club

3rd Annual Event. Microlights, Helicopters, RC model planes, free style motor cross, something for all the family. April 4th & 5th. Adults \$5 Children \$2 under 5 years free. 251 Collins Road Hamilton.

For Sale

Adidas Rugby boots, children's size 11. Phone Allie 027 4065829

Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic

We invite you to meet the Magic players, have autographs signed and enter into a couple of fun competitions. Colourplus Te Awamutu, 45 Arawata Street, Te Awamutu. Saturday 21st March at 11.00 am.

