

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

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

Together **A**chieving **P**ersonal **S**uccess
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Te **A**wamutu **P**rimary **S**chool

Welcome back to Week 3 and a big welcome to our new families to TAPS over this week. I would like to encourage all those parents who have been attending the reading workshops offered last term to attend the last workshop for this year on Thursday 21st May in the staffroom at 5.45pm.

As the days get colder and more rain sprinkles our turf, can I thank parents for keeping sick children at home and answering the calls from Laille and Sue in the Office, if your son or daughter have been unwell. The Swine Flu alert has been a timely reminder of the vigilance needed with our children.

Driveway reminder – The school back driveway is a trade's people, courier drivers and teacher access, not a drop off point for parents please. The Croquet Pavilion Car Park off Bank Street is a safe place to park and drop children off.

Whanau Meeting tomorrow night in the staffroom at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome. We warmly welcome Erin Keremeta-Kapa who will share how Kapa haka and the afternoon class is going.



PTA Spellathon fundraiser

This year's Spellathon fundraiser is coming up in Week 8. Each student will take home a list of words on Friday of that week to be learned over the following week. They will then be tested in Week 9. Students will be sponsored for the amount of words they get correct. There will be three prizes given through a draw. Every \$10.00 earned gets one ticket in the draw, e.g. \$30.00 earned 3 tickets in the draw. Prizes: MP 3 player, Family movie tickets and \$10 voucher to Paper plus.

Kids for Kids

I would like to acknowledge the hard work that has been put in by our very own Song Squad who are going to be accompanying Susan Prentice next Tuesday 19th May at Founders Theatre. Can I thank our amazing Choir tutors and lovers of singing and music – Mrs Mackey and Miss James. All the very best to our song squad members who will be singing at this Fridays School Assembly in the Hall at 10.10am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Regards and keep warm everyone and please visit: www.taps.school.nz

Gareth Duncan

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Principal

- Reminders**
- PTA Meeting, tonight 7.30 in the staffroom.
 - Whanau Hui, Thursday 7.00pm in the staffroom.
 - Syndicate 2 trip to the Kiwi House, Monday 18th May
 - Kids for Kids Concert, Founders Theatre, Tuesday 19th May, 7pm.
 - Reading workshop number 4, Thursday 21st May, 5.45 in the staffroom.

DP'S CORNER

Children from Syndicate One and Two were delighted by a spontaneous visit from **Ruben the Road Safety Bear** at our Junior assembly last week. Ruben was reinforcing to the children the key message of the road safety lesson:

Stop, look, listen and link

Stopping and looking before crossing driveways
 Safe places to cross the road i.e grass verge to grass verge
 Walking on the house side of the footpath
 Safe practices in a carpark.



Rubens message to us was 'That helping kids keep safe is easier if kids can learn to help themselves.'

SCHOOL NOTICES

Lunch Orders

Please note that from Monday children will **now order their lunches in the library** rather than in the classroom. This service will be available from 8.30am until 8.55am.

PTA

PTA Meeting tonight at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is more than welcome to attend.

Lucky Book Club

The last day for Lucky Book orders is Thursday 21st May.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BOOK FAIR
2009

Make Dreams Real

All proceeds to Te Awamutu Rotary's Charities and Community Projects

WE WANT YOUR UNWANTED

Books, Quality Mags, Cds', DVDs', Videos, Sheet Music,
Paintings

VENUE - ST JOHNS HALL - TE AWAMUTU

Saturday 16 May - 9 am

Sunday 17 May - 9 am

Drop off points - Carpet Court, Mobil Service Station
and Mitre 10

If you would like a Rotarian to collect your donations
please phone Chris on 872 7795 or Eoin 027 488 4843

Rotary thanks you for your help in helping those in Need

