

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WEEK 5 2009

Principal's Diary...

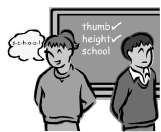
Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

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

Well here we are in week 5, half way through the term already. It has been a busy term for many of us. Already we have seen the Song Squad performing at the Kids for Kids Concert, Syndicate 2 children visiting the Otorohanga Kiwi House and the senior children working hard in preparation for J-Rock.

Today we had a number of children from Syndicate 3&4 involved in the tree planting at the Eileen Montefiore Reserve on the corner of Factory and Racecourse Road. Approximately 120 of our students along with fellow students from Te Awamutu College joined with representatives from Environment Waikato, Waipa District Council and Honda. The planting day has been organised by the Lower Mangapiko Stream Care Group which has been working hard to improve the stream quality and surrounds between Pirongia and Te Awamutu. Thank you to those children, staff and parents/caregivers who attended and helped with this project today.



PTA Spellathon fundraiser

This year's Spellathon fundraiser is fast approaching. Each student will take home a list of words on Friday 19th June, 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.

Mothers and Daughters Breakfast

We have a very special guest speaker this term. Tegan Morris is a young woman who has set and achieved amazing personal goals. Tegan lives with multiple disabilities and is happy to share her story with us. She is an inspiration to all and was also a key note speaker at the Down Under Institute Conference in February that was attended by some of our staff and our student ambassadors.

This is on 11th June from 7:15am.



Gauging the experiences for Whānau of Māori Students at Te Awamutu Primary School

Included in this newsletter is a survey that we would greatly appreciate you spending a few minutes on. Your input is important and allows us to complete a robust Professional Development Needs Analysis. This in turn supports our professional response to “Ka Hikitia – Managing for Success: The Māori Education Strategy 2008–2012”. It will help give clear direction for the way ahead for all of us at TAPS. If this could be returned to the office, that would be very much appreciated. Please feel free to continue on the back of the sheet or attach other sheets. This will also be on our website as a PDF and can be accessed at: www.taps.school.nz

Gareth Duncan

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Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Pizza Pizza Pizza

Syndicate 3 will be dough raising tonight (27 May) with the wobble boarding outside the old Post Office. Please support the children's efforts by having pizza for dinner tonight. For every pizza ordered between 5 and 8 o'clock, Dominos donate \$1 to the school. Please support this fundraiser. Thank you.

Syndicate 3 Teachers



Syndicate 4 Fundraiser

Syndicate 4 will be selling snakes for a fundraiser this year. More information will be coming home soon.

Milo Monday

This will be available on Monday, at morning tea for the children. The cost will be \$1.50 per child for a milo and cookie.

Netball

A big congratulations to the following Year 6 girls who have been selected for the PaperPlus Te Awamutu Netball Year 6 Representative Team: Jayda Chase, Shontelle Cook, Tamara Matangi, Courtney Owen, Bianca Pakeho.

There is a new website for Te Awamutu Netball; this has the draws as well as other items of interest www.sportsground.co.nz/teawamutunetball

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Paper Plus Kids' Club

We would like to invite all our students to sign up to the online Paper Plus Kids' Club and go in the draw to win an appearance by New Zealand's musical superstars the Funky Monkeys. The Paper Plus Kids' Club provides a great online forum where kids can encourage each other to read, recommend books and share their opinions on a particular book. The school with the highest percentage of kids to join the Paper Plus Kids' Club will win the grand prize - a lunch time musical extravaganza at their school by Joe, Neil, Chris and Dizzy Dog from the Funky Monkeys. The five runner-up schools will do nicely too, receiving a \$500 book pack for the school along with 'That's the Story' t-shirts, CDs and Funky Monkey packs. www.paperplus.co.nz/kids-club/funky-monkeys.

Sports Nutrition Tip #5

Avoid becoming dehydrated!

When you are thirsty it's a way of your body telling you that you are already dehydrated, so don't let yourself get thirsty! Make sure you drink water all day to keep your body hydrated and help to improve your overall performance.

