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Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau, welcome back to Week 5

I would like to share with you the many ways that you can approach school and talk to teachers, administration staff, teacher aides and the management team. Feel free to use the central email address office@taps.school.nz for communicating any concerns, our administration staff will forward your email to the relevant person, alternatively you can email me directly principal@taps.school.nz (these email addresses are also noted on our website). Other ways to be able to talk about your concerns or worries might be through the support of friends, bringing your children with you to speak to the teacher, writing a note, phoning and leaving a message or by making an appointment. If all else is not working for you and your family/whanau I would really encourage you to use the schools Complaints, Concerns and Compliments procedure. Please see a copy of this in today's newsletter.

Student-led Conferences (Teacher/Parent Interviews) are scheduled for Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th September . More information will be circulated from your child's classroom teacher regarding the Syndicate's interview format.

I would like to congratulate two of our students and one of our schools cleaning staff: Sheridan Johnston, Bayley Fleming and Shirley Maxted who are all featuring on stage in the Wizard of Oz at Te Awamutu's little Theatre. Well done to you all.

We have had the opportunity to see our Cross Country winners in action last week and all those Yr 4, 5 and 6 students who got a top placing will be representing our school at the Inter-School Cross Country next Friday – Go well all our runners!

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work that our netball coaches, managers and players have put into their season. TAPS have 4 out of 5 of our competition netball teams playing in finals this Saturday. Well done to you all and good luck for your big day.

FINAL - TAPS Kelly and Bryant Pumas – 9:50am Court 1

FINAL - TAPS Vetent Groovy Kids – 9:50am Court 5

FINAL – TAPS Colourplus Chocoholics vs. TAPS Elevations Superstars – 11:30am Court 5

TAPS Mini Devils will also be playing at 10:40am on Court 7

All TAPS supporters are welcome to come and join us all on the sideline to cheer and provide support. Hope to see you there 😊

Your child's showcase dates are as follows;

Syndicate 1 - 22nd Sept

Syndicate 2 - 16 & 17th Sept

Syndicate 3 - 24th Sept

Syndicate 4 – 23rd Sept

Gareth Duncan

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Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Mother & Sons Breakfast

Please complete and return the enclosed slip advising numbers for this breakfast which is being held next Wednesday 26th August. For catering purposes we require the slips be returned by Monday the 24th at the latest.

Newsletter

Please note that our newsletter will now be distributed on a fortnightly basis, the next newsletter will be issued on Wednesday 2nd September.

School Donations

Many thanks to those families who have paid this year's school donation. As you may be aware school donations are not compulsory but they do make up an important part of the schools income. This has always been the case but has become even more significant over the past few years due to a decrease in funding from the government along with an increase in costs for schools resources. Your donations help us with the cost of teaching resources and enable us to provide a fuller and wider education for your child/children than would otherwise be possible. We appreciate your support in this area. Receipts are issued for donations paid and can be claimed on your tax return.

Syndicate 3 & 4 Assembly

Syndicate 3 & 4 are having a Cross Country Prize Giving Assembly on Friday at 2.30pm. Please note that only the top three placings will receive certificates.

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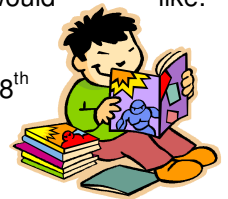
Our PTA Meeting is this Thursday night at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come along and share your fundraising ideas with us.

Golden Circle Fun Run

The last day for the Golden Circle Fun Run money to be handed in is Monday 24th August as we need to order the prizes by Wednesday. Please ensure your slip and money is in an envelope, with what prize your child would like.

Can't wait for the Book Fair!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is to be held in conjunction with the week of our school interviews: 14th – 18th September. Further information will be forwarded with our newsletters soon!



Umbrellas

If you have borrowed any umbrellas from school, please return them to the office. ANZ and Go Bus were kind enough to donate umbrellas to and these have all now disappeared. The umbrellas are used by teachers while supervising road patrollers and while on bus duties.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kawhia 'Spring Fling' Art Festival

Saturday & Sunday 5th & 6th September, 10am-4pm.

Come and enjoy Kawhia artists' work which will be on display in 16 venues in and around Kawhia, including Oparau Roadhouse. Trail maps will be available at all venues. All artwork is for sale. A silent auction of a selection of artists' paintings will take place throughout the weekend in the supper room of the Community Hall and will finish at 3pm on Sunday. Come and enjoy the festivities.

Guitar tuition for beginners.

Do you want to learn to play guitar? I am a third form student at Te Awamutu College and have been playing for 3 years. \$10 per half hour session for more information please call David on 870 2492 (after school hours)

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