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TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau

Well here we are in Week 7, another term almost at an end. We have been very busy with new enrolments, with our roll now at 521 and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to those families who have joined our school over the last few weeks.

Our Executive Officer and the school Board of Trustees are currently working with the Ministry of Education to build new classrooms in order to accommodate the growing roll. Refurbishments and projects have already started around the school. We are in the process of completing works in the basement area including having the area sound proofed, fire rated and refurbished so it can be used as a teaching withdrawal space and teacher resource area. We will soon start work on a new deck with a roof cover out front of the school library. The deck will serve as an additional space for children to sit and read their books during the warmer weather as well as providing shelter for the bus children at the end of the school day.

Early in 2010 sees the BOT (Board of Trustees) election process start. We would like to make you aware that you all have the opportunity to stand for election as a parent representative on the School BOT. The process is very simple and we are more than happy to talk to anyone who would be interested in standing next year. Please accept this as an open invitation to approach any of our board members or to attend our next BOT meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 22nd September at 6pm. Come along and see a meeting in action and feel free to ask any questions. The focus of this particular meeting will be around one of our Strategic Goals, school-wide literacy. I will be talking about student achievement and teacher practice during this meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Last week saw our mothers and sons come together for breakfast. What a great turn out, over 150 attendees came to listen to Ethan De Jong and his Mum Vicki talk about their relationship and how they have grown together with the commitment and passion they share for his competition Go-Kart racing. What great inspiration for our boys here at TAPS ☺

Gareth Duncan

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Principal

Our sponsor this term - **Zero Limits Gym** wants to help YOU! Go and talk to them about your health and Fitness needs. Super deals at the moment - 8713535

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BP Technology Challenge Evening

Last Wednesday evening the GATE Science students took part in an evening of technology challenges. The students worked in groups of four for two challenges and with their family members for the third challenge. The first challenge involved building an amphitheatre out of paper. Their task also involved building a stage and creating curtains for it. The second challenge was to build a free standing bird feeder with a water tray that needed to hold a small amount of water. The third and final challenge of the evening was the family challenge of designing and building the flashiest of paper planes which were then launched off. Congratulations to Joshua (Rm13) and his family for their design that flew the greatest distance.

A huge thank you to all families for their support and to our three staff members who came along and supported. Thank you to Miss James and to Miss Tara Walter and Mrs Anna Booth for being fabulous judges. Two teams will represent TAPS at the Waikato BP Technology challenge later in November. Those teams will be announced at the beginning of Term 4.

Poi making tonight 6.30

A reminder that the senior Tikanga Maori class and any other whanau members who would like to join us have a poi making session tonight at 6:30 in the staffroom. Come along to this hui and talk about happenings at TAPS while we prepare the senior performance poi. These evenings are really important and your support is greatly appreciated.

Whaea Erin and Gill Gibbs

SCHOOL NOTICES

Parking

We have had a number of complaints from bus drivers about people pulling up or parking in the bus stops. Please note it is illegal to park in these areas between 8.00 and 9.00 am and 2.45 and 3.30 pm.

Interschool Cross-Country

Well done to all of our children that participated in this event last Friday, you were all great ambassadors for TAPS. Results will be published in our next newsletter.

Netball

The 2009 netball season for Te Awamutu Primary School was very successful. Four out of our five competition teams played in the finals on Saturday. Congratulations to TAPS Colourplus Chocoholics and TAPS VetEnt Groovy Kids who won their grade and TAPS Kelly and Bryant Pumas and TAPS Elevations for placing runners up.

A huge thank you to all of our coaches, managers, umpires, sponsors, parents and supporters for your time and commitment. A successful season is not achievable without you.

We now ask that all uniforms are washed and returned as soon as possible. We hope that you enjoyed the season and we look forward to another successful season in 2010.

Kylie Edwards & Sara Ripia
Sports Coordinators

Milo Monday

We require parent helpers for Milo Monday. Please phone Louise on 027 4343060 for more information if you are able to help.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jack Gibson in Room 5 and Jovan Gibson in Room 13 for fantastic results in kickboxing nationals. They competed with children from Te Awamutu and Auckland. Jack received two trophies for runner up in his weight division and Jovan placed second and third in his weight division. Well done Jack and Jovan we are all very proud of your accomplishments.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Te Awamutu BMX Open Day

Sat 5th September. Check in from 10am. Racing at 11am. School and pre school challenge.
Nominate your school. Unlicensed teachers and parents get bonus points. Free entry. Club Nights every Monday from 7th September.

Hockey


The opportunity for Year 1 and 2 students (5 and 6 year olds) to play hockey on turf is being offered in Te Awamutu.
When: Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th September from 3.30 to 4.30pm
Where: Te Awamutu Tennis Courts
Bring: Drink bottle, mouth guard preferable, covered shoes, hockey sticks can be provided.

This is a fun introductory start to hockey played on Turf. Any enquiries telephone: Belinda Wilson 07 8712929 or 021 441350 or Sally Davies on 07 8716498

Build a letterbox – LJ Hooker Home Expo

Build a letterbox and be into win a portable DVD player. Be as creative as you like. You can use any type of material you can find – cardboard, wood, polystyrene, plastic...the choice is yours. There are two age groups – up to 9 years old and 10-14 years old. Deliver your letterbox and fill in an entry form at The Events Centre on Saturday 19th September 2009 between 10.00-12.00pm.

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