



*ANZ Proudly supports Te Awamutu Primary*

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### **Principal's Diary...**

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau

Welcome back to Week 9. Only a few days of school left now so I would like to take this time and wish all of our children and their families a very Merry Xmas & Happy New Year.

I would like to thank everyone for their commitment to the children of Te Awamutu Primary School over the 2009 school year. I thank you all – parents, community members, old pupils, current pupils, teachers, administration and support staff, cleaners and caretaker, PTA, Whanau and BOT members. This term has been a busy term for everyone and I trust you will all get a well deserved break during these holidays to spend time with your children and enjoy the sunshine.

To help share our learning for the year, teachers will send home your child's report and Learning Journal on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Class placements for next year will go home Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>. Please enjoy your child's successes and see the opportunity to talk and discuss the busy year of learning growth. The Learning Journals are a treasure that you will no doubt keep for many years to come. Well done to our students and their teachers for the many hours of work that goes into each and every one of these.

The end of this term TAPS also farewells for parental leave: Mrs Ripia & Miss Filer. We wish them both well in their new role of motherhood and look forward to catching up with them again next year.

Check out the website for up to date news about school happenings <http://www.taps.school.nz>

*Gareth Duncan*

### **BOT COMMUNITY UPDATE**

The Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge the hard work of our teaching staff and the fabulous work by all our children here at TAPS. We wish those staff leaving our school the very best on their new ventures and see these opportunities as exciting moments for all of you. Go well.

#### **Are you the next Board Member for our school?**

The Board of Trustees is the Crown entity responsible for the governance and the control of the management of the school. The Board is the employer of all staff in the school, is responsible for setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students, and ensuring that the school provides a safe environment and quality education for all our students. Boards are also responsible for overseeing, with the Principal, the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration.

If you would like to read more please visit the following web site <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/> or make time to visit school and talk to Gareth our Principal or myself, Bruce Airey BOT Chairperson.

#### **TAPS Enrolment Scheme 2010 and what you need to know:**

**Note:** All students who are currently on the roll at TAPS are not affected by this scheme.

Due to the growing roll here at Te Awamutu Primary School the BOT (Board of Trustees), in order to avoid overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, has adopted an enrolment scheme which has been approved by the MOE (Ministry of Education) ready for implementation in Term 2, 2010.

Under the scheme, students can be enrolled if they live within the home zone as determined by the BOT and MOE. The enrolment of out of zone students is governed by the provisions of the Education Act 1989 and prioritised as listed below.

The criteria for enrolment will be as set out by MOE guidelines and prioritised as listed below;

1. Siblings of current students;
2. Siblings of former students;
3. Children of Board employees (staff);
4. All other students

Selections within these priority groupings will be via ballot next year. The zoning map is included in this newsletter.

#### **Building Renovations/New Classrooms:**

Building started this week in our library. This is being converted into two classroom spaces to accommodate the roll growth. A new library will be built in 2010 along with one new classroom being built in the top block area. We will also be erecting a new caretakers shed in the early part of Term 1 to accommodate the growing need for storage and equipment.

#### **ERO (Education Review Office) visit March 2010:**

ERO are about reviewing and reporting publicly on the quality of education in all New Zealand schools and they report to individual boards of trustees on what they are doing well and where they need to improve. Reports on individual schools are freely available to the public see ERO's website: <http://www.ero.govt.nz>

*Bruce Airey*  
BOT Chairperson

### **Helpers Morning tea:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.35a.m in the hall. This is a chance to say thank you to you for your support this year

### **Year 6 Graduation:**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December the students will have their Graduation at 6:00 – 7:30pm in the school hall. Please make sure that you have your 2 adult family tickets as room in the Hall is always at a premium. A reminder that siblings, including pre-schoolers are not to attend this event as we do not have the space.

### **Class placement for 2010:**

Thanks to those parents who took the opportunity to share with staff about your child's needs for 2010. You will be notified of your child's class placement on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December via an individual slip that will come home with your child.

### **Last day of 2009 WED 16<sup>th</sup> December - Mufti Day ☺:**

To coincide with the second hand uniform sale, Wednesday will be a mufti day for all children. School will close at 2pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. All schools in Te Awamutu are closing at 2pm. If your child comes home on the bus please note of the change of time.

### **DP'S CORNER**

Eight years ago I'm not sure whose anticipation surpassed each others, the children anxiously awaiting the arrival of their new teacher or the teacher who was about to embark on a new teaching career at TAPS.

With the exuberance of five year olds, I quickly adapted to the daily routines that surround the excitement of a day in a new entrant classroom, and my journey began.

Children bring a spontaneous reality to each and every day and my lasting memories of TAPS as I begin another stage of my teaching career, will always be about the delightful children and their parents, that I have been privileged to share a part of their lives with.

A new chapter working with children who have specialized educational needs is my next career path and I look forward to those next steps in my teaching career. With many fond memories of TAPS to take with me, I thank you all for your support and the many friendships I have created.....

*While we try to teach our children all about life,  
Our children teach us what life is all about.  
Angela Schwindt.*

*Viv Buchanan*

### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

#### **School Pool**

Due to safety reasons and experiences of petty vandalism the school pool will remain empty over the school holidays. Our school swimming programme will be ready for lessons to start on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

#### **Syndicate Three Assembly**

Syndicate Three are celebrating the end of the year by having a special assembly on Tuesday 15th December at 9.45am. It gives us the chance to recognise the achievements of our Inter School Athletics students. Please feel free to come along and help us celebrate these students' achievements.

#### **Uniform Room News and Back to School Opening Days 2010**

The uniform room is holding a second hand uniform sale on the last day of school, Wednesday 16 December, in the school hall, from 8.00 – 9.00 am. **CASH ONLY.** If you have any second hand items for sale please drop them into the office or you can bring to the hall on the morning of the sale. Please ensure each item is labeled with your name, phone number, details of item for sale and price. Please do not use staples, pins are a good idea.

We will be open at the following times the week **before** school commences - Thursday 28 January and Friday 29 January 2010 from 10 am – 1.00pm. On the first week back to school, we will be open on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 8.30 – 9.30 am for new uniform sales.

During term time the uniform room is open every Wednesday morning from 8.15 – 9.00 am in the hall. EFTPOS IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### **Te Awamutu Intermediate School Uniform Sale**

The uniform sale dates are as follows – Thursday 10 Dec 2009 – 2.30-6.30pm, Wednesday 27 January – 10.00am-4.00pm, Thursday 28 January - 1.00-7.00pm

#### **Kihikihi Speedway**

New bike tracks open day – Sat, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010 at 10am. Kids bring your motorbikes and riding gear. There is a Pee Wee track for children aged 5-8 years. And a junior track for ages 8-15 years. Free BBQ and Giveaways on the day!!!

#### **Kihikihi Christmas Carnival**

The Kihikihi Christmas Carnival is being held on Saturday 12 December from 9am to 6pm at the Kihikihi Primary School. It is free to enter and there will be rides, food, craft and NZ made products, as well as entertainment. Santa is arriving at 3.30pm and the TA brass band along with a local singer will lead us in some Christmas Carols.

**Zero Limits Gym**, sponsors of our school, has a special this month that is well worth talking to them about. Pop in and see them for further information.