

5 May 2010

## WEEK 3 2010

### Principal's Diary

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Our school wide learning scope this term is: '**Ecological Sustainability**'. The students are looking forward to sharing their discoveries with us all. Syndicate 4 have visited Lake Serpentine, looking at the restoration and environment support being developed for this wetland on our back doorstep. Other syndicates are also undertaking learning experiences outside the classroom. We would like to thank all those parents who have contributed time and energy to these trips as they do require a high level of adult support.

Your children will be thinking about their learning targets and goals this week as we prepare as a community to come together with you, your child and the teacher to talk about the success' and next steps in learning. During the Student-led Conference sessions this week please help your child to explain his/her learning opportunities and listen to the steps that need to be developed. This is a perfect time to have children actively involved in their learning and taking small steps of responsibility.

A big congratulations to the Yr 5 and 6 children who participated in Rugby and Netball vs. St Patricks School. We won the Rugby and Netball. Well done to those children who took part and to those parents who helped out.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank those who have put their voting papers in for the BOT Elections 2010. Your vote will make a difference and we encourage you all to get your votes in by midday Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

We would like to acknowledge our outgoing BOT and thank them for their years of committed service to our school:

- Mr Keith Kay – 8 years
- Mrs Karen Gillum – 6 years
- Mr Bruce Airey – 3 years as BOT Chairman
- Mr Roger Waitere – 3 years seconded Maori Rep
- Mrs Monique Mexted – 3 years
- Mrs Jessie Monk – 1 year Staff Rep

Congratulations to our Netball teams who have started your weekend Netball competition. I would like to thank the many volunteers that we have who are giving up time to coach and manage our school teams. A reminder to us all that volunteers are what contributes to our children being active in Saturday sport. Please support our fellow parent volunteers, and contribute to making their jobs easier and enjoyable by offering any support you can – washing uniforms, bringing the oranges for half time and encouraging children from the sideline.

#### **Just a few things to remember at a glance:**

##### **Term 2 dates:**

Monday 19th April to Friday 2nd July

##### **Uniform...**

As you prepare for the winter terms can I please remind you the shoes stipulated in the school uniform Policy are: Black shoes, laces and or Velcro are acceptable – this does not mean sneakers with other colours on them. All classroom teachers will be monitoring uniform including school sweatshirts and the appropriate coloured school socks as well. Your support of this policy will be appreciated.

##### **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 Banks Street is a safe place to park and drop children off from.

##### **Walking Bus**

We would like to provide the opportunity for those children who walk or who would like to walk in a small group to and from school to let us know. The possible route led by parents from our school will be: – Raikes Ave, Carlton Street, across Sloane Street and up Brady Street to Bank Street crossing the school crossing. If anyone is interested in their children joining this walking group please call school and talk to Mr Duncan.

##### **School CLOSED from 2.20pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

The BOT will be closing the school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 2.20pm to allow for the teaching staff to get to a paid Union Meeting being held at Te Awamutu Intermediate School. All children will be sent home from school at 2.20pm. Bus students will be supervised at school until the normal bus times.

Happy Mothers Day this Sunday to all our hard working and committed Mum's.

Take care everyone

*Gareth Duncan*  
Principal

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### **Breakfast Club (Before School Care)**

We found that many families (parents/caregivers) needed to drop their children at school early in the mornings, to head off to work etc so we are pleased to advise that our Breakfast Club is now up and running. Laille & Dawn from the after school care & holiday programmes are running the Breakfast Club in the school hall between 7am -8.30 each morning. Children are supplied breakfast and have activities they can participate in if they choose. If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren forms are available from the main office or from Laille at ASC.

### **Our PTA at TAPS**

With our new School web site page: <http://www.taps.school.nz/page/13-pta> featuring the following regarding our PTA. Each PTA member is listed on the page and we have a brief pdf description of our role.

The PTA AGM was held last Monday night and was a successful meeting. Our school needs your support with fundraising to help with classroom resourcing and extras children need in their daily learning lives. New members are always welcome.

### **School Fees (donation) & Consumables Levy (compulsory)**

Thank you to all those families who have paid their school fees & levies. We still have a number of accounts outstanding and as we have eluded to previously, we rely heavily on your support in this area so we are able to continue to maintain & purchase resources for the children. If you have misplaced your account, the office staff are able to help you with this.

### **Lucky Books**

Please note last day for book orders is Thursday 13 May. No late orders.

### **Lunch Orders**

We are seeking volunteers to help take & collate the school lunch orders on Friday mornings from 8.30 to 9.15.am. Please, let the office staff know, if you can help.

### **Milo Monday**

Milo Monday is back. Every Monday at morning tea children can purchase a Milo & cookie for \$2 from the tuck shop located in the foyer of the hall.

### **Lost Property**

Our Lost property is now located beside Room 14. Please remember to label ALL clothing including shoes. Also name lunch boxes and drink bottles.

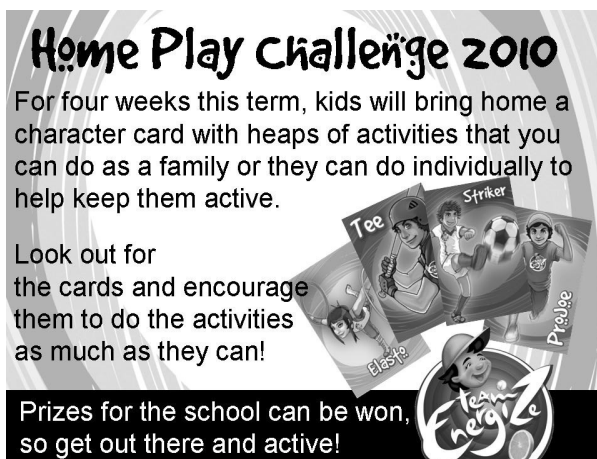
## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **SPEECH, DRAMA & THEATRESPORTS**

**1. Effective Speaking & Drama:** Groups 1-6 offer huge learning potential for students in all-encompassing FUN programme. Prim/Int: \$169 Sec: \$189 per term, 30mins-1hr, Yr 3-13

**2. Theatresports:** Dynamic & entertaining classes, give students impromptu acting, speaking skills and confidence. **Costs:** \$99 per term. Groups min 6-30 plus, 30 mins-1hr, Yr 4-13

**Ring: Roslyn** 027 248 2888 (9-7 wk days) or email: [info@chatterbox.net.nz](mailto:info@chatterbox.net.nz) **Start 1st wk May**



**Home Play Challenge 2010**

For four weeks this term, kids will bring home a character card with heaps of activities that you can do as a family or they can do individually to help keep them active.

Look out for the cards and encourage them to do the activities as much as they can!

Prizes for the school can be won, so get out there and active!

The poster features several character cards: 'Tee' (a boy with a baseball bat), 'Striker' (a boy with a soccer ball), 'Elastic' (a girl with a jump rope), and 'Prejudge' (a girl with a tennis racket). At the bottom, there is a logo for 'Team Energy' with a stylized figure.