

2 June 2010

WEEK 7 2010

Principal's Diary

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau

Welcome to Week 7

Well, we have had an action packed two weeks with the staff taking the win in the Student vs. Staff netball game that was held last Thursday. Thank you to every one who came to support (and have a good laugh at the staff's expense ☺). Syndicate 1 had a trip to the Otorohanga Kiwi House as part of their water based inquiry learning, the topic being 'Do birds need water? Thank you to all the parents who that helped. Syndicate 4 endured the wet Waikato weather and took part in the Mangapiko Planting day at the Montafiore Reserve along with other local schools. Syndicate 3 has now placed Vegetable Valley on the McCain School Veggie Patches Programme. Starting immediately we are collecting barcodes off McCain Frozen Vegetable range and McCain Purely Potato range products. Barcodes can be dropped into a box at the office. The barcodes earn us points towards great new equipment which is much needed to help the students maintain our vegetable gardens. For more information and to track our progress please visit www.mccainveggiepatches.com

Next Friday, 11th June, some of our senior children will be participating in "J Rock" (which is the equivalent to the Secondary Schools Stage Challenge) at the Founders Theatre in Hamilton. This is an eight minute dance and drama performance involving 80 children from Syndicate 4. They will be competing against other schools in the Waikato. Our performance follows a timeline of New Zealand history and history in the making as we celebrate the lives of four New Zealand Heroes, Kate Sheppard, Sir Edmond Hillary, Sir Peter Blake and Corporal Willie Apiata. Together Achieving Personal Success, Maa Mahitahi te eke, Parnuku a tee tahi, is what we stand for at Te Awamutu Primary School. Please come along and support us, tickets can be brought through Ticketek.

Could I remind all families that school fees (donations) and the consumable levy go along way towards helping us maintain & purchase resources for your children, unfortunately the funding we receive is not enough to cover all the expenses incurred. For this reason we rely on your support in this area. If you have misplaced your account, the ladies in the office are always available to help you with this.

A reminder that you are all invited to your child's syndicate assemblies – visit the website & check the school or syndicate calendars for dates & times.

Gareth Duncan

Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Hui Tonight

There is a hui tonight for parents of tamariki in the Te Reo and Tikanga Māori group. 6pm in the staffroom!

Chocolate Money

Friday 11th June is the last day for Syndicate 4 children to bring back any unsold chocolates and outstanding money. Teachers are collecting money on Monday's Wednesday's and Friday's from 8:30am-9:00am in the small printer room off room 20. We currently have 90 boxes of outstanding chocolates that need to be paid for. Thank you to all those families who have helped support their children's fundraising, this will help subsidise their camp fees. The Y5/6 camp is being held in November this year.

Matariki

The re-appearance of the cluster of stars called Matariki signals the New Year in Māori tradition.

Matariki may be translated as mata riki – tiny eyes, or Mata Ariki – eyes of God. The eyes are thought to watch over the land and its people. On 21st June, there will be a fundraising hāngi and Matariki celebration here at school. More information to come!!! Contact Whaea Erin for further details!

Heart Jam

WOW! Te Awamutu Primary School raised \$526 for the Heart Foundation for Children through Heart Jam last Friday. Well done to all of those who brought their gold coin donation & participated. You made us all very proud.



Jump Rope for Heart

It is that time again where Te Awamutu Primary School participates in the Jump Rope for Heart Skip-a-thon challenge. Over the next four weeks students will be building up their fitness levels through skipping. The purpose is to make physical activity fun, and to help them develop lifelong skills such as balance, rhythm and hand eye coordination.

The students will be bringing home a Skip-a-thon challenge booklet and sponsorship form. The money raised goes towards the Heart Foundation. As it is the 25th anniversary of Jump Rope for Heart, our school will receive 25% of the money raised, so get out there and get as many sponsors as you can. Our jump-off day will be in week 10. We will let you know the date closer to the time.

Breakfast Club (Before School Care)

Thank you to all those families who have chosen to use our Breakfast Club. A reminder to all parents & caregivers, that teaching staff are unable to supervise children prior to 8.30a.m, as they have lesson plans to prepare, meetings to attend and administration matters to deal with. Laille & Dawn from the After School Care & the Holiday programme are running the Breakfast Club in the school hall between 7.00am -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.

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. We have a huge number of children that continue to misplace their sweatshirts at this time of the year. To minimise the impact on your family PLEASE ENSURE YOU NAME ALL YOUR CLOTHING – iron on name tags being the best option. Could we ask that you also name lunch boxes and drink bottles as many children have the same containers & these get mixed up very easily. We also have a variety of found items including car keys, bracelets, glasses etc. If you have lost any of them items, please let us know in the office.

Uniforms

The school uniform room is open Wednesday mornings from 8.15 to 9am. Netball undies and tights are available to purchase as well as other uniform items. Payable by cash, cheque or eftpos.

PTA Meeting

Monday 14th June at 7.30pm in the staffroom

Absent Students

If your child is away from school for any reason, could you please notify the office on 8715378 or text the school phone 0212760505. Unexplained absences will be classed as truant.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Nutrimetics Lipstick Fundraiser

Vicki from Nutrimetics had kindly offered to coordinate a Lipstick Fundraiser for Te Awamutu Primary School. \$1 from every lipstick sold will go to our school. Enquires can be made directly to Vicki, who will be in the school office on Tuesday and Thursday 8.30-9am with samples. Orders will be made Fridays 11th and 25th June.

First Aid Kits

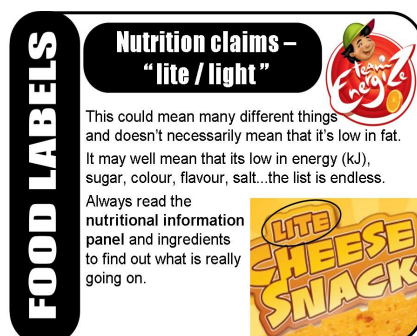
Be prepared with a St John First Aid Kit. Visit St John at 31 Palmer Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday & Fridays between 1-4pm (cash or cheques only) or call Tracy on 027 226 2139

Te Awamutu Athletic Club (Inc) Golf Course Fun Run & Walk

Monday 7th Jun (Queens Birthday) starting at 9am from the Te Awamutu Golf Course, Kihikihi Road. Events are as follows: 3.3k School Students Run - \$5, 6k Run/Walk (1 lap) - \$15, 12k Run - \$15.00. Not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs, trikes or bikes. Entry forms can be downloaded from www.sportsground.co.nz/teawamutuathletics or a copy can be collected at Paper Plus.

Kids 'Elephant' Motocross

This is to raise funds for Injured and Tortured Elephants in Thailand, held Sunday 13th June. Sign in at 8.30am and starts 9am. Located at Parklands View Caravan Motocross Track, opposite Anso Road, Otorohanga. Signposted from Kihikihi and Otorohanga. This event is for 12 and under only. Cost is \$15 per rider and lunch packs will be available for \$5. Enquires to 871 4989 or www.silver-bullett.co.nz.



FOOD LABELS

Nutrition claims – “lite / light”

This could mean many different things and doesn't necessarily mean that it's low in fat. It may well mean that its low in energy (kJ), sugar, colour, flavour, salt...the list is endless.

Always read the nutritional information panel and ingredients to find out what is really going on.

