



# Te Awamutu Primary School

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## Key Dates:

- **PTA Meeting 11th June**
- **18th June at 7.15am—Girls Breakfast**
- **BOT Meeting 30th June**
- **Whanau Meeting 18 June 7.00pm in the staffroom**
- **\$2 Pizza 27th June**
- **Sample books are due home week 8**
- **Term 2 ends 4th July**
- **Term 3 begins 21 July**

## The Principals Corner

Thank you to those parents who attended the Numeracy evening held in the staff room on Thursday night. This was a fantastic session to share with you all, as parents, the Mathematics programmes that run across the school. I would like to remind people of the websites that are available to you all to use in the home or to just do general research on where your child is up to in his or her maths programme. The sites have extremely useful tips for the home and helpful ideas for homework support. I would like to thank the teachers for their time and passion they have for our children's mathematics learning. [www.nzmaths.co.nz](http://www.nzmaths.co.nz)

Personal Learning Journals will be coming home during week 8 this term given a formative snap shot of your child's learning this term. The New Zealand Curriculum is undergoing constant change and schools are endeavouring to come to terms with the changes and incorporate the new expectations of assessment into their programmes. This new reporting process is a way for the teachers at TAPS to reflect your child's learning in an ongoing fashion. As parents you will have the opportunities to come into school and bring the Learning Journey document (Sample Book) with you to your teacher/parent interviews. This new reporting procedure will be reviewed at the end of the year and your thoughts will be sought. This year we will be furnishing you and your child with a reflection of their individual literacy, numeracy and well-being development over the learning year. The formal report that we are used to seeing present at TAPS at the conclusion of this year will change to represent a personalized learning report along with the Sample book.

Gareth Duncan  
Principal



## Our Cornerstone Value Week 5 — 7

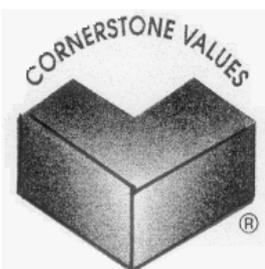
Making Good Choices was shared to us this morning by Miss Clarke and the teachers from Syndicate 3.

**Our Goal.** To help children make good choices. Children need to understand that each choice they make has an impact on their lives. We have to help them with their decision making and teach them how to break the negativity cycle. By encouraging the children to make positive choices we can help them live a full, happy and interesting and satisfying life.

**Display the Making Good Choices sentence:**

**I will always try to do my best. (Syndicate 1 and 2)**

**I am responsible and I always do my best. (Syndicate 2 and 3)**



## PTA News

There will be a Hawaiian Pizza lunch on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June.

The cost is \$2.00 each. An order form will come home with your child on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. Please make sure the order forms and the money are back in to the classroom teacher by Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June. Please note! To make life easier, there will be only one type of pizza available, Hawaiian. All pizza's ordered will go to the classroom of the individual child, even if an older child has ordered for them.

## BOT News

At our AGM held in May, Mr Bruce Airey was nominated and elected as our new Chairperson. We thank Sue Bethel for her service over the last 5 years.

We are currently reviewing our 10 year property plan and hope to start the refurbishment of the classrooms in July. This will be a gradual process that will take place in stages over the next few years. Like you, we look forward to the end result, modern, up to date well equipped classrooms to meet the 21st century learning environment.

## School Notices

### Staff Profile: Mrs Daryl Mills

*"I'm delighted to be part of TAPS. My first teaching position was here at TAPS 26 years ago. I have taught intermittently while bringing up a family of three daughters and being a dairy farmer with my husband. I am passionate towards maths and reading. I enjoy following all sports."*

**After School Care Programme** Our Programme now has an email address [asc@taps.school.nz](mailto:asc@taps.school.nz) This can be used as an alternative to ringing our school office to leave messages to advise of any absences or change of details. You may also text messages to 027 320 9849.

**The Garden Storyteller** Mr Michael Joyce, The Garden Storyteller visited our school last week. We would like to thank him for the fabulous show he put on for all of our children and would also like to extend a HUGE thank you to the sponsors Palmers, 1689 SH1, RD3, Hamilton and Metro Motors, Cnr Anglesea & Rostrevor St, Hamilton for their sponsorship of this fabulous event.

### Newsletter Format / Advertising

We hope to have our regular newsletter covers back from the printers by the end of this week and will return to this format next Wednesday. To all of you who have paid for advertising, thank you for your patience at this time.

## Syndicate News

### Syndicate One News

We would like to send a special welcome to our new teacher in Room 5, Mrs Daryl Mills. See her staff profile below.

Thank you for supporting your child with news items related to our inquiry learning topic "*How can we care for our environment?*" As part of our inquiry Room 1 are off today to town to purchase a new tree for the school grounds, and Mr Chris Parkes from The Garden Shop is coming to school this Thursday to talk to the children about designing a garden.

Many thanks for sending in the sponsorship money for jump rope. There are prizes for some children, and we are waiting for these to be sent to us.

Syndicate One will be having an assembly tomorrow, starting at 2.15 pm. Room 2 and Room 6 will be sharing items. Everyone welcome.

### Syndicate 2 News

We are working very hard on our sample books at the moment. These will come home very soon so please watch out for the notice about this...

Next week Rooms 9 & 12 will each be presenting a small item at Syndicate 2's Assembly (Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June- 2.15pm).

TOMORROW is World Environment Day!!!!

Syndicate 2 will be having a clean up of our School environment and would appreciate some spare plastic bags coming to school so we can do this.

