

21 July 2010

## WEEK 1 2010

### Principal's Diary...

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone, I hope you all had a great holiday and managed to escape for a few days. A big welcome to our new families to TAPS and to our new teacher, Mrs Jo-Anne Dannock who will be teaching in Room 11 as Mrs Thorburn has taken maternity leave.

### OUR SCHOOL VALUE is "RESPONSIBILITY"

**Our Goal for Weeks 1-3.** To help children understand that Responsibility is a willingness to be answerable, to be trustworthy and accountable for their own behaviour. This involves the pupils understanding that all actions have a consequence – the better the action is the more pleasant the outcome is likely to be. This concept is an extension that honest and responsible people are trustworthy.

#### Our Responsibility sentences for Weeks 1 - 3:

- a. I will always do what is right. (Syn 1 & 2)
- b. I provide leadership and always act responsibly (Syn 3 & 4)

Here is a link to a great interactive site for your students to assist with learning Te Reo Maori.

<http://www.korero.maori.nz/forlearners/basics/lessons/tahi-phrase.html>

### Just a couple of things to remember at a glance:

#### 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. Your support of this policy will be appreciated.

#### Please return all Reading books:

If your child has any reading books at home please return them to school. There will be no questions asked if you have more than one book at home – we just need the resources returned. Thanks

#### Our Syndicate Teams for Term 3:

All enquiries or concerns go first to your child's teacher and then to the Syndicate leader. If you have further queries to make you are welcome make an appointment with one of the Curriculum Leaders (DP's) Miss Tracy Findlay or Mrs Gill Gibbs. Our DP's support the following areas in our school – Syndicate 1 and 2 = Miss Findlay and Syndicate 3 and 4 = Mrs Gibbs.

**Syndicate 1 Leader is:** Mrs Diane Darlington (responsibilities for all Year 0-1 learners and teachers Rooms 1- 5)

**Syndicate 2 Leader is:** Mrs Kim Tautari-Scott (responsibilities for all Year 2 learners and teachers Rooms 7-11)

**Syndicate 3 Leader is:** Miss Helen Garland (responsibilities for all Year 3-4 learners and teachers Rooms 6,12-16)

**Syndicate 4 Leader is:** Miss Tara Walter (responsibilities for all Year 5-6 learners and teachers Rooms 17- 21)

School concerns and complaints can be shared with the Principal and Board of Trustees. Please See Concerns, Complaints and Compliments Procedures attached on the school web site or ask for a copy of the procedure at the school office.

Term Dates: Term 3 19 July – 24 September  
Term 4 11 October – 17 December

**Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori**  
*Maori Language Week*  
26 July to 1 August 2010

Take Care everyone

Gareth Duncan  
Principal

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### **Bus Tags**

Bus Tags for Term 3 are available at the office. All students travelling via bus require a current bus tag. Last day for payment is the 30<sup>th</sup> July, after which unsold tags will be returned.

### **Milo Monday**

Milo Monday will continue Term 3. Every Monday at morning tea children can purchase a milo & cookie for \$2 from the tuck shop located in the foyer of the hall. We are looking for volunteers.

### **Math-A-Thon**

We are running our Math-A-thon from Weeks 3 – 6 this term. This exciting event is one of our major fundraisers for the year and we appreciate any and all support from our parents and school community. Money raised from this event will be used to boost classroom resources in our growing school.

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, you will receive a Math-A-Thon information pack. Included in this will be your child's practice sheet that matches the level that they are working at in the numeracy programme. The practice sheet will be very similar to the test sheet that they will have on the day. These are timed tests and it is expected that students will have quick and accurate recall of their basic facts. A sponsorship form will also be included to record sponsors' pledges.

When the practise sheets go home, all children are encouraged to practice daily and have 2 weeks to seek pledges for sponsorship. This is a fun, non-threatening activity for our emerging mathematicians. There are 40 questions for students working at stage 1, 2 or 3, and there are 50 questions for students working at stages 4 – 7.

The Math-A-thon tests will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. The results will be entered onto the sponsorship form, signed by the classroom teacher and returned home with students on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August. We ask that all sponsorship money is collected and returned to school in a name envelope no later than Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. There will be individual prizes for the top four students as well as a class prize for the top earning class. All of this information will be included in your Math-A-Thon pack. The Math-A-thon is run at school by the PTA and our Mathematics Committee.

### **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.

Our next PTA (Gala Meeting) is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 7.30pm at the Alehouse. Everyone is welcome.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Toolbox Parenting Courses**

Toolbox groups are relaxed, informal parenting sessions run over 6 weeks. Sessions are filled with expert advice, humour and empowering strategies. This is a 6 week course for 6-12 age group starting Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010, 7.15-9.15pm. Cost: \$67.50pp or \$90 per couple. (Subsidies available if needed).

For further information or to register Ph Pat Schwass - 871 7394 or check out the website [www.parentsinc.org.nz](http://www.parentsinc.org.nz).

### **GKR Karate**

GKR Karate runs classes in your school and throughout Hamilton for ages 5 and up. Karate promotes, self defence, fitness, discipline, confidence, concentration and of course fun! Karate is great for the whole family and we encourage you to give it a go! For more information on class locations and times please phone Callum on 021 2999 560.

### **Te Awamutu Swimming Club**

Learn To Swim - Term 3 starts Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

Monday 9th August - Friday 24th September 2010

Learners Pool & Main Pool, Any ability.

Please contact Lisa Albery for details: [albery@xtra.co.nz](mailto:albery@xtra.co.nz)

### **Mad Cow Drums - Drum Tuition**

Mad Cow Drums are pleased to make the following offering to students of Te Awamutu

Primary who want to learn to play drums in Term Three!

There are 6 x spaces available and lessons will be run at lunchtime on Thursdays in the school hall.

The cost per student is \$12.50/week. The lesson dates will run in conjunction with the school term.

Please contact Glenn on 07 871-4447 or 021 2020269 for more details.



**Brr... it's cold out there!**

Now that winter is upon us its really important that we to keep eating healthy and stay active.

Winter tends to be a time when we eat more and hibernate inside.

This term you will get ideas about how to beat the winter blues and stay healthy.

**Tip:** Feeling cold? Do some star jumps to warm up!



