

16 September 2010

## WEEK 9 2010

### Principal's Diary...

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome to Week 9 everyone.

This term's inquiry learning scope has been 'Enterprise and Innovation'. For all 4 syndicates have been exploring enterprise and innovation through science. We welcome you all to take part in any of the syndicate activities and thank you to those parents that have been able to take part in class trips.

**We will be having a full school assembly next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at 10am in the hall. Parents are very welcome.**

### Showcase Dates

Syndicate 1 – Wednesday 22 September – 1.40pm in the hall

Syndicate 2 – Tuesday 21 September – 2pm in the Syndicate 2 court yard.

Syndicate 3 – Thursday 23 September – 1.30pm & 7pm in the hall

A notice will go home prior to these showcase dates

### Term 4 dates

Monday 11 October – 17 December 2010

### PLEASE NOTE:

There has been a marked decrease in correct uniform being worn especially in the middle and top blocks. As part of the pride we instil in our children about ourselves and our school, we ask for your support to ensure all children are in full uniform every day. Please provide a note on the day if for some reason your child is unable to wear his/her correct uniform. Please remember to name ALL items of clothing. If your child brings home a piece of clothing that is not his/hers, please return it to school and give it either to the teacher or hand it in at the office.

### Learning Journals

Your child/rens learning journeys will be going home tomorrow. This is a good way for your child to share the work they have done over the year. Could we please have them back to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The last day of term 3 is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. I would like to thank you all for your support of your children's learning programmes at TAPS and wish you all a safe and sunny spring break.

Take care

*Gareth Duncan*

Principal

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Math-a-thon

Thank you for supporting Te Awamutu Primary School's recent math-a-thon. We raised approximately \$4,400. There are still a few sponsorship pledges coming in which we really appreciate. Congratulations to Room 14 who raised \$550 and will be shouted a yummy shared class lunch before the end of term.

Our highest earning individual students are;

1<sup>st</sup> - Ackzell Kaponga - Room 22 who will receive a book voucher and family pass to the movies.

2<sup>nd</sup> equal – Pritesh Khatri - Room 20 and Ella Yarndley - Room 14 who both receive family passes to the movies.

At our next full school assembly the prizes for the math-a-thon will be presented to the children and winning class. Once again, thank you for your support.

### Important message for parents of Year 6 students

On Tuesday, your child should have brought home a prospectus from Te Awamutu Intermediate.

Included in the prospectus are two important pieces of information that need to be filled out and sent back to school **by September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that any information that comes in late will need to be hand delivered by you to the Intermediate.

### These are-

1. Family profiles;
  - a. It is extremely important that you fill these out and return to your teacher by **September 20<sup>th</sup>** as these are collected by the Intermediate at the same time as the interview notices.
2. Enrolment interview notice;
  - a. Enrolment interview notices are to be returned to your teacher by **September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Te Awamutu Intermediate staff will come to TAPS to collect all interview notices on that day. If your information is not returned you will need to ring the intermediate and hand deliver the information.
  - b. Te Awamutu Intermediate will make appropriate appointments and send notification back to TAPS ready to be given to students at the beginning of Term 4.

### **Syndicate 3 – Wearable Arts**

Syndicate Three is currently preparing for our end of term showcase which is going to be a wearable arts show using recycled items. There will be two showings on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. There will be a matinee at 1.30pm and an evening showing at 7pm in the hall. As this is a showcase sharing children's learning there is no charge, but you will require a ticket which your child can get from their class teacher as there is a restriction on numbers in the hall due to fire safety.

Could you please advise your child's teacher if they cannot participate in the Thursday evening show. If your child is able to participate on Thursday evening they need to be at school in their classroom at 6.30pm in order to get dressed in their outfit.

Regards  
Miss Garland

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8am in the hall. Any items that you wish to sell can be dropped off at the office with a note pinned to the item and the amount that you are asking along with your contact details.

### **Term 4 bus tags**

Bus tags are \$30 for term 4 and are due by 22 October please.

### **Agricultural Day/Group Day**

Now is the time to start thinking about getting your animals (calf, goat or lamb) ready for our next agricultural day which is usually held on the first Tuesday back in Term 4 at the Te Awamutu Intermediate. There will be a Judges Day where parents/caregivers can attend to learn about what the expectations of the animals are for agricultural day. There is also a Website – Waikato World [www.waikatoaandp.co.nz/LeftMenu/Exhibitors.html](http://www.waikatoaandp.co.nz/LeftMenu/Exhibitors.html) where you can find out more information. We also have notes and a DVD here at school of you would like to borrow them. If you have had an animal last year and have won a cup it is also time for those to be returned to school. There is more information and entry forms to come at a later date. If you have any queries please see Miss James.

### **Milo/Milk Monday**

Every Monday at morning tea children can purchase a Milo & cookie (Term 3) or a flavoured milk and cookie (Term 4) for \$2 from the tuck shop located in the foyer of the hall.

### **Gala Day**

The PTA and the staff at Te Awamutu Primary School have secured Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October for the school Gala. Over the coming weeks, your child/ren will be putting together raffles and activities for each class to do at the Gala, which will raise funds for resources. If you can help in any way please let the teacher know or send a note to school with your details and a member of the PTA will contact you.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **The Variety Mini Bash**

The Variety Mini Bash is coming to town this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am to 12.30am at Te Awamutu Sports. There will be Variety Bash vehicles, giveaways, fun activities, sausage sizzle, fire engine water fights, prizes and "Mooloo will be there". Games will be Soccer, Ripa rugby & touch rugby. Teams of seven can register from 10am for a gold coin donation. For more info, visit [www.variety.org.nz](http://www.variety.org.nz).

### **Bubble Dome**

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Toy Story are made? Learn the latest 3D animation and games design on a Bubble Dome school holiday workshop these school holidays. For students aged 6 – 16 years. Telephone: 0800 GET BUBBLE (0800 438 282) or email: [info@bubbledome.co.nz](mailto:info@bubbledome.co.nz) or visit: [www.bubbledome.co.nz](http://www.bubbledome.co.nz).

### **Volunteer Coach Awards 2010**

Winners in each region will win a supply of Wattie's products and one overall region winner will win the chance to sharpen their skills with a coach development opportunity with SPARC. Coaches can be nominated in either the student, general or lifetime category. The student category is open to school aged coaches, while the lifetime category is for those who have devoted 25 years or more to coaching. The general category is for all other community coaches. You can make sure your coach is in the running by nominating them online at [www.sparc.org.nz/volunteers](http://www.sparc.org.nz/volunteers), or picking up an entry form from any Sport Waikato office. "By making a nomination you're saying thanks, you're appreciated." Nominating your coach could also make you a winner! There is a \$300 voucher for the school that makes the most nominations overall, and all nominator names will also go in the draw to win a \$200 Smiths Sport Shoes voucher.

The SPARC Volunteer Coach Awards are open to all non-paid, volunteer coaches including club coaches, school coaches and anyone coaching at a non-representative level. Nominations close 8th September 2010

### **The Safe & Happy Club**

Laille and her team will be running their usual holiday programme from the school hall from Monday 27 September till Friday 8 October. The team has heaps of exciting and fun filled days planned. Expressions of interest can be directed to Laille on 027 727 8521.

### **Milo Cricket**

Milo Cricket teaches your child basic cricket and small ball skills as well as having fun. Your child/ren have brought home a registration form with the details, if you need another form, there are some available at the school office.