

13 October 2010

WEEK 1 2010

Principal's Diary...

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone, I hope you all had a great holiday and managed to escape for a few days. A big welcome to our new families here at TAPS - Welcome to you all.

We have our first whole school assembly this Friday and I would like to invite you all to attend our new term 4 celebration at 10:10am. The purpose of our first assembly is to talk about our Cornerstone Value: 'Friendliness' and share this term's learning theme of serving others.

'FRIENDLINESS'

Goal: To develop positive relationships between teachers and pupils, foster friendliness and amongst children.

- i. *I will smile and say hello to all the people I meet.* (Syndicate 1 and 2 - Juniors)
- ii. *I will greet people with a smile and make sure that they are included in my games.* (Syndicate 3 and 4 - seniors)

Uniform:

As you prepare for the summer term, can I please remind you the shoes stipulated in the school uniform policy are: Blue or black shoes or sandals – **this does not mean jandals/thongs**. Your support of this policy is appreciated.

There has been a slight increase in uniform costs due to the recent GST increase. We have managed to keep the hat prices at \$10 each, these will be compulsory for students from Labour Weekend. Please make sure you name all pieces of uniform especially hats. Hats and all other uniform items are available to purchase at the uniform shop (located in the hall) on Wednesdays 8.15 – 9pm.

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

Gala:

Our PTA is currently busy planning the Gala for the 30th October and your help and support is always welcomed. Over the next week your child will come home with a note asking for donations for your class raffle and class activity/stall. Your support is appreciated in this area. We will also be organising a "white elephant" stall, therefore we are looking for any items (in good order) that you may be able to donate, any items can be brought into school the week of the 26th October. Please feel free to contact any of our members from the web site or Gareth at school. A big thank you to our small PTA Team!

Class placement for 2011:

For all those parents new to our school this is an opportunity to put your thoughts in writing to the Principal and the management team regarding the best placement for your child during the 2011 academic school year. This is not a time to choose a certain teacher or the best friend that you would like your child with, but to share the learning, personal and social needs of your child. We compare your thoughts with the current teacher and the syndicate leader. The teaching staff will make the best choice for your child based on the data and knowledge we have already. Please feel free to share your thoughts via letter format **by Week 6 – Friday 19th November**. You will be notified of your child's class placement on Wednesday 15th December via an individual slip that will come home with your child.

Stop Work Meeting:

Local schools in the Waipa area will have a stop work meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday 26th October. School will finish at 12.30pm. Any children who travel home by bus or attend After School care will be supervised during this time. All community school buses will be running at their regular time.

Our Syndicate Teams for Term 4:

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 would 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 Year 0-1 learners and teachers Rooms 1- 5)

Syndicate 2 Leader is: Mrs Kim Tautari-Scott (responsibilities for Year 1-2 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.

Take care everyone

Gareth Duncan

Principal

BOT NEWS

Building renovations:

Work started on our new school library today. This work will take up the majority of this term and when complete will not only serve as our library but will also be equipped with ICT equipment to be used as a "learning centre".

Over the holidays we also installed new computers in each and every classroom enabling all children to further enrich their learning with the use of ICT equipment.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Term 4 dates:

Monday 11th October – Wednesday 15th December.

Labour Day 25th October 2010

NZEI Stop work meeting 26th October 12.30-3.00pm

Grounds – Teasdale St frontage

The front grassed area of our school is currently cordoned off and out of bounds, this is due to recent turf work & reseeding that has taken place. Once the seeding has established and is growing we will be looking much healthier ☺ and the grassed areas will be accessible to children again.

Class & Portrait Photos

Envelopes for orders went home at the end of last term. If you require extra or sibling envelopes, we have some available at the office. Photos will be taken in class order on Wednesday 20th October.

Term 4 bus tags

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

Milk Monday

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GKR Karate

Are opening beginners' classes at your school. Karate promotes self-esteem, fitness, confidence, discipline and of course self defence and fun! Our classes are great for the whole family ages 5 and up. For more info about class times please phone Callum on 07 211 7929 or 021 2999 560

Dynamic Impact Speaking – Chatterbox Ltd

Roslyn has over 25 years teaching experience and is passionate about speaking. She uses accelerated teaching methods and her classes are FUN – because that's how kids learn! NEW FUN AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES – 8 week package!

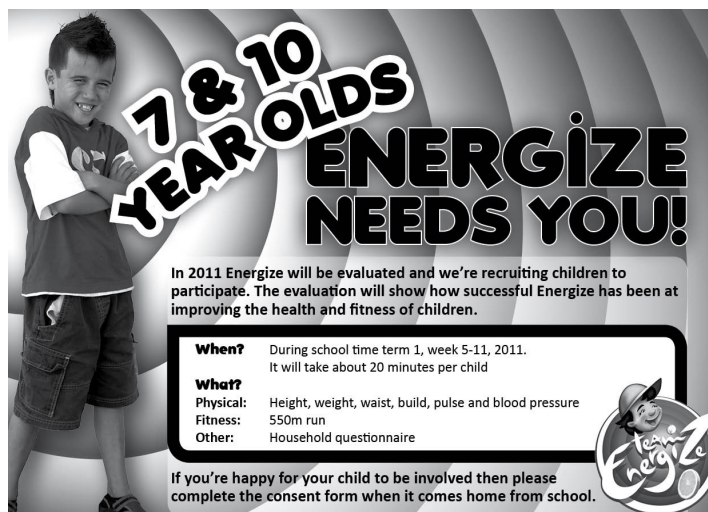
Kids gain confidence, stress-handling & impromptu speaking skills, oral clarity and get a head start in life. Thurs 21st Oct–9th Dec;

3.15-4.15pm at school. Yr 3-6 \$99 Group: 5 plus. ENQUIRIES RING: Roslyn 027 248 2888 or email: info@chatterbox.net.nz

Speech Communication NZ Inc. Reg; LTCL – London; BEd; Waikato Festival of Arts – Convenor

Mc Donalds Kihikihi Speedway Community Fireworks Spectacular

Season Opener 2010/2011 - Sunday 31st October starting at 6pm. Guy & Banner Competition. Keep an eye out in the Te Awamutu Courier for details or visit www.kihikhispeedway.co.nz



7 & 10 YEAR OLDS ENERGIZE NEEDS YOU!

In 2011 Energize will be evaluated and we're recruiting children to participate. The evaluation will show how successful Energize has been at improving the health and fitness of children.

When?	During school time term 1, week 5-11, 2011. It will take about 20 minutes per child
What?	Physical: Height, weight, waist, build, pulse and blood pressure Fitness: 550m run Other: Household questionnaire

If you're happy for your child to be involved then please complete the consent form when it comes home from school.

