

WEEK 1 2011

Happy New Year – 2011

Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome back to a new year at school, I hope you all had a great holiday and managed to escape for a few days. A special welcome to all of our new families here at TAPS.

During the holidays, the Library renovations have been completed and we look forward to this being fully operational by the end of Term 1. Our new school radio station has been set up across from the library. TAPS 107.4 FM will be broadcasting by week 2. This will lead to exciting opportunities for our TAPS learners to share on a daily basis, our TAPS news and happenings.

The New Zealand National standards and reporting changes were presented to you in your child's end of 2010 report. If you are new to TAPS, or are indeed having any difficulties understanding these changes then we will be holding opportunities for parents to engage with us about the Literacy and Numeracy standards and the ways in which we will be reporting to you and your children. Please feel free to talk to any teacher within our school about the National standards.

Can I please remind all parents to check children's bags this week for the syndicate newsletters which have more permanent information for you and your family.

I again, extend a warm welcome to you all, and wish you all the best for your personal endeavours. Thank you for the opportunities you give us to share in your child's learning.

Our Syndicate leaders for 2011:

Senior School Deputy Principal – Mrs Gill Gibbs (Years 3-6)

Junior School Deputy Principal – Miss Tracy Findlay (Years 0-2)

Syndicate 1 Leader is: Mrs Diane Darlington (responsibilities for all Year 0 - 1 learners and teachers in Rooms 1 - 4)

Syndicate 2 Leader is: Mrs Kim Tautari-Scott (responsibilities for all Year 1 - 2 learners and teachers in Rooms 7 - 10)

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

Syndicate 4 Leader is: Miss Tara Walter (responsibilities for all Year 5 - 6 learners and teachers in Rooms 17 - 22)

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan

Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Bus Tags

All students who travel to and from school via bus must have a current term one bus tag. These are \$30 and available from the school office. All tags must be paid for by Friday 11th February. No tag – No bus.

Wednesday Wonderland

We would like to extend an invite to all our pre-school community (all children 4.5 years and older) to take up the free offer of coming to our preparation for school programme run every Wednesday afternoon with Maree Parkes (trained teacher and TAPS Community Connector) The programme for 2011 will start Week 2, Wednesday 16th February at 1.30pm – 3pm. Please come to the main foyer of the school.

School Fundraiser

We would appreciate your help! We have been lucky enough to win the contract to deliver the Waipa/Waitomo community phone books throughout the Te Awamutu & Kihikihi areas. What a great chance to get out and exercise, while helping our school to raise funds for our new exciting 107.4 TAPS FM Radio Station. If you are able to help, the books will be available for pick up from Friday 11th February in the hall.

Uniform Room

The uniform room will be open every Wednesday morning from 8.15am till 9am in the hall.

Swimming

As you may be aware, swimming has commenced for the 2011 summer block. All students have class allocated times during the day. Could we please remind all parents/care givers to name **ALL** clothing, including towels and togs.

PTA

Te Awamutu Primary School would like to thank the PTA for the amazing efforts of fundraising for different resources. Last year we purchased much needed maths resources and have been lucky enough to be able to purchase some fun and funky furniture for our nearly completed and upgraded library. The efforts of our small but dedicated PTA are appreciated by staff and pupils alike. The PTA is currently looking for new and enthusiast parents/ caregivers to help with the fundraising efforts for 2011. We will be having a meeting on Tuesday 15th February in the school staffroom starting at 7pm. **We invite ALL interested people to attend.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Chatter Box Dynamic Speech Class

Roslyn has taught for 25+ years and is a registered Speech & Drama Trainer, Oral Specialist and Convenor for Waikato Performing Arts and Young Performer of the Year Award. Kids gain confidence, stress-handling & impromptu speaking skills, oral clarity and get a head start. Hamilton-Mondays from 3.30pm. Te Awamutu-Tuesdays from 4pm \$99-179 –discounts apply.

ENQUIRIES: Roslyn 027 248 2888 or email info@chatterbox.net.nz www.chatterbox.net.nz
Speech Communication NZ Inc. Reg; LTCL – London; BEd; Waikato Festival of Arts – Convenor

GKR Karate

GKR have classes near 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.

Te Awamutu Junior Hardball Cricket

If you are aged 9-13 years old (years 5-8), and would like to play cricket on Saturday mornings in Term 1, please come to our registration nights on Thursday 3rd Feb & Thurs 10th @ 5.30pm (\$30 registration fee). We meet at the Te Awamutu College cricket practice nets which are situated on the college fields in Factory Rd, next to the Wananga. If you cannot make it to registration night, or need further information, please phone Helen Daly (07) 871 3321.

Te Awamutu Sports Junior Rugby League Muster

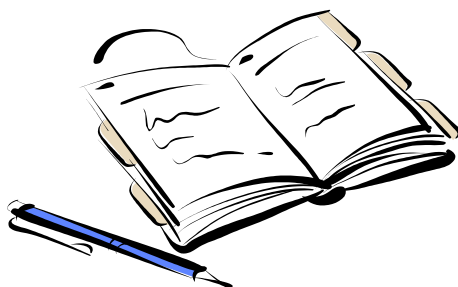
If you are interested in playing rugby league in 2011, please attend the Muster for ALL junior teams: **Wednesday, February 16** from 5.00pm at Te Awamutu Sports Clubrooms or send your interest to: tafirehawks@hotmail.co.nz

Hamilton Community Centre of Music

Now is the time to bring the fun and enjoyment of live music into your life! At the **Hamilton Community Centre of Music** you can select from a wide range of instruments. You may also choose to play in our many groups and bands, or like to join our choir. Our friendly and experienced tutors will help you develop your skills, and you can hire a selection of instruments from us at very competitive rates. Classes start on **Saturday February 19th**. We are accepting new enrolments from 10th January - enrol @ www.hccm.org.nz.

Open Day 9.00am -1.00pm on Saturday 12th February, 2011 at the Faculty of Education Cafeteria , Gate 4, Hillcrest Road, University of Waikato. Talk to us and see what we have to offer.

For more details contact us: www.hccm.org.nz 07 838 4611 or 07 858 5212



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1

February 2011

Tuesday 15th February – PTA 7pm in the staffroom

Wednesday 16th February – Kai & Korero Whanau Meeting 6pm in the hall

Wednesday 23rd February – BOT Meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom.

www.taps.school.nz

BOOST THAT FRUIT

Its summer time and the fruit is so juicy, sweet and fresh!

Over the next few weeks Projoe will challenge you to eat different types of fruit and in different ways.

The vitamins, minerals and fibre we get from fruit is super important for our body to work well and stay healthy.

