

18 May 2011

Welcome to Week 3 - 2011

Principal's Diary...

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Our Rippa Rugby team played in the local Rippa tournament last Tuesday at Te Awamutu Sports Rugby Club and won the competition. Congratulations to the team who now head to Hamilton to play in the Waikato section of the tournament. The winning team goes to Auckland to participate in the Rugby World Cup launch in September and we wish you all the very best.



I would like to acknowledge the fabulous efforts of our Song Squad who participated in the Kids for Kids concert at Founders Theatre with Susan Prentice last Thursday evening. Congratulations to Mrs Mackey, Miss James and all of you who committed your lunch hours over the last two terms to prepare for this wonderful show case.

We started our term with a whole school assembly talking about `Care and Concern` as our leading value for the term. The next three weeks we will be concentrating on: **Manners**. I would like to invite all our parents and or caregivers to join one of our Values Assemblies this coming Monday (23rd May) at 9:10am in the School Hall.

Our values focus will be:

- * I always use good manners (Syndicate 1 and 2)
- * I am well-mannered and I always treat others politely (Syndicate 3 and 4)

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan

Principal

Check out our web site:

www.taps.school.nz

BOT (Board of Trustees) Community update: - TONIGHT

It is time for us to review the school's Strategic Plan once again. We will be having our first community consultation meeting **TONIGHT - Wednesday 18th May at 6pm**; this will be held at Kelly & Bryant Chartered Accounts Greenhill Drive Te Awamutu (Taylors Hill). Please come along and have your say – What would you like to “Keep, Stop, Start”? Light refreshments will be provided.

Life Education Trust

Recently we sent home a notice regarding a student contribution of \$3 towards Life Education, who recently visited our school with Nicki and Harold. We would like to thank those who have brought their money to school and would like to remind those who haven't to send it to school as soon as possible.

Sports Photos

All Te Awamutu Primary School sports teams will have photos taken on Friday 15th July. A notice with more information will go home closer to the time.

Discos

Syndicate 1 & 2 enjoyed a very successful disco last Friday. Our younger students showed off some great moves on the dance floor and the PTA would like to especially thank all of the teachers and helpers for being there and making it a success. Syndicate 3 will have their disco this Friday evening from 6-7.30pm. As this is a Syndicate 3 disco we ask that younger or older siblings do not attend. Tickets are \$2 and are available from Mrs Miller in room 6 and Mrs Dannock in room 15.

Te Reo and Tikanga Maori fundraising Hangi

When: Friday 24th June

Pick-up: TAPS school hall, 5pm

Cost: \$10 (chicken, pork, mutton, stuffing, potato, kumara, pumpkin, cabbage, and steamed pudding with custard)

Ticket sales from Mrs Gibbs office on THURSDAY AND FRIDAY mornings between 8.30 and 9.30am - starting this week.

School Fees:

Statements for the outstanding compulsory consumables fee and the school donations have been sent home this week. These are due and payable now. If payment in full is difficult, part payments will be accepted over time to clear the debt. Eftpos is available at the main office.

Children's Absences

It is school policy that you notify the office (8715378), before 9am daily if your child is going to be absent. Our school mobile phone (0212760505) can be text with a message regarding absentees. We thank you all for your support in keeping children safe. All unexplained absences are marked as truant.

Pedestrian Crossings and School Driveways

We have noticed a number of parents crossing their children on either side of the school crossing on Teasdale Street. As we like to instil good road sense, we ask that all parents/caregivers and especially children, use the pedestrian crossings only. The Bank Street driveway, is for staff and trade vehicles only. For child safety, please use the footpath alongside the driveway when entering and leaving the school grounds. Please note: vehicles are not permitted to park (whether picking up or dropping off) in the bus bay on Teasdale Street. **This is a bus park only.**

Milo Monday

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

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

PTA Support:

We would like to remind families that the PTA is a very small, but active group in our school and they need you to join and support their 2011 fundraising efforts. Our major school fundraising event this year is the School Gala to be held in Term 4 and the Quiz Night coming up later this term. Please call the school to find out more information if you are able to support in anyway. PTA will be hosting a coffee and cake afternoon on Thursday 16th June at 3.15pm in Room 17. Children will be catered for.

Wednesday Wonderland Early Childhood Programme 2011

I 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 at 1.30pm till 3pm with Maree Parkes (trained teacher and TAPS Community Connector) Please come to the main foyer of the school for directions as to where this is being held.

Netball

Netball competition is well underway, with all our of netball teams enjoying the exercise and fine weather. ☺ Draws can be found at www.sportsground.co.nz/teawamutunetball/. TAPS Netball teams are as follows:

Competition level - TAPS Vetent, TAPS Elevations, TAPS Kelly & Bryant.

Future ferns – TAPS Wild Cats, TAPS Mini Magic, TAPS Silver Ferns.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Safe & Happy Club is looking for a kind and mature person to work with special needs in our Pirongia Afterschool Care Programme, 2 days per fortnight. Must be flexible. Please phone Laille 871 6696 / 0277278521 for more information.

Remember....

1. Board of Trustees and **Community Strategic Planning Meeting Tonight**. The meeting will start at 6pm at Kelly & Bryant. Everyone is welcome to attend this sessions and share thoughts and ideas for the future direction of TAPS.
2. Board of Trustees Meeting – 31st May @ 6pm in the staffroom.
3. The next whānau hui date has also been moved to MONDAY 13th JUNE at 6pm in the staffroom.

GEMS OF THE WEEK

Throughout our school, we have been concentrating on our literacy programme and the work that is coming from the students is exceptional. I would like you all to take the time to read the gems of the week from Syndicate 2 – Well done, fantastic writing.

Mr Duncan

Year 2 students were challenged to use onomatopoeia, dialogue – without using the word said, adjectives and verbs. The following a writing gems display all of these language features.

Bzzz!

The tiny winged insect flew in the flowers.

“Who are you?” it demanded.

By Jacob (Rm 7)

Scraaatch!

The bulky brown furry creature scratched up against the tall tree.

“Who are you in my tree?” whispered the gorilla to the bear.

By Ryan (Rm 7)

Moo!

The humongous white black spotted animal munched the sweet juicy green grass.

“Moo! Who are you?” grumbled the cow to the gorilla

By Michael (Rm 7)

The little brown rodent wandered in the woods.

“Who are you?” whispered the bear.

By Jackson (Rm 7)

All Blacks

Metal and cannons

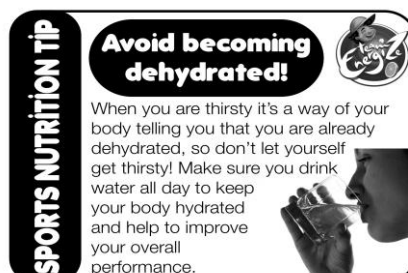
Sleek like a black cat

Fast like an eagle

Big like a giant

Strong like heavy rain clouds

By Jacob A (Rm 9)



SPORTS NUTRITION TIP

Avoid becoming dehydrated!

When you are thirsty it's a way of your body telling you that you are already dehydrated, so don't let yourself get thirsty! Make sure you drink water all day to keep your body hydrated and help to improve your overall performance.

