

Welcome to Week 7 - 2011

Principal's Diary...

I would like to welcome all new students who have started at TAPS recently, not only to TAPS but also to our community, a very big welcome to you all.

This week is extremely busy with a group of International visitors coming to TAPS from Salinas, California on their North Island NZ Tour. We will be playing them in basketball at the Te Awamutu Events Centre at 3:30pm tomorrow. You are all more than welcome to come down to the Events Centre and support our children play in their very first international game of basketball.

Welcome for our American guests:

This will be in the school hall at 2pm tomorrow (Thursday) with all those from Syndicate 3 & 4 who are not playing in the Kihikihi Sports exchange along with Syndicate 1 & 2. If you would like to be a part of our school powhiri (Mihi Whakatau – small welcome) then please be seated in the Hall at 2pm ready for our guests.

I would like to remind all our families to diary **Wednesday 6th July**. This is the opening of our school library, radio station and classrooms. Our Mayor: Mr Alan Livingston and the Board of Trustees will be cutting the ribbon at 1:30pm with a formal presentation on the deck outside rooms 5 & 6. This will be a chance for our school and the wider community to come and look around and be entertained by our children. The whole school will be involved in the day and more information will come out shortly from each syndicate.

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan

Principal

Check out our web site:

www.taps.school.nz

Enrolment Scheme: (This applies to any future enrolments NOT existing students)

In order to prevent overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, the board of Te Awamutu Primary School has adopted an enrolment scheme which has been approved by the Ministry of Education. The enrolment scheme will take effect as of Term 3 2011. Under this scheme, students will be enrolled if they live within the home zone, copies of which are available at the school office. The enrolment of out of zone students is governed by the provisions of the Education Act 1989. The enrolment scheme, which includes a precise description of the home zone, may be viewed at the school office where copies of the scheme are available.

PLEASE NOTE: The board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Te Awamutu Primary School for Term 3 2011. Applications for out of zone places are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period 01 August 2011 - 07 October 2011 (Term 3). The deadline for out of zone applications is 8 July 2011. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on the 12th July 2011. Parents will be informed of the outcome within three school days of the ballot being held. **If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.**

Staff required

TAPS Afterschool Care Programme requires an energetic friendly person to join our team. You will need to be reliable and available from 2.45pm Mon - Fri during the school term. Childcare can be provided. Please call Laille on 0273209849 for more information.

Mathematics and Numeracy Parent Information Evening.

A fun night for all parents and caregivers interested in what is happening in their child/s class for mathematics and numeracy. This is for all students at TAPS. 12th July 7pm in the hall.

Kihikihi Sports exchange:

Reminder that Kihikihi School will be visiting tomorrow afternoon to play: Soccer, Netball and Rugby. Please feel free to come down to school and support the teams at a 1:30pm kick off and a 2:30pm finish.

School Assembly next Tuesday 21st June @ 2:15pm

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our parents for next week's appreciation and recognition assembly for our: J-Rockers, Rippa Rugby and Basketball children, and to acknowledge the fabulous work teachers have put into these areas over the term. Please come and support the inspiring story time.

Safety reminders

We continually have a number of children in the park after school, waiting to be picked up. Please remember that the children are unsupervised during this time and they need to be picked up as close to 3pm as possible. We understand the parking issue at the front of the school, however, to have children waiting as late as 3.20pm is a concern. Also, it has been noticed that some children from Syndicate 1 & 2 have been walking to and from school on their own. Once again this is a safety issue as 5 & 6 year olds have not yet established secure skills to cross roads and to monitor driveways by themselves. We thank you for your anticipated support around these issues as the care and safety of our children is paramount.

Late Students

The school day starts at 8.55am and students must be settled in class by 9am when teachers take the roll. Should any students arrive after this time, they must sign in at the office.

School Times

If you need to drop your child/ren at school early, we have a before school care programme known as the Breakfast Club. Please see Laille in the hall at after school or before school care for enrolment forms and enquires. Please note the expectation is that children arrive to school no earlier than 8.15am and teachers do not open their classroom doors to children until 8.30am. In the coming winter months this is really important for our children's health.

Lucky Book Club Orders

Last day for orders will be Friday 24th June; no late orders will be accepted.

Sports, Kapa Haka, School Leaders & Councillor Photos

All Te Awamutu Primary School sports teams will have photos taken on Tuesday 5th July. All sports teams must be in uniform for photos. This includes Netball, Basketball and Rippa Rugby. Te Reo & Tikanga Maori Class – boys bring black shorts and girls bring black singlets and tights. All other Kapa Haka groups (e.g. Syndicate 1, 2 & 3 will be in school uniform). Order forms will go home shortly.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

This will be held on Wednesday 13th July from 8am to 9am in the hall. If you have any uniform items for sale, bring items into school with your name, mobile number and price pinned to the uniform. No staples please. Cash only.

School Fees:

Statements for the outstanding compulsory consumables fee and the school donations were sent home recently. 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

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.

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. 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 tomorrow (Thursday) at 3.15pm in Room 17. Children will be catered for.

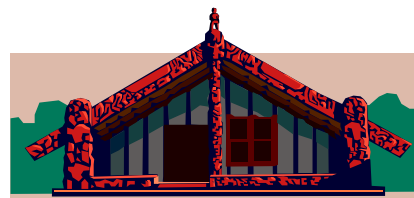
Wednesday Wonderland Early Childhood Programme 2011

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.

Hangi Fundraiser

Friday 24th June 2011
5pm pick-up at TAPS hall
\$10 each

Order by sending money in a clearly named envelope to school.
Tickets will be sent home with your child on Thursdays and Fridays.
Thanks for supporting the Te Reo and Tikanga Maori whanau!



Community Notices

Pirongia School PTA Presents: The Ultimately Funny Comedian/Hypnotist show by Guy Cater direct from the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas **Friday 1st July**, doors open 7pm – shows starts 8pm. Pirongia Memorial Hall. \$25.00 per ticket (includes supper) - Cash bar available. Get a group of friends together - A guaranteed night of non-stop laughter! Tickets available from Pirongia School Office, Time-Out Salon, Alexandra Hotel & Guys Paper Plus

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. Some of the language features the children are learning are: Onomatopoeias (words that sound like the things they describe e.g. **roar, bang, smash, pop**), similes (similes say something is like something else e.g. **he ran as quick as lightning**) and personification (this is when we give human characteristics to animals, abstract concepts or inanimate objects e.g. **The sun smiled down, wrapping me in her warm embrace**). I would like you all to take the time to read the gem of the week from
Syndicate 4 – Well done, fantastic writing.

Mr Duncan

The Soccer Game

Anxiously my team mates and I dashed on the field at supersonic speed. After that we got into position as fast as a blink and our goalie got his gear on. We were waiting for the whistle. We were a pack of inaudible mice. Next thing you know the whistle blows as fast as a flash I pass the ball of fire to my team mate he dashed off like a cheetah, he was running at such high speed. Then he went for a goal. He shoots the ball. The ball looks like a cannon ball as it shoots towards the goal. The goalie makes a save. Next the goalie kicks the ball on the ground. Then I boot the ball as high as the sky tower and into the goal, "score," we all say at the top of our voices the whistle blows the other team gets into position as slow as a bunch of slugs. Later the whistle blows they kick it, it looks like it is in slow motion. Another whistle blows meaning that's the end of the game. After the game all of our team went to our coach to see who got the player of the day certificate. Then we got into a huddle. Then we cheered three cheers for the other team. Both our teams lined up and strolled towards each other and clapped hands and said "good game." Lastly the Mums and Dads picked up their boys and girls to go home.

By Korbyn



WINTER WARMERS

SOUP

Soup is great warmer for a cold winter's day. Serve with some wholegrain bread for a warm and tasty lunch or dinner. Try this yummy vegetable soup recipe:

- 1 onion chopped
- 2-3 cups chopped veg – pumpkin, kumara, carrot, parsnip etc
- 1 1/2 litres water or stock
- 1/2 cup skim milk powder
- 2 tbsp plain flour

Add veg, onion, water/stock into a pot, simmer until veggies are very soft. Mix flour, milk powder and a little water into a smooth paste. Add to soup and simmer until creamy.

