

10 November 2011

## Welcome to Week 3, Term 4 - 2011

### Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whānau,

Thank you to all those parents who took the opportunity to put their thoughts in writing regarding the best placement for their child during the 2012 academic school year. We have found your thoughts extremely helpful. I would like to take this time to share our teaching team for the 2012 Academic year. Please note that this list is subject to change. All enquiries regarding the following information must be through the Deputy Principals or Principal. (Please note that this is a list and not a class numbered placement).

#### Syndicate One: New Entrant

Mrs Diane Darlington

Mrs Diane Gudsell/Mrs Jane Ellis (Class shared)

Mrs Maree Parkes

#### Syndicate Two: Year 1 & 2

Mrs Bridget Perkins

Mrs Valida White

Mrs Jamie McMorrان

Mrs Tara McAuley

Mrs Janette Gillespie

#### Syndicate Three: Year 3 & 4

Mrs Kim Tautari-Scott

Miss Emma Baker

Mrs Jo-Anne Dannock

Mrs Davina Miller

Mrs Kathryn Picard

#### Syndicate Four: Year 5 & 6

Mrs Anne Mackey

Mrs Jessie Monk

Mrs Kim Lester

Miss Wendy James

Miss Linda Woulfe

We look forward to an exciting new learning year as we prepare to look at school-wide spelling programmes. This year there has been a major emphasis on writing and numeracy. In 2012 we will continue with these two areas of the curriculum and we will also be examining our school's spelling levels and expected standards. I would like to invite all parents to go on the school web site and read the learning targets for this year. On this site you will be able to read about our successes and in the coming weeks, view the assessment data for the whole school.

Syndicate 4, and particularly Room 20, have been stripping down a car, to have it ready for the March 2012 Kihikihi Demolition Derby. This is an exciting project that is linked to a promotional stint that the School's Commerce Group, along with 107.8 TAPS FM, have been working on to create extra sponsorship for the station.

If you know of anyone who wants to sponsor a panel and have their business raced around the Kihikihi track, please enquire through the school office. You will get a chance to see the car in the Te Awamutu Christmas Parade and it will be parked outside school on Teasdale Street once all the sign writing is completed.

This is a project that has been undertaken by the children and Sunil, our Caretaker, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their fantastic work.

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan ☺

Principal

### SCHOOL NOTICES

#### Syndicate 3 & 4 Athletics Day – Postponed until tomorrow

Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am – 2.30pm.

#### Lucky Book Orders

This will be our last order for the year. Last day for orders is Friday 11 November, sorry strictly no late orders

#### Out-of-zone Enrolments

Enrolment periods will be held next year to allow available places to be filled. Please visit the school website at [www.taps.school.nz](http://www.taps.school.nz) or contact the school office on 871 5378 to receive an expression of interest form with the details of the enrolment periods. For those wishing to begin at TAPS at the start of Term 1, 2012 expressions of interest must be returned to the school by 3pm, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.

#### Inquiry Centre

The Inquiry Centre staff will be conducting the annual stocktake of all books in the Library starting 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that any books issued to your child/children are returned by the 30<sup>th</sup> November in order to make our task achievable. The students will bring home notices before then, if they have any books to be returned. Your cooperation is much appreciated. Thanks, from the Inquiry Centre team.

#### Lunch Orders

Lunch can be ordered Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings at the office before 9am. Orders are to be put into a clearly named and sealed envelope. A copy of the menu can be requested from the office at any time and is also on the school website.

#### Lost Property

We have a large number of items in our lost property room which is beside Room 14. Students recently went through these and found homes for a number of items. We ask that you be extremely vigilant when naming school clothing especially during the summer months when school hats are compulsory. We also have a collection of watches, sunglasses, necklaces and even car keys at the office.

#### An Important Reminder for all parents & caregivers.

The Bank Street entrance to the school grounds is for staff and trade vehicles only. The gate will be closed during these busy times (8.30 – 9.05am and 2.30 – 3.15pm) for child safety.

#### Uniform

As the weather finally decides to warm up and the sun decides to shine, please remember that **school hats are now compulsory**. Hats are available from the uniform room and the office at a cost of \$10 each. The Uniform Room is open every Wednesday morning in the hall from 8.15 - 9.00 am. We have stock on hand and EFTPOS available.

# SYNDICATE 3 & 4 ATHLETICS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE TE AWAMUTU STADIUM

## Term Dates:

- The last day of school for 2011 is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- We return for the 2012 year on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

## Bicycles & Scooters

With the weather warming up, students often enjoy riding to and from school. Please note that police regulation requires all cyclists to wear helmets at all times on public roads. Bikes, scooters and skateboards are not permitted to be ridden in school grounds at any time. It is also highly recommended that students Year 4 and below do not ride to school. **Locking bikes is very important and is the responsibility of the student not the school.**

## Wednesday Wonderland Early Childhood Programme 2011

We would like to extend an invite to all our pre-school community (children 4.5 years and older) to take up the invitation and attend our preparation for school programme run every Wednesday afternoon 1.30pm - 3pm with Maree Parkes, one of our talented new entrant teachers. Please come to the main foyer of the school for directions as to where this is being held. This programme is funded by the school and therefore free of charge.

## Milk Monday

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

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## School fees & donations:

Thank you to those families who have already paid their fees, we appreciate your support. If you have not paid your school donation & fees, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. The consumable levy is a **compulsory fee** which covers paper, photocopying etc. We rely on this income to help us provide up to date resources for your children. Unfortunately the funding we receive from the Ministry is simply not enough to cover every need. Eftpos is available at the office and part-payments are most welcome.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **HAMILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE OF MUSIC**

We offer affordable group tuition in a wide range of instruments from pre-schoolers to adults. Come and visit us at our **OPEN DAY** on SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2012 from 9 am – 12 noon at the University of Waikato, Faculty of Education, TT Block, Gate 4, Hillcrest Road. For further Enquires : [www.hccm.org.nz](http://www.hccm.org.nz) or phone 838 4611

### **MCDONALDS KIHIKIHI SPEEDWAY - Head Injury Society "Celebrity Bash"**

Mark Edwards (ex NZ Minisprint Champ) team vs Tony Fabish's (2 x NZ Midget Champ) team which will both have NZ Celebrities racing against each other in stockcars. Among the names to feature are sliver Ferns, Leana de Bruin, Joline Henry & Casey Williams, rowing legend, Rob Hamil, Rock FM MC, Mike Gumbo and another celebrity is yet to be announced. Gates open at 1pm Racing starts at 3pm. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Rain date Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. Adults \$20, children \$10, family \$40.



## CHIPPIE FRIDAY

Te Awamutu Primary School PTA is doing a chippies & nuggets or chippies & sausage fundraiser next Friday (18<sup>th</sup> November). Orders **MUST** be placed by this Friday (11<sup>th</sup> November).

Options are 3 x nuggets or 1 x sausage & chips. Orders cost \$4.

An order form was sent home at the beginning of this week, if you child did not receive one, you can cut this out and send it to school TOMORROW (FRIDAY) along with the correct amount in a sealed envelope.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM \_\_\_\_\_

3 x nuggets & chips

1 x sausage & chips

chips only

\$4 enclosed

sauce

## **TERM 4 DIARY**

### **Term 4**

#### **Week 3**

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Sydicate 3 & 4 Athletics

**\*PLEASE NOTE POSTPONEMENT DATE**

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Kawhia Moana

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Strictly last day for Chippie Friday Orders

#### **Week 4**

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> BOT Meeting

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> CHIPPIE FRIDAY

#### **Week 5**

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Interschool Athletics

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> – Syndicate 2 Athletics

#### **Week 6**

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – Syndicate 1 Flower Show

#### **Week 7**

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Syndicate 1 Athletics

#### **Week 8**

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Graduation

#### **Week 9**

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Mufti day and second hand uniform sale.

Last day of 2011

\*all dates are subject to change