

Thursday 26th March 2012

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## Welcome to Week 1, Term 2 - 2012 Principal's Diary...

Welcome back to sunny Term 2. I hope you managed to enjoy the warm weather and you were able to escape for a few days with family & friends. During this week, a number of classrooms will be walking to Anzac Green to look at wreaths laid during the ANZAC parade. Our own school councillors attended the parade yesterday and laid a wreath on the schools behalf. This is done to honour those fallen NZ & Australians soldiers that fought during the war.

St Andrew's Junior School from Singapore will be visiting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May where they will take on our very own TAPS 1<sup>st</sup> XV in a rugby match played here at school. Kick off will be 2pm. ALL WELCOME! Most winter sport starts this weekend. Rugby (Rippa & tackle) and Future Ferns netball will enjoy their first games, good luck to all those involved with winter sports.

Year 5 & 6 "J-ROCKERS" have started rehearsing. This year the theme is "how dance has changed through the ages". The date has been now confirmed for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The refurbishment of the top block is now complete. Senior students moved into their new rooms this week and are enjoying being back in their own space.

Sunil, our caretaker, will be competing in the annual McDonalds Kihikihi Speedway Demo Derby, this Sunday. Sunil has put a lot of work into getting the car ready and is more than eager to get out there and have fun *destroying* it. TAPS 107.8FM would like to thank our sponsors for the car: ANZ, Tony Fabish Panelworks and Waipa Plumbing & Gas. The speedway track will be using generators this weekend during the scheduled power outage.

Yours in learning  
Gareth Duncan ☺

### SCHOOL NOTICES

#### Syndicate 1 News

This term Syndicate One's inquiry is People Who Help Us. We are finding out about the work of the Dental Nurses, Police, Fire Fighters, Ambulance, Public Health Nurse and Vets. Later in the term we are going to find out about Matariki and share some myths and legends. We are doing some print making, paper and flax weaving.

#### Syndicate 2 News

Syndicate 2's big question this term is 'Why can't it be summer all year long?' We are going to be learning about the different seasons and how they each play an important role. Already students have been discussing their favourite seasons and observing the changes in nature that happen in Autumn.

#### Syndicate 3 News

So ... Just what's out there? .... In our backyard? .... In our world? (Our big questions).  
The scientist in us are about to emerge. From mini-beasts, to habitats, to adaptations living things have had to make in order to survive. This truly fits in with our school's ecological focus for term 2. Syndicate 3 students have become true inquirers ... these 'big' questions came from the students investigations in term 1 when they discovered that the dirt in our class gardens were very infertile and lacked the mini-beasts to help our plants grow. In the words of the Lorax .... "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's NOT!"

#### Syndicate 4 News

Excitement is building in the Te Awa Syndicate for the Year 5/6 disco that is being held in the school hall next Thursday (May 3rd - 6.30pm - 8.00pm). Don't forget to buy your tickets from room 19 each morning before school next week, tickets are \$6 each and include entry to the disco plus 2 free glowsticks. Drinks and snacks will be on sale on the night and all students must be picked up by an adult from the hall at the end of the night. Fundraising for camp is underway also with the chocolates ready to go out in week 3 of this term - remember to bring your chocolate forms back to your teachers. Happy selling! Although camp costs have not been finalised, we are accepting payments toward costs now.

### Strategic Plan/School Charter

The Board of Trustees would like to invite all parents to take a look at our 2012-2015 school charter and the current annual plan for an understanding of our learning targets. The document is available for viewing at the school office and on the web site.

### PTA

The PTA would like to thank everyone who helped us in running a wonderfully successful Gala. With your generous contributions and business donations, we were able to raise \$5000 that we are putting towards the purchase of some badly needed gazebos for the school. These will provide shelter for our children for outdoor events both at the school and on trips away. Our inaugural X-Factor proved very popular. Congratulations to all of our X-Factor contestants and a very special congratulation to Kaylani from Room 15, who blew away the crowd and the judges with her amazing voice. We are proud of you. To everyone that auditioned and made it through, you should be proud of yourselves to have the courage to give it a go. ☺ The next fundraiser will be the Politically Incorrect Quiz Night for Adults which will be held in the school hall on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. This is shaping up to be a great night of laughs & fun. Book your tables now! Tickets are available through the school office at \$15 per head.

### Lost Property

We have a large number of items in our lost property room which is beside Room 14. Please come and browse through if your child is missing any items. **\*REMEMBER TO NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING**

### School Fees & Consumables Levy

2012 invoices have been sent home. Thank you to those that have paid these. School fees are set at \$50 per child, \$90 for two children and \$120 for 3 or more children. These are due now.

### 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 offer of attending our preparation for school programme run every Wednesday afternoon with Karen Holland (new entrant teacher). The programme is fully funded by the school and therefore free of charge. Wednesday Wonderland runs from 1.30pm – 3pm. For more information, contact the school office on 871 5378 or [office@taps.school.nz](mailto:office@taps.school.nz)

### Lunches

Lunches can be ordered Monday, Wednesday & Friday at the office between 8.30 – 8.55am. Please have the correct money in a clearly named envelope. Syndicate 1 & 2 will have their lunch delivered to their classrooms. Syndicate 3 & 4 collect theirs from the hall at lunchtime.

### Uniform

The Uniform room is open every Wednesday morning in the school hall from 8.15 - 9.00 am. We have stock on hand and EFTPOS available. Any items for the second hand uniform sale can be left at the office. All items must have your name and contact number pinned to them.

## The Politically Incorrect Quiz Night for Grown-Ups

Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2012

Doors open at 7pm

Tables 8-10 \$15 per head

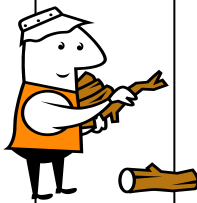
Tickets available from the school office **NOW!!!**

*Theme encouraged*

## McDonalds Kihikihi Speedway Demo Derby - This Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Family passes are available through the school office. \$30 (2 adults & up to 4 children), a percentage will be donated towards our radio station, TAPS 107.8FM. Sunil, our school caretaker will have the honour of driving the car in the demo derby. He hasn't stopped smiling! **Racing this Sunday will still go ahead. The club will run generators during the scheduled power outage.**

School  
Fundraiser  
Dry Firewood  
for sale  
\$80 per trailer  
load, delivered  
Contact Sunil  
021 276 1208  
For details



### Moo Milk Monday

Your child can purchase flavoured milk & a cookie for \$2 at morning tea time on Mondays from the hall foyer. As the weather has been warmer, we will carry on with flavoured milk for the first few weeks of term 2.

### Netball 2012

TAPS Colourplus vs St Pats Pink  
9.50am Court 6  
TAPS Kelly & Bryant vs Pokuru Warriors  
10.40am Court 6  
TAPS VETENT vs St Pats White  
2pm Court 2

### Future Ferns

Games for Future Ferns start this Saturday and are played on Courts 6 & 7  
TAPS Silver Ferns vs St Pats Purple 9.00am  
TAPS Wild Cats vs St Pats Silver 9.00am  
TAPS Mini Magic vs Aropapa 10.40am

### 2012 Term Dates

Term 1 Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 2 Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Term 3 Mon 16<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Term 4 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

### PTA

The PTA meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend any meeting and we encourage your input and/or ideas. More details about the role of the PTA can be found on the school website [www.taps.school.nz/PTA](http://www.taps.school.nz/PTA). Members are as follows:

Chairperson – Tracy Jackson  
Secretary – Haley Brown  
Treasurer – Janinne Fairhurst  
Staff Rep – Kim Fabish  
Deb & Deni Vanin, Irene Perry, Anita Miezeneek, Kim Tautari-Scott, Anne Mackey, Tania Sanders, Amanda Howells

### A few dates to mark on your calendar ....

#### TERM 2

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> April – Kihikihi Speedway Demo Derby  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Kai & Korero 6pm  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Syndicate 4 Disco  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May – The Politically Incorrect Quiz Night for Grown-ups  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May – PTA Meeting 7pm in the staffroom  
Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> May – BOT Meeting  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May – Dads & Sons Breakfast  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June – QUEENS BIRTHDAY  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June – Syndicate 1 & 2 Disco  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June – Syndicate 3 Disco  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> June – Matariki starts  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June – PTA Chippie Day  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> June – Mid-Winter Xmas Mufti Day  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of Term 2

\*\*Dates are subject to change. Please check all dates with each newsletter. Information regarding discos, mufti and other events will be sent home closer to the date.