

Thursday 19th July 2012

Welcome to Week 1, Term 3 - 2012

Principal's Diary...

Welcome back to the new term and we welcome all our new families to TAPS. This term is going to be very exciting for you and your children as we enjoy New Zealand's success at the 2012 Olympics in London which start on 27th July. I'm sure we will all be sitting on the edge of our seats as NZ moves to 100 Gold Medal winning performances – who will that athlete be?

All classrooms look forward to bringing you joy from our learning scope (learning theme) `Serving Others`. We will be sending home your child/ren's learning journey book on Friday 10th August. This is a story of your son or daughter's learning for the term, how they are progressing in relation to the national standards and their next learning steps.

It is timely to remind us all about the safety of our children and the need for school and home to work closely together to make sure our children are aware of safe situations. We will be working with Constable Steve Ryburn, Youth Aid officer from the NZ Police and the classroom teachers to deliver a 4 week programme to the children. More information will be circulated for your child to bring home soon.

We have another busy and meaningful term ahead and here are a few things that will be happening this term:

- Mufti days coming up to celebrate the Olympics
- Kapa Haka Festival – Thursday 13th September
- KOS Parent evening Tuesday 7th August at 7pm in the staffroom.
- Heath Programme – KOS `Keeping Ourselves Safe`
- TAPS 107.8 FM will be broadcasting successfully around Te Awamutu this term with Olympic news. Watch this space for the launch of the 107.8 TAPS FM limited edition tee-shirts.
- Art and drawing exhibition – children will be learning to draw athletes in action
- Athletes training for Syndicate 1 & 2
- Cross Country training starts this term
- Gem writing awards with the Principal Writing Award awarded in Week 4
- Values Assemblies Monday 6th Aug & Monday 3 Sept at 10.10am in the Hall – Parents & caregivers welcome
- School Hip Hop Dancers are performing
- Jump Jam Dance team are preparing for competition
- Gymfest group are in training for the TA Gymnastic festival

Bus Tags

Bus tags for Term 3 are due by Friday 27th July. **No tag – no ride**

The Mothers & Sons breakfast will be on Friday 17th August. This is a fabulous way for us all to come together and celebrate as a learning community, and to have a free breakfast together. The session is sponsored by Paper Plus Te Awamutu. There will be more information in our next newsletter.

Tigers Basketball Academy will be training again this Saturday at the Events Centre from 1.15pm for students, year 1-6. Everyone is welcome. This is a very good opportunity to practice your basketball skills in preparation for the next basketball league that will be held in Te Awamutu. Please ring Anna Wetere 027 275 7343 for information and we will hopefully see you on Saturday.

Thank you to everyone for your support & dedication to your children's learning and we all look forward to our continued partnership.

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan ☺

Sports, Kapa Haka, Commerce Group & School Leaders Photos

Envelopes have been handed out this week to all sports teams & groups. If you did not receive one, we have a few available at the school office. Please return them asap. All netball teams will need to bring their Saturday netball uniform for the photos (shoes are not required). All other teams & groups will need to be in correct school uniform. Photos will be taken from 9.15am on Tuesday 24th July.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Inquiry Centre

The Scholastic Book Fair is on its way! From Monday 13th August to Thursday 16th August (week 5) we will have an exciting range of children's books and educational products for you to view and purchase. The book fair is held in the Inquiry Centre (Library). There will be more information in the next newsletter regarding viewing times. Remember that 30% of all sales come back to our school, providing inspirational new books for our students to enjoy. So, note these dates on your calendar, and get ready for a fun-filled 'Hawaiian Luau' experience!

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank the Grassroots Trust & Lion Foundation for the grants received at the end of last term. Grassroots Trust funded our application for the purchase of new rugby goal posts & cushion fall to all three of our playgrounds - a total of \$16,352. The cushion fall has been spread in the playgrounds and rugby posts will be installed as soon as they arrive onsite.

Te Awamutu Community Board & The Lion Foundation have kindly funded us for 40kmh variable road safety speed signs for each entrance to our school - Bank Street & Teasdale Street, a project controlled by Waipa District Council. The cost to our school for this project was \$7696. We were lucky enough to receive full funding having received a grant from Te Awamutu Community Board for \$1000 and The Lion Foundation for \$6696. The signs have been ordered by Waipa District Council & will be installed in approximately one month's time.

Thank you once again to these organisations for their valued contribution. Without their financial support these projects would not have been able to proceed.

HOT@TAPS (Higher Order Thinkers at Te Awamutu Primary)

Thank you to all of the Y3-6 students who entered the Science/Technology HOT@TAPS programme last term. You have all contributed some absolutely amazing work! This term it is a Social Sciences focus. If your Y3-6 child/children might be interested, please ask them to pick a notice up from Mrs Gibbs on Friday at lunchtime. This will also be on the daily notices.

Wednesday Wonderland

We would like to extend an invite to all our pre-enrolled children or those intending to enrol at TAPS (all children 4.5 years and older) to take up the offer of attending our preparation for school programme run every Wednesday afternoon with Liz Oosterman (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

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.

KIDS KICKBOXING

6-14 Yrs – First night free trial!!!
Thursdays 6-7pm @ Phantom
Kickboxing
Home of World Champions
Ph Rick 027 255 2522

TAPS 107.8FM

“Your Education Station”

Milo Monday

Your child can purchase a warm milo & a cookie for \$2 at morning tea time on Mondays from the hall foyer.

TE AWAMUTU JUNIOR RUGBY MANAGEMENT BOARD Year 5 & 6 Reps

INFORMATION FOR INTERESTED PLAYERS
Welcome to the 2012 Rep Rugby Season. The year 5 & 6 muster and trial is set down for Sunday 22nd July 9.00 a.m. at Albert Park. The Year 5 team is for Year 5 players only and the Year 6 team is for Year 6 players only. There are no weight restrictions.

This year's Tournament will be played on Sunday 12th August at Bedford Park, Matamata. Registration forms are available through the school office or for more information, please contact Shane Nolan 027 276 7503 & Like Pakeho 871 7934 (Year 6) or Alex Phillips 02658899 & Andy Gower 872 7772 (Year 5)

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.



The 2012 Olympics are about to kick off!

In Term 3, we will profile a NZ Olympic athlete and give you tips and ideas about how to fuel your body the right way so you can perform as well as our NZ athletes.

Remember, children need to be active for 60 minutes a day, adults 30 minutes.

Netball 2012

TAPS Colourplus vs Paterangi Panthers
9.00am Court 6
TAPS Kelly & Bryant vs St Pats White
2.00pm Court 6 non-comp
TAPS VETENT vs Korakonui Divas 1.10pm
Court 2
Future Ferns
TAPS Silver Ferns vs TAPS Mini Magic
9.50am
TAPS Wild Cats vs Pirongia Seagulls
12.20pm

2012 Term Dates

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

MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 27TH JULY GOLD COIN DONATION

Come dressed in your favourite countries colours and show your support

A few dates to mark on your calendar

TERM 3

Mon 23rd July – Rooms 17, 18 & 19 trip to the museum
Mon 23rd July – PTA Meeting 7pm in the staffroom
Tues 24th July – Sports, Kapa Haka & Leaders photos
Wed 25th July – Kai & Korero 6pm
Fri 27th July – Olympic Games Start
MUFTI DAY
Mon 30th July – Room 20 & 21 trip to the museum
Tues 31st July – BOT Meeting
Mon 6th Aug – Whole school assembly 10.10am in the hall
Tues 7th Aug – Keeping ourselves safe (KOS) parent meeting 7pm in the staffroom
Fri 10th Aug – Learning Journals go home
Mon 13th Aug – Thurs 16th Aug Book Fair
Tues 14th & Wed 15th Aug – Student led Conferences
Fri 17th Aug – Mothers & Sons Breakfast
Hosted by Syndicate 4
Mon 20th Aug – PTA Meeting 7pm in the staffroom
Thurs 23rd Aug – Syndicate 3 & 4 Cross Country
Tues 28th Aug – BOT Meeting
Fri 31st Aug – Interschool Cross Country
Mon 3rd Sept – Whole school assembly 10.10am in the hall
Wed 5th Sept – Class & Individual photos
Thurs 13th Sept – Kapa Haka Festival held at the Events Centre
Mon 17th Sept – PTA Meeting
Fri 28th Sept – Last day of Term 3

**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.

PTA

The PTA meets on the 3rd 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.

Members are as follows:

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

**PTA MEETING –
MONDAY 23RD JULY
7PM IN THE
STAFFROOM –
EVERYONE WELCOME**