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## TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau

Welcome to week 3. Our school virtue for the next 3 weeks **Goal** is: To encourage the children to show respect appropriate to their setting.

### **Indicators of success:**

1. People are spoken to courteously.
2. Children take care of their possessions and school property.
3. Children demonstrate a pride in their school environment.
4. Children are able to share opinions without the use of put downs.
5. School rules are followed.

**a. I show respect to everyone. (Syndicate 1 and 2)**

**b. Everyone is different, everyone is the same, everyone is important. ( Syndicate 2 and 3)**

**Our quote for the week:** "The risk of staying tightly furred in the bud is more painful than the risk of blossoming" D M Quinn.

### **Bullying Flyer `Step up, Be Safe`:**

We have provided in this school newsletter a copy of the recently produced Ministry of Education pamphlet on bullying. We as a school believe this is a very good discussion tool for you and your child to use to understand the types of bullying and the possible situations you could find yourself in. The added benefit to this resource is the positive solutions that children are been given to help them solve or work with adults to help them find support. If you are concerned as parents about mobile, text or even internet bullying then can I offer my web site [mr-duncan.wikispaces.com/](http://mr-duncan.wikispaces.com/) Under web safety you will find all the NZ support agencies like **Net Guide for Parents** - a magazine with articles, ideas and tips for helping you encourage safety and ethical use in the home. It also includes information about mobile phones and other devices.

### **Board of Trustees News:**

The Board of Trustees is reviewing the Strategic Plan and would like your thoughts about school direction for the next 3 – 5 years. We would like this process to be organic for all involved. BOT members will be out in the community talking to you about your thoughts and gathering feedback from you. The question that will most likely start the chat will be: `How is school going for you and your family?' A very easy two minute chat to enable us to collect some data.

Please feel free to attend our strategic planning session being held at Elevations Restaurant on the 11<sup>th</sup> August from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. The BOT would like to thank people who are making useful comments for the future direction of the school.

Thank you Bruce Airey, Chairperson.

### **PTA & Whanau Meetings**

These are on the same night this month, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the meeting and staff rooms. EVERYONE is welcome. We are looking for new members to help support the PTA as we look towards the Gala in term.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**The Millataires Waikato Marching Team**, needs girls Ages 5-12 and 13-16 years old to join their marching teams. For further information please phone Jackie 078439652, Channy 078435683 or Gail 078264483.

**TALO Junior Choir**. We have a few vacancies in our choir for girls and boys aged from 8 years old. For further information please ring Audrey Ward on 8717604

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Teacher Only Day

The TAPS teaching staff will be involved in a teacher development day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August focusing on the Revised New Zealand Curriculum document. Our school will be closed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please feel free to talk to Laille Martin our After School Care coordinator about been able to access the programme on this day. There is a roll restriction so first in first served.

## Parent Night

This term's parent information evening will be held in the staff room this coming week, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm. There will be a creche operating in the library if you have difficulty getting to school at night. Topics on our discussion menu are: Te Reo, The Arts and the school homework policy and procedures. All parents are very welcome to attend.

## Book Fair

In week 9 of this term, 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September we are having a Scholastic Book Fair at school. More information will follow closer to the time.

## Farewell Mrs Gudsell:

We farewell Mrs Gudsell who will be absent from Room 3 for the next month as she and her husband follow their son Tim to the Olympic Games. Go well Tim and do your best for New Zealand Cycling.

# TEAM NOTICES

## Syndicate One News

### Inquiry Learning - 'Enterprise'

The children thoroughly enjoyed watching and learning from our 'expert tutors' last week. Our tutors demonstrated how to make wooden cars, jewellery, planting, books, cards and mosaic tiles. *A big thank you* to those people - Terry Findlay, Margaret Findlay, Chris Parkes, Amanda Short and Wendy Bell. Children are keen to make some of the things that they saw to sell at our School Gala (23rd October). Teachers may be asking for parents to come along for a morning to support the children with their 'creations' Room 1 would like donations of tiles to make mosaics for the School Gala.

**Please Note there is no Syndicate One Assembly this week.**

**Dates to remember:** 21st August - Cross Country, 26th August- Circus Maximus



## Syndicate Two News

**Cross Country – see notice further down**

### **Uniform**

We have noticed that many children are having some uniform issues. If your child does not have the correct uniform please ensure they have a note explaining why.

### **Stationery**

Some children do not have stationery that is required daily at school. If your child comes home with a stationery slip, please help us by ensuring stationery is replaced A.S.A.P.

**WAHOO!!!! Circus Maximus** is coming back to visit!!!! The cost of this outstanding opportunity is \$4.00pp. Please see the separate notice about this. You can bring the \$\$\$ to school anytime leading up to the day.



Syndicate 2 are still having some fun with the "My Greatest Feat" programme. Our pedometers are getting a good workout. The aim is to walk the length of New Zealand. If you would like to track our progress please log on to [www.mygreatestfeat.org](http://www.mygreatestfeat.org) - Your child has a personal password. Just ask the teacher.

## Syndicate Three News

### Syndicate 2 and 3 School Cross-Country

Students are training hard for the up-coming Cross-Country to be held Thursday 21 August. The first race will kick off at 11.15am with the final race being a fun walk/jog for all students and their parents/grandparents to conclude the event by 2.30pm☺.

A flyer with further information, including approximate race times will be given to all Year 3-6 students closer to the day. The first six students in each race will be invited to take part in the Te Awamutu and Rural Schools Cross-Country to be held at the Kihikihi Domain on Wednesday 27 August (postponement date is Friday 29 August). Students will be notified soon after our Cross-Country event if they will be involved in the Inter-School team.