



I would like to thank everyone for their commitment to the children of Te Awamutu Primary School over the 2012 school year. I thank you all – parents, community members, old pupils, current pupils, teachers, support staff, cleaners, our caretaker, PTA, Whanau and BOT members.

To help share our learning for the year, teachers will send home your child's report, Learning Journal and class placement on Thursday 13th December. Please enjoy your child's successes and take the opportunity to talk and discuss their busy year of learning growth. The Learning Journals are a treasure that you will no doubt keep for many years to come. Well done to our students and their teachers for the many hours of work that goes into each and every one of these.

We would like to invite all of our parent helpers, whether it be with classroom support, athletics days, PTA, or milo Mondays, to join us for morning tea on Tuesday 11th December at 10.30am in the school hall. This is a chance for us to say thank you for all of your on-going support.

Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side for our senior athletics day, therefore a small group from each age (year 3 & up) were chosen during their afternoon sports block to represent TAPS at yesterday's inter-schools athletics day. Well done to everyone who took part.

TERM DATES:

- THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2012 IS FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2PM
- WE RETURN FOR THE 2013 YEAR ON MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

Yours in Learning

Gareth Duncan ☺

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.

School Notices

Uniform Room News & Second Hand Sale

The uniform room is open every Wednesday morning from 8.15-9.00am in the school hall. EFTPOS is available. We have stock on hand and are ready for the summer months with new tops, skirts and shorts available. **Remember that school hats are compulsory for all children to wear in the playground. The school bucket hats are available from the uniform room or school office for \$10 each.** We will be having a **BIG second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 12th December at 8am**, in the school hall - STRICTLY CASH ONLY.

ASC/BSC

ASC/BSC is run on a staff to child ratio. If you have your children booked into either of these programmes you must advise us (please phone Laille on 027 320 9849) if they are not going to attend on any particular day. You will be charged if we are not notified.

PLEASE NOTE: BSC/ASC accounts are required to be paid on a weekly basis unless other arrangements have been made.

There are a number of balances beyond these term's and we ask that these need to be cleared prior to the close of school on Friday 14th December.

Inquiry Centre News

Our annual stock-take of the school's library books will take place during Week 8, so please encourage your children to have all issued library books returned to the Inquiry Centre no later than Friday 30th November. Many thanks for your support.

Mufti Days

*Wednesday 12th Dec – gold coin
donation*

*Friday 14th Dec - no donation
required*

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

Mrs Maree Parkes. 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

Wednesday Wonderland for finish on Wednesday 5th December.

If you have an urgent message for your child regarding after school plans, please make sure you contact the school office BEFORE 2.30pm as we cannot guarantee the delivery of the message after this time.

Touch Draw Thursday 29th November

4.45pm games

Field 3 – TAPS Blue vs St Pat's Can't Touch This
Field 6 – TAPS Black vs Kihikihi Broncos
Field 8 – TAPS White vs Ohaupo Flames
Field 9 – TAPS Green vs Korakanui Rebels

BIKES & SCOOTERS

NZ Police **highly** recommend that children under the age of 9 **do not** bike or scooter to school, no matter how road savvy they appear to be. All cyclists & scooterists **must** wear a safety approved helmet. Bikes & Scooters are not permitted to be ridden within school grounds unless organised by staff at a specific time.

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.

A few dates to mark on your calendar

TERM 4

Tues 4th Dec – Year 6 orientation at Te Awamutu Intermediate

Tues 4th Dec – BOT Meeting 4pm

Wed 5th Dec – PTA Wine & Cheese evening

Thurs 6th Dec – Xmas in the Playground Showcase

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Food & coffee stalls available

Fri 7th Dec – Syndicate 3 final assembly

Sat 8th Dec – TE AWAMUTU XMAS PARADE

Tues 11th Dec – Helper Morning Tea – 10.30am in the hall

Wed 12th Dec – Year 6 Graduation

Fri 14th Dec – LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2012

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

Milk Monday

From Term 4 your child can purchase flavoured milk & a cookie for \$2 at morning tea time every Monday from the hall foyer.

Te Awamutu Primary School PTA

Would like to invite ALL family & friends of TAPS to a wine & cheese evening on Wednesday 5th December starting at 6.30pm in the Inquiry Centre (Library).

This is a great chance to meet other parents or caregivers of our school and hear about our fundraising ideas and maybe share some of yours.

Please RSVP via text to 021 463 429 or email kimf@taps.school.nz

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Te Awamutu Scout Group

Due to current leaders shifting to different sections with Scouting at the end of this year, we now require 2 new leaders to share the operation of our cub pack and 1 new leader to share the operation of our kea pack. If your son or daughter would like to join Scouting, please contact Paul Chunn on 871 3525 or text 027 278 0688. Or email chunnie1@kinect.co.nz for all enquiries.

Xmas in the Playground Showcase

Thursday 6th December 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Front of school – Teasdale Street

– Christmas Photo Booth – Christmas Carols – Jump Jam Team –

Kapa Haka Performance – Song Squad –

Bacon & Egg Rolls – Sausages in Bread – Drinks – Cake Stall

Or bring your own picnic & blanket



