

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'

Wednesday 20 February 2013

Welcome to Week 3, Term 1 - 2013

Principal's Diary...

As the weather shines upon us, may I remind you to name all items of clothing for your children including, togs, towels, underwear, goggles, tog bags, hats, and other items of school uniform. Next Monday, we will be having a Values assembly which is based around "Friendliness". The assembly will be in the hall at 10.10am. You are most welcome to come and join us.

Congratulations to the following students who have been voted by their peers in the following areas:

House leader Aotea – Nikyla Miesenbeek – deputy – Tiara Phillips

House leader Tokomaru – Myles Towers – deputy – Mya Sunnex

House leader Tainui – Camryn Parkes – deputy – Daniel Boddie

House leader Te Arawa – Katerina Amituanai – deputy – Cole Mills-Garratt

Cultural Ambassadors for 2013 – DG Preston & Jack Kaea

Well done to you all.

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan ©

Principal

Check out our web site:

www.taps.school.nz

Tune into 107.8 TAPS FM

"Your education station".

Run and managed by the students & staff at Te Awamutu Primary School.

Please read: important information.

If you are aware of anyone living out of zone who intends to enrol their child at Te Awamutu Primary, the closing date for the term 2 intake is 22nd March 2013, as is required by the Education Act 1989.

For further information regarding the enrolment scheme and the 'home zone' please refer to our website or you can pick up a copy from the school office.

Please note: **If you currently live 'in zone' this does not affect you in any way but we ask that you pre-enrol your child as soon as possible so we are aware of future needs.**

SCHOOL NOTICES

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 Maree Parkes (teacher and TAPS community connector). The programme is fully funded by the school and therefore free of charge. The 2013 programme started today, and runs from 1.30pm – 3pm. For more information, contact the school office on 871 5378 or office@taps.school.nz

Swimming

Swimming is an important part of our school programme and is compulsory for all children. Please try to ensure your child has named swimming gear, including togs, towels and underwear, each day during the swimming season (Term 1), unless he or she is unwell. Parents are requested to send a note to school if they wish their child to be excused from swimming on any particular day.

School Fees & Consumables Levy

2013 invoices were sent home recently. School fees are set at \$50 per child, \$90 for two children and \$120 for 3 or more children. These are due by the 28th March. The consumables levy is \$15 per child.

Children's Absences:

It is school policy that you notify the Office: 8715378 before 9am daily if your child is going to be absent. Our school mobile phone can be texted with a message as well: 0212760505. We thank you all for your support in keeping children safe. Our office staff will call you by 9.30am if your child is not in class, or if we haven't heard from home.

Statutory Holidays

Good Friday – 29th March

Easter Monday – 1st April

Easter Tuesday – 2nd April

ANZAC Day – Thursday 25th April

Queen's Birthday – Monday 3rd June

Labour Day – Monday 28th October

Phone Books Fundraiser

Te Awamutu Primary School has again been offered the fundraising opportunity of delivering the local phone books around the Te Awamutu & Kihikihi Township. We are currently seeking volunteers to help deliver 7000 books into letterboxes around these areas. All you need to do is come down to the hall foyer before school or after 3pm and tell us what streets you want to deliver books in. Alternatively contact Maree Parkes or Kim Fabish via the school office. Happy delivering! ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺

BOT Triennial Elections – May 2013:

What is a school board of trustees? Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board of trustees. Boards bring families, communities and schools together to work for a quality education for our children.

The board of trustees is a Crown entity. It is the employer of all school staff and sets the school's overall strategic direction. The school's principal is the board's 'chief executive' and manages the school operation in line with the board's policies.

The membership of the school board includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal. If the school has students above Year 9, the board also includes a student representative.

What do trustees do? School trustees have a very important role in making sure every child achieves their potential at school. Here are some of the things they do:

- Work with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community.
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school.
- Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving.
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent.
- Select the school's principal and support the development of all staff.
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

What sort of skills do trustees need? Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need a balance of skills and experiences. They need to work well in a team, be able to put plans in place for the school's future, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. It helps to have an understanding of financial matters and the education sector, and experience in managing people.

For more information please visit the following site - <http://www.nzsta.org.nz/>

Community Notices

Te Awamutu Marist Junior Rugby MUSTER Registrations & FUN DAY

Giveaways, Drills, Games etc

136 Park Road, Castleton Park Te Awamutu

1pm-3pm Sunday 24th February 2013

\$25 per player or \$50 for two or more players same family

Contact Awhina 027-318-5820 or 07) 212-2242



KIHIKIHI JUNIOR RUGBY PRE-SEASON TRAINING

5th March 2013 5pm-6pm - Kihikihi Clubrooms

All those interested in coaching/managing/parent support/playing Junior Rugby are welcomed to come down and have a look. We will be take registrations on the night, if you are a new player to the club, please bring a copy of your ID - passport/birth cert. Any questions please contact Alex Phillips - 02102658899

Moo Milk Monday

"Moo Milk" Monday will start on Monday 11th February. Your child can purchase flavoured milk and a cookie for \$2 at morning tea time from the hall foyer. We are looking for volunteers to help run these fundraisers. Please come along to our next PTA meeting or contact Kim Fabish in the office if you are able to help in any way.

More information on sports around our district can be found on our school website under newsletters.

Term 1 2013

Wed 20th Feb – Kai & Korero

Thurs 21st Feb – Syndicate 3 visit to the Walk of Fame

Tues 26th Feb – BOT Meeting 5.30pm

Fri 1st March – Syndicate 2 swimming display

Mon 4th March – Syndicate 4 swimming sports

Tues 5th – Wed 6th March – Student led conferences

Tues 5th March – Syndicate 3 swimming sports

Fri 8th March – Syndicate 1 swimming display

Fri 8th March – Syndicate 3 Disco 6-7.30pm in the hall

Thurs 14th March – Inter-schools swimming sports

Thurs 14th March – Syndicate 1 & 2 Disco 5.30-7pm

Fri 15th March – Syndicate 4 Disco 6-7.30pm

Mon 18th March – PTA AGM 6.30pm in the staffroom

Thurs 28th March – MUFTI

Fri 29th March – Good Friday

Mon 1st April – Easter Monday

Tues 2nd April – Easter Tuesday

Wed 10th April – Kai & Korero

Fri 12th April – Mothers & Daughters breakfast

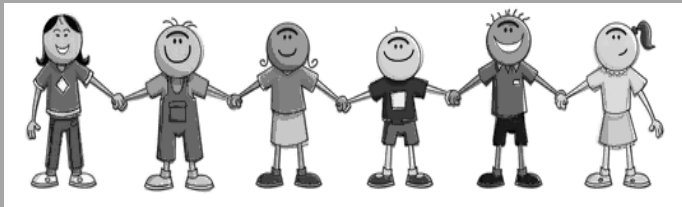
Mon 15th April – PTA Meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom

Fri 19th April – last day of term.

**Dates are subject to change*

More information regarding discos, mufti days and trips will come home closer to the time

PTA 2013



We had our first meeting for the year this week and are looking forward to contributing again to the very important role of your child's education and the environment this happens in. We are a small friendly team who would love to have others join us in our endeavours. This is a great opportunity to meet others and be a part, how little or as much as you like, in the Te Awamutu Primary School Community. Here's to a great year for our children!