

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'

5th February 2014

Welcome to Week 1, Term 1 - 2014 Principal's Diary...



Welcome back to a new year at school, I hope you all had a great holiday. Wow, what a buzz there has been throughout the classrooms as we welcome old friends and new friends into our school. We have had a large number of new enrolments to start the school year and I would like to welcome those families to TAPS.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Matua Ohlson to our TAPS family. Matua Ohlson will be working with students and teachers every Wednesday to help develop knowledge and confidence with Te Reo and Tikanga Māori. The following is from Matua Ohlson:

Ko Wiremu Kiripatea Ohlson toku ingoa
Ko Tapui Ohlson toku Matua
Ko Hinekahu Ohlson toku Whaea
Ko Wharepakau Taotoa Ki Te Kapua te Rangatira
Ko Hine-Nui-Te-Po toku Marae
Ko Tuwatawata te maunga
Ko Whirinaki te Awa
Ko Ngati Whare te Hapū
Ko Mataatua te Waka
No reira tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa, Ka huri.

Whānau hui dates are Thursday 6th March and Wednesday 16th April. Other dates throughout the year will to be confirmed soon and we welcome everyone. We would really appreciate input into helping develop a more localised curriculum and will be calling on you, our parents and local whanau, to help us to explore our links to Maniopoto.

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan ☺

Principal

Check out our web site:

www.taps.school.nz

Our learning team for 2014:

Junior School Deputy Principal – Miss Tracy Findlay (Years 0-2)

Senior School Deputy Principal – Mrs Gill Gibbs (Years 3-6)

Syndicate 1 Leader – Mrs Di Gudsell (responsibilities for Year 0-1 learners and teachers in Rooms 1-4)

Room 1 – Mrs Karen Sykes

Room 2 - Mrs Liz Oosterman

Room 3 – Mrs Maree Parkes

Room 4 – Mrs Karen Holland

Syndicate 2

Room 7 – Mrs Janette Gillespie

Room 8 - Miss Valida White - Syndicate Leader (responsibilities for Year 1-2 learners and teachers in Rooms 7-10)

Room 9 – Mrs Sharon Ngatai

Room 10 – Miss Vanessa Filer/Mrs Bridget Perkins

Syndicate 3

Room 12 – Mrs Kim Tautari-Scott - Syndicate Leader (responsibilities for Year 3-4 learners and teachers in Rooms 12-16)

Room 13 – Ms Davina Miller

Room 14 – Mrs Jane Ellis

Room 15 – Mrs Jo-Anne Dannock

Room 16 – Miss Wendy James

Syndicate 4 (Te Awa)

Room 17 – Miss Kelly Armstrong

Room 18 – Miss Atayla Marston

Room 19 - Mrs Anne Mackey – Syndicate Leader (responsibilities for Year 5-6 learners and teachers in Rooms 17-22)

Room 20 – Miss Linda Woulfe – TAPS 107.8FM Co-ordinator

Room 21 – Mrs Kathryn Picard

Room 22 – Mrs Kim Lester

Executive Officer – Mrs Janine Margetts

Office Administrator – Mrs Sue Packwood

Administration Support – Mrs Kim Fabish

Inquiry Centre Manager (Library) – Mrs Diane Hardy

He Kaiako i te Reo – Matua William Ohlson

Caretaker – Mr Sunil Kumar

Teacher Aides – Mrs Chris West, Mrs Ruth Botting, Ms Deb Fleming, Mrs Carol Houghton & Mrs Jane Lyttle

Uniform Room – Mrs Chris West

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 applications for the Term 1 intake is this Friday, 7th February.

Enrolments for the Term 2 intake must be received by Friday 4th April. PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO CURRENT STUDENT NUMBERS THERE ARE NO OUT OF ZONE VACANCIES IN OUR YEAR 3 & 4 CLASSES FOR 2014. THIS DOES NOT AFFECT IN ZONE STUDENTS. ALL IN ZONE STUDENTS HAVE RIGHT OF ENROLMENT AT ALL YEAR LEVELS.

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

During Term 4 last year, as part of our value of serving others, Te Awamutu Primary School raised \$649.20 through a mufti day and BBQ sales organised through Syndicate 2. The money raised was donated to OXFAM to contribute towards the devastating typhoon which happened late last year. Typhoon Haiyan, in the Philippines, was one of the strongest storms ever recorded. It affected and is still affecting over 11 million people. The money contributed will help with clean water and food. Te Ata rest home also donated \$100.00 on Te Awamutu Primary Schools behalf.

Bus Students

All students who travel to and from school via bus must have a current Term 1 bus tag. These are \$30 and available from the school office. **All tags must be paid by Wednesday 12th February. No tag – No ride.**

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 Tracy Findlay. The programme is fully funded by the school and therefore free of charge. The 2014 programme will commence in Week 2, Wednesday 12th February. It will run from 1.30pm – 3pm and will be held in Room 5. For more information, contact the school office on 871 5378 or office@taps.school.nz

Uniform

The uniform room is open every Wednesday morning from 8.15 - 9am in the school hall. We have lots of summer stock on hand including the compulsory school bucket hats for \$10 each. If you wish to place an order outside these hours, please leave your order form at the office and the uniform items will be delivered to your child's classroom. EFTPOS is available.

Please note the **Uniform Room will be closed Wednesday 19th February**, however will be open on Tuesday 18th February.

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.

An Important reminder for all parents & caregivers.

The Bank Street entrance to the school grounds is for staff and trade vehicles only. The boom gate will be closed during peak times (8.30 – 9.05am and 2.30 – 3.15pm) for child safety. The bus zone on Teasdale Street is strictly for school buses. It is NOT a drop off or pick up zone for your children. We have had a number of parents parking in the bus zone which is illegal and disrupts buses. It can result in them running behind schedule. Please refrain from stopping there no matter how briefly.

School Fees & Consumables Levy

2014 invoices will be sent home shortly. School fees are set at \$50 per child, \$90 for two children and \$120 for 3 or more children. These are due by the 31st March.

Unfortunately funding received by the Ministry of Education is not great enough to cover all teaching resource costs. It is your donation that helps us meet the cost of these resources, which in turn enables us to provide a fuller and wider education for your child than would otherwise be possible. The consumables levy is compulsory. The levy assists with the cost of paper and photocopied material supplies throughout the year. This fee is \$15 per child, per year.

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.

School Houses

Traditionally our school has been divided into four houses named after some of the early Maori migration waka.

Tainui – Yellow

Arawa – Red

Aotea – Blue

Tokomaru - Green

Each house has a coloured banner. House competitions are incorporated into various sporting events throughout the year – swimming, cross country, jump rope for heart, athletics etc. If you are unsure of which house your child is in, ask your classroom teacher.

PTA

Our small and friendly PTA will be meeting in the staffroom on Tuesday 4th March at 6.30pm to discuss events for the year including the possibility of an upcoming "School Gala" and/or "Quiz Night. We would like to encourage all parents & friends of the school to come along and share your ideas or lend a helping hand. Children are welcome to come along. We hope to see you there 😊

2014 Term Dates

Term 1 Monday 3rd February – Thursday 17th April
Term 2 Monday 5th May – Friday 4th July
Term 3 Monday 21st July – Friday 26th September
Term 4 Monday 13th October – Wednesday 17th December

Statutory Holidays

Good Friday – 18th April
Easter Monday – 21st April
Easter Tuesday – 22nd April
ANZAC Day – Thursday 25th April
Queen's Birthday – Monday 2nd June
Labour Day – Monday 27th 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 Township. We are currently seeking volunteers to deliver these books into letterboxes around the area. Delivery starts Friday 14th February. If you are able to help we will have the phonebooks ready to go next Wednesday from 8.30am – 9am in the hall or alternatively please contact Maree Parkes in Room 3 or Kim Fabish in the office.

Bikes & Scooters

A child under 10 should only ride on the road with an adult. You are the best judge of your child's capabilities but as a general rule the Police recommend waiting until a child is 10 before they ride alone. By this age they are better able to judge speed and distance and are more aware of the road environment generally. Remember you **MUST** wear a helmet if you are riding either a bike or scooter. Riding either of these is strictly forbidden within our school grounds for safety reasons.

Community Notices

Would your child like to play a musical instrument?

Weekly lessons are available with our enthusiastic tutor at the Te Awamutu Auxiliary Brass Band. Students must be over 9 years old or over. Lessons will be in a small group starting Monday 10th February. Students are welcome to come along and try an instrument prior to signing up. Rates are very reasonable for lessons and instrument hire. For more information contact Steve 871 6391 or Jenny 871 6789.



MAD COW DRUMS - DRUM TUITION

Mad Cow Drums are pleased to make the following offering to students of Te Awamutu Primary who want to learn to play drums in 2014!

Lessons will be on Tuesday afternoon from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.

The cost per student is \$11.25 + GST/week. The lesson dates will run in conjunction with the school term.

Please feel free contact Kim at the school office to confirm a spot and get more details.

We will be offering a drum kit hire service this year. If this is of interest please do email us at madcowdrums@ihug.co.nz.

Please note there is no requirement for a drum kit to begin these lessons.

If a student misses a lesson there will be no refunds on that lesson as the fee covers his or her placement for the term.

INTERNATIONAL POLO DAY

Event :
1.00pm - North Island Colts v's South Island Colts
2.15pm - Polo for the Future
2.30pm - Official Welcome
3.00pm - International Test Match
Mobilis New Zealand v's Invitation Team
5.00pm - Presentations

Venue : Nga Rakau Polo Ground
Dick Street
Kihikihi

Date : Saturday 8th February 2014

Tickets :

General Admission	\$20	Free Parking. Children under 13 free
"Car Boot" Site	\$80	Reserved sideline site with two gate entry tickets
Homestead Site	\$350	6m site, 15 entry tickets, ground entry Kimberley Road, parking behind site
Clubhouse Site	\$400	6m site, 15 entry tickets, ground entry Dick Street, free parking
Main Marquee	\$70	Gate entry, reserved table for lunch, complimentary bar tab, preferential parking
Trade Sites	\$55	Choice of Clubhouse or Homestead sides plus two staff gate entries



WAIPA
HOME OF CHAMPIONS

For tickets call Paul Kay: 07 8703379 or email: international@kihikihipolo.co.nz



Bodywise is a family based programme aiming to manage over weight issues in children aged 5-12 yrs. Participation in a 6 week group programme is supported by on going individual visits for a further 15 months. Programme topics include: healthy eating for families, school lunches and snacks, getting active, promoting self esteem and confidence, tips for dealing with bullying, problem solving and goal setting. Bodywise is now accepting referrals for groups that will run in 2014

For more information contact:

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