



# TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 21st August 2014

## PRINCIPALS CORNER

Welcome back to Week 5 of the term. I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support of TAPS and your own children. We will also be giving you all an opportunity to come and meet with your child's classroom teacher about their individual progress and their next learning steps. (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September). In the coming terms, we look forward to sharing their successes with you. A great site for parents to visit: <http://www.parents.education.govt.nz/>

The Board of Trustees is also interested in your views and thoughts around where TAPS should concentrate its efforts in the coming years. To enable this to take place, the BOT will be seeking your feedback. There will be several opportunities this term where you will be able help us review our practices. Please take a few moments to fill out the following online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3TH2MKL> or fill out the hard copy attached to this newsletter and return to the Office tomorrow.

At Te Awamutu Primary School we are focussed on lifting achievement in Literacy and Numeracy. We are pleased to be able to share this mid-year data with you.

	Maths	Reading	Writing
Mid-year achievement levels against National Standards.	73.6% of all students are achieving at or above	81.9% of all students are achieving at or above	70.7% of all students are achieving at or above

National Standards site: <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents/YourChild/ProgressAndAchievement/NationalStandards.aspx>

### Key Reminders:

\* Red Nose Day this Friday – Wear red clothing this Friday

\* X-Country coming up – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August here at TAPS. The whole school will be running on this day. \*

Student led conferences – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – school finishes at 2pm both days. \*

Mothers & Daughters breakfast - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30am in the hall. \*

NO DISCOS as our school calendar is already at capacity

Thank you to everyone for your support and dedication to your children's learning. We look forward to our continued partnership. Our Vision: Together Achieving Personal Success

Regards

Gareth Duncan  
Principal

### REMINDERS

#### ACTIVITY FEES, CONSUMABLES & SCHOOL DONATIONS

Thank you to those families who have already paid any relevant activity fees; these may include sports, Gymfest, class trips or any other extra-curricular activity fees that may have been advised by the school or your class teacher. Thank you to those families who have already paid the consumables levy and school donation, prompt payment of these is greatly appreciated. If you would like to set up an automatic payment or make payment via internet banking, the bank details are below;

**ANZ: 01 0439 0051680 002 Please use your child's name in the particulars and what payment is for as the reference.**

#### AFTERSCHOOL CARE & BREAKFAST CLUB

Accounts are sent out & payments are due weekly. Please ensure you make regular payments to avoid overdue accounts. If you receive WINZ subsidies please make sure you pay any shortfall. These accounts may also be paid by internet banking or automatic payment; please use your customer code (on statement) as the reference.

### 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 next intake is Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> September. This is for those wanting to start at Te Awamutu Primary between Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. If you are in zone and are aware of any child intending to start at TAPS over the next 12 months, please ask them to pick up an enrolment form from the office as soon as they can. This will help our senior management team with intended classroom numbers.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAYS

This term only, every Friday at lunchtime students in Te Awa Syndicate will be running a Sausage Sizzle. Sausages will be \$2 each, money raised in August will be going directly to the 'Cure Kids - Red Nose Day'. Funds raised in July and September will be going towards the playground improvements that were carried out over the July school holidays. Orders will not be taken for the sausage sizzles, 'pay and pick up' will be from the Te Awa Syndicate lunch area. Juicies will also be available - \$1 each. \* PLEASE NOTE - NO BBQ FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - CROSS COUNTRY DAY

### TAPS Netball \*FINALS THIS WEEKEND\*

Well done and good luck to all our teams what have made the finals weekend. Future Ferns have now finished for the season. We should all be proud of our achievements this season, TAPS has displayed great sportsmanship on & off the court.

UNIFORMS: Can now be returned (washed please) in a bag with name & team on it to the office.

TAPS Stormers vs TAS Dream Team – 10.40am on court 2

TAPS Tigers vs Korakonui Candy Crushers – 2.00pm court 2

TAPS Hotchicks vs Pekerau Spirit – 10.40am on court 6

### CYBER SAFETY #1

Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing snippets to help keep kids safe online. Most of these ideas come directly from Netsafe ([www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz)) "How well do you understand what they do online?" Talk with your children and their friends about how they use the internet and what the purpose is for each different place they visit. Build an awareness of what is happening in their cyber world. If the internet is used for searching for information, ideas etc. are you aware that Google SafeSearch helps you to manage search results so they don't include inappropriate content or images. SafeSearch gives you the choice of three settings; "Strict", "Moderate" or "None". These can be found at [www.google.com/preferences](http://www.google.com/preferences). In the next newsletter, we will be exploring Minecraft and Facebook.

### Scholastic Book Fair News

Our Scholastic Book Fair 2014, '**Book Fair Garden –Let's Grow Readers**' is on its way!

From **Monday 8th September to Thursday 11th September (week 8)** there'll be an exciting selection of children's books and educational products for you to view and purchase, in our **Inquiry Centre**. 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, spread the news and get ready to 'Catch the Reading Bug'. **Monday to Thursday - 8.30am – 4.00pm - Volunteers needed please!** If you are able to spare a small amount of your time to help out with sales during the Book Fair, we would love to have you on board. Please contact the school office or Diane Hardy in the Inquiry Centre if you are interested.

**Cross Country Day  
"Lunch Combo"  
(optional)  
Available next Friday  
(29<sup>th</sup> August)  
More information will go  
early out next week.**

**STUDENT LED  
CONFERENCES**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday  
5<sup>th</sup> September.

A notice went home recently. If you require another one, please see the office staff.

**\*PLEASE NOTE**  
School will be closing  
at 2pm on both  
of these days.

**Monday Night  
Basketball**  
Semis – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept  
Finals – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept  
All players to provide a small  
plate for the finals please

**Waikato Touch Association**  
Junior/Youth Skills Sessions and trials 2014.  
All those interested in trialling for reps, this year  
**MUST ATTEND ALL** skills sessions. Please visit  
[www.waikatotouch.co.nz](http://www.waikatotouch.co.nz) to register before  
September 4<sup>th</sup> 2014.

### RUGBY SEVENS – FLOW & FORMATION

Rugby Sevens is a fast and furious contest with high point scoring, hard hits and lung bursting sprints.

Athletes need protein for muscle growth, repair and recovery. Lean meats, chicken and fish are great sources as well as eggs, nuts and beans.

