



# TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 4th September 2014

**107.6 TAPS FM**  
**"YOUR EDUCATION STATION"**

## PRINCIPALS CORNER

I would like to thank everyone for making time for your children's learning this week by utilising the after school hours to meet with your child's teacher. I'm pleased to emphasise the huge commitment and energies that my teaching staff are putting into finding out about your child's learning needs and developing future programmes to suit them. If you feel you do not have adequate information then please make time to meet with your child's teacher after the Student-led Conferences, or myself at any time that suits you. I am personally available during both evenings this week and would welcome any feedback face-to-face around learning thoughts or clarifications on any of our learning programmes here at TAPS.

A great site for parents to visit: <http://www.parents.education.govt.nz/>

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. This is our school wide mid-year data and we are pleased with how our progress is tracking for all learners.

TAPS 2014 Data	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>

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 the newsletter, or at the Student-led Conferences and return to the Office tomorrow.

The Board of Trustees is closing the School on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September for a Teachers Only Day. Please note this on your home calendar. School will be closed on the last Friday of the term. There will be a limited number of places available at the Schools holiday programme. Please see Laille at After School Care ASAP.

On Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, a notice will be coming home asking you to indicate an area of strength and/or interest for your child. This is helpful information as we look towards the make-up of out 2015 classes.

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: Mā Mahi Tahī Te Eke Panuku A Tētahi.

Regards

Gareth Duncan  
Principal

### Scholastic Book Fair News

Our Scholastic Book Fair 2014, 'Book Fair Garden -Let's Grow Readers' will be here next week!

From Monday 8th September to Thursday 11th September, 8.30am until 4.00pm there'll be an exciting selection of children's books and educational products for you to view and purchase, in our Inquiry Centre.

Purchases may be made using cash, cheque, EFTPOS and VISA, for your convenience.

So, note these dates on your calendar, spread the news and get ready to 'Catch the Reading Bug'.

**The Inquiry Centre Team**

**TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER**

School closed

**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 3 intake is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June (Please note; there is only 1 intake for Term 3 and Term 4). This is for those wanting to start at Te Awamutu Primary between Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

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 EFFECT 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 or see our website for further enrolment periods.

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

**Cyber Safety #2**

Thanks for your feedback from the first Cyber Safety snippet. We are pleased it was helpful information. Two other popular sites worth thinking about are MineCraft and Facebook. If your child plays MineCraft one of its many features is live "chatting". Are you aware who they are communicating with? They might not be who they say they are. It is also well worth talking to your children about being "savvy" about requests for information or how strangers can mine for information without the child realising. Blocking and reporting are two great steps to take if you have any concerns.

Another popular site is Facebook. This is from the Facebook administrators "Facebook requires everyone to be at least **13 years old** before they can create an account (in some jurisdictions, this age limit may be higher). Creating an account with false info is a violation of our terms. This includes accounts registered on the behalf of someone under **13.**"

Thank you to Pak N Save for your kind donation of fruit towards our Cross Country Lunch day which was a great success and we raised money for playground equipment throughout the school.

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**TAPS NETBALL PRIZEGIVING.**  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept in the Inquiry Centre.  
3.15pm – small afternoon tea supplied.  
All netballers, managers & coaches welcome.

With more bugs and colds floating around, we would like to again stress the importance of hand washing & hygiene. If your child has been away because of vomiting, we ask that you keep your child home for a minimum of 24 hours.

**Tuition Available**  
For learning difficulties/dyslexia or just needing extra help.  
Experienced, registered SPELD teacher with many success stories.  
Local references available.  
Phone Jill Fraser 8719139 or 027 315 6509

**MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS BREAKFAST**  
WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPT  
7.30AM IN THE HALL  
GUEST SPEAKER – ANNA STRETTON  
HOSTED BY SYNDICATE 3

Parent Camp Meeting  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
6pm in Rm 19

**TRIATHLON – SWIM, BIKE, RUN**

The Triathlon demonstrates overall fitness of some of the world's most talented athletes.

To keep our bodies fighting fit, vitamins and minerals play a vital role in our diet! Fresh fruit and vegetables are best so ensure 5+ a day and you won't need supplements!



Cross Country Inter-schools  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September at Kihikihi Domain

TA Touch Tournament  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at Albert Park

Basketball Finals  
Next Monday.  
Remember to bring a plate.

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirongia Craft Day  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Pekerau School Quiz Night  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Waipa Workingmen's club.  
Contact Pekerau for more details