



TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 16th September 2014

PRINCIPALS CORNER – Week 9

I would like to thank and congratulate our athletes who took part in the Inter-School X-Country last week and did themselves proud. Our TAPS runners took out multiple placings throughout all the age groups, with the majority of our students coming within the first 10. Once all placings have been confirmed and emailed out by the organisers, certificates will be awarded at assembly. I will let you know when this will take place in the coming weeks.

I also want to thank you all for taking the time to share your thoughts about TAPS through our recent community surveys, and as principal, I will be sharing with you the future direction for all the learners here at TAPS during the early part of next term. During these sessions I will discuss the learning direction, resources needed to promote learning opportunities and the digital tools that we will be using starting 2015 to achieve these focus areas. Te Awamutu Primary School will be using more computer hardware and software to enhance and support learning and I look forward to sharing these changes with you. At these meetings my purpose will be to discuss:

- computer use...
- the tool – Chromebooks and iPads
- future stationery list items (voluntary purchasing plans)
- specific curriculum focused classes that will be operating across Syndicate 3 and 4 next year
- how we will report to you about your child's learning
- digital citizenship and cyber safety
- survey feedback regarding technology use

A new teaching tool and digital era is coming to TAPS 2015. These discussion sessions will be: Wednesday 15th October at 5:30pm, Thursday 16th October at 3:30pm and Friday 17th October at 9:30am. All meetings will be held in the school library and you are all welcome to come and have your say.

Reminders:

- Touch Tournament Thursday 18th September – **POSTPONED**
- Senior School Camp Information Meeting, Tuesday 16th September, 6pm in Room 19 (tonight)
- Wednesday 17th September - Mothers' and Daughters' breakfast (tomorrow)
- VOTE NZ Election Day 20th September
- Monday 22 September BOT Meeting at 4:30pm
- TAPS Netball Prizegiving Tuesday 23rd September starting at 3:30pm in the Inquiry Centre *Please note date change
- Gymfest Wednesday 24th September in Hamilton
- End of term Assembly Tuesday 23rd September starting at 10am – All welcome
- Teacher Only Day – Friday 26th September (School will be closed)
- Please diary the Parent Meetings next term: Wednesday 15th October at 5:30pm, Thursday 16th October at 3:30pm and Friday 17th October at 9:30am.
- Dads' and Sons' Breakfast 5th December sponsored by ANZ Bank

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

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

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

Regards

Gareth Duncan

Principal

TEACHER ONLY DAY FRIDAY
26TH SEPTEMBER

School closed

Please read: important information.

If you are aware of anyone living in or **out of zone** who intends to enrol their child at Te Awamutu Primary in 2015, enrolment forms are available at the school office as well as all out of zone enrolment information along with expression of interest forms are found on our school website.

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.**

Uniform Room News

With the arrival of the new uniform shirt and polar fleece Term 4, the uniform room will be open the last week of the holidays on **Friday 10th October from 12 noon - 2pm** in the Hall.

The uniform room will also be open from 8.15 - 9.30am first day back to school Monday 13th October.
EFTPOS available.

Normal opening hours are 8.15 - 9.00am in the hall every Wednesday.

After Labour Weekend it is compulsory for ALL students to wear the school bucket hat in the playground.
These are for sale from the office and uniform room for \$10 each.

POSTPONED - Touch Rugby Tournament.

Due to an insufficient number of schools participating in this tournament, it has been postponed until next term.
There were only 7 teams entered with 4 being from TAPS.

Book Fair Update

Thank you to the many families who supported our recent, very successful Book Fair.
We earned an amazing \$965.00 in commission, which has enabled us to select 60 exciting new books for our students to enjoy.
Sincere thanks from the Inquiry Centre team.

Parent Camp
Meeting
TONIGHT
16th September
6pm in Rm 19

TAPS NETBALL PRIZEGIVING.
Tuesday 23rd Sept in the Inquiry Centre.
3.15pm - small afternoon tea supplied.
All netballers, managers & coaches welcome.
***PLEASE NOTE - DATE CHANGE**

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Friday 26 - Sunday 28 September at the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts, Hamilton by Nayaswami Asha, a gifted spiritual teacher, counsellor and a writer from Northern California. For a complete schedule of Asha's lectures visit www.anandanewzealand.org.

For more information email anandanewzealand@gmail.com or contact Kavita (07) 856 5052 or 021 213 8215.

Term 4 Bus Tags
Can be paid for at the
office now. Payments
due by Friday 24th Oct
NO TAG - NO RIDE



CALENDAR ART

All calendar is available to view in the school office. These are great Christmas presents for family members. Orders must be received by Thursday 25th Sept.

Tuition Available

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2014 Senior School Camp – Camp Adair

Tuesday 11th November – Friday 14th November

As you are aware, all of the year 5 and 6 students are looking forward to senior camp this year. Fundraising for camp has been completed and camp invoices have been issued. All camp fees must be paid by Friday 31st October. Payments can be made, and automatic payments can be set up through the office. When paying via internet banking, please ensure you have the students name, room & camp as a reference. Te Awamutu Primary Bank Account details are ANZ – 01-0439-0051680-02.



MAD COW DRUMS - DRUM TUITION

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

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 in the New 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.

Milo Monday

Milo & Cookie - \$2

Monday morning teas only

Noodle Tuesday

Beef or Chicken Noodles - \$2

Tuesday morning teas only

HYDRATION

Water is needed to: replace fluid loss, cool the body down and transport nutrients around the body.

Replacing fluid is especially important for children as they are unable to regulate their body temperature as well as adults. Sports drinks are not necessary for children and contain high quantities of sugar.



Te Awamutu Primary School

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8.15am – 3.30pm

Uniform Room Hours

Wednesdays only 8.15am-9am

Orders can be left at the office outside of these hours

TERM TIME ONLY

Lunch Orders

Mon, Wed & Fri only – orders must be made at the office BY 9am

STUDENT MESSAGES

Emergency messages for students must be phoned or texted to the school office by 2pm



Banana Berry Muffins

Preheat oven to 180°C and line two 12-hole muffin tins with paper cases.

In a bowl toss together 1 ½ cups of flour, 1 cup of self-raising flour and 1 tsp of baking soda. In another bowl whisk 2 dessert spoons of honey and ¼ cup of brown sugar then add 3 medium sized mashed bananas, ¼ cup low fat yogurt and ¾ cup of low fat milk. Combine and slowly pour into the dry ingredients. Gently fold mixture together then add ¼ cup of frozen berries. Fill muffin tins ¾ to the top. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the middle comes out clean. Allow muffins to cool.

These muffins will freeze well for up to 3 months.