



# TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL



Thank you all again for taking the time to share your thoughts about TAPS through our recent community surveys, and as principal, during the term I will be sharing with you the future direction for all our learners. We have completed the first three parent meetings last week and a number of conversations came up during these sessions. I have listed the questions and queries from families below and it was agreed that we would run **workshops** for parents to be able to come into school and watch or be shown what the children are doing on their computers and to share the plans we have developed for their learning.

Congratulations to the 3 families who won the Family Pass vouchers to Sundays Kihikihi Speedway Fireworks Spectacular.

**The key discussion points from last week’s parent meetings were:**

- Computer use and too much screen time?
- Health risks to children?
- **Cyber Safety and Digital Citizenship? – Workshop No 2** – *In the school library we will explore, show and share the Cyber Safety curriculum and talk about the fears, challenges and the steps we will take to work with cyber safety and the internet. **This workshop will be held on: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am – 10.30am in the Inquiry Centre.***
- Integration of the computers across the curriculum – will the students still be doing handwriting and talking to each other?
- Spelling and grammar?
- Will their next school continue this?
- Healthy interactions between children – playing sport?
- Will we still have a focus on Writing, Reading and Maths?
- What will we be teaching?
- **How will a classroom look? – Workshop No 1** - *This will be the first workshop. We will be showing what a digital classroom will look like, and the opportunity will be given to see this classroom in action. We invite you to Room 12, **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 9am – 1pm** with Mrs Tautari-Scott. Just turn up and join in the learning programme as it happens.*

**Communication in the future:**

In our recent School Board of Trustees survey a number of parents made mention of the need for the school to get communication streamlined and more accurate. Thank you for this feedback, and thank you to the families who gave solutions. The two solutions we will be trying this term are; emailing all reminders and urgent messages and a Facebook site.

We invite you to update your email address below so we can accurately set-up our emailing data base list. Please make sure you write your email address as **clearly as possible** to avoid confusion.

Regards

Gareth Duncan

**Please return ASAP to the Office**



Family Name: .....

Please email us on:..... @ .....

Child’s name/s and classes:.....

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