



TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL



29th October 2014

PRINCIPALS CORNER – Term 4 – Week 3

Welcome to our new families to TAPS this term. We would like to welcome Ruben, Alyssa, Alicia, Alex, Corey, Leigh, Imogen and Lyan into Syndicate 1. Sullivan and Carole into Syndicate 3 and Jake, Connor, Harrison and Taha into Syndicate 4. We hope you have all settled in. TAPS Kapa Haka group did themselves proud at the Te Awamutu Kapa Haka Festival last week. Our children performed extremely well and sang like angels. A big thank you to all parents and whānau members who helped on Friday and we also thank: Matua Ohlson, Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Tautari-Scott for their wonderful supports all year getting the children ready for this great event.

A busy term is well underway with Touch having started a week ago and Miniball starting last week. I would like to acknowledge the fabulous support parents are giving to school which is outstanding and is really appreciated.

We are offering more workshops for parents to attend and talk to us about digital learning opportunities for our children. Below outlines the next two workshops; you are all more than welcome to attend any of the following sessions:

- 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 29th October from 9am – 1pm** with Mrs Tautari-Scott. Just turn up and join in the learning programme as it happens.

- 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 5th November @ 9.30am – 10:30am.**

Parent letters: For all those parents new to our school this is an opportunity to put your thoughts in writing to the Principal and the Management team regarding the best placement for your child during the 2015 academic school year. This is not a time to choose a certain teacher or the best friend that you would like your child with, but to share the learning, personal and social needs of your child. We compare your thoughts with that of the current teacher, and the syndicate leader. The teaching staff will make the best choice for your child based on the data and knowledge we have already. Please feel free to share your thoughts via letter or email format **by Week 5, Term 4 – Friday 14th November**. Classes do not have the teacher assigned to them until late in December when we will notify you all via the school newsletter and your child's report.

This term we many events happening not only around our school but the wider community. One of our MANY highlights is our Dads and Sons breakfast. This is a fabulous way for us all to come together and celebrate as a learning community, and to enjoy a free breakfast together. The session is sponsored by ANZ Te Awamutu. Our breakfast date is: Friday 5th December at 7:15am in the School Hall. Many of our students are involved in miniball or touch, good luck to all of our TAPS teams. All students will have the opportunity to compete in our athletics days coming up next month. We have added a term calendar for you to cut out and put on your fridge for quick reference. We have also added all these exciting events to our school website, which is upgraded constantly.

Regards

Gareth Duncan

Principal

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.**



TAPS STARS

Lily Dixon received highly commended for her essay in the recent 2014 Children's Essay Competition (organised by the Rotary Club) in the year's 5-6 section. Well Done Lily!

Jackson, Romandow and 1 other student were nominated and received book vouchers in the Altrusa Book awards which were held last night.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

After School Care

Due to our casual vacancies running at maximum capacity if you require casual after school care on any particular day, you **MUST** text or ring Laille directly on 027 320 9849 before 12pm to see if there are any places available. We cannot guarantee a place for your child/children if they simply turn up at ASC as we are obliged to cater for regular enrolments & advised casuals first & foremost.

Uniform Room News

Wow! What a great response we have had to the new uniform and the students look fantastic in their new tops and polar fleeces. The uniform room has been super busy and the tops and polar fleeces are selling like hot cakes. We have stock on hand of the new tops and sweat, however, any sizes that become sold out in the coming weeks won't be available till Back to School 2015, due to our suppliers trying to keep up with the higher than expected demand from us. We apologise for this inconvenience and appreciate your patience while we move into this exciting new change. The sale of the new tops has certainly been more popular than we ever anticipated and this is above all the pre-paid orders and expressions of interest we took back in August!

We would also like to mention we are monitoring the wearing of the school uniform with regards to tidiness of the uniform and to the correct uniform being worn by all students. Please refer to our Uniform Policy document on the school website should you have any queries. Your child might have received a letter home if they are not wearing the correct uniform or if their uniform needs replacing. We appreciate you addressing these letters and making sure your child comes to school every day in the correct uniform.

The uniform room is open every Wednesday morning in the Hall from 8.15 – 9.00 am. EFTPOS available. Orders can be taken at the Office outside these hours for delivery to your child's class at the end of the day.

School buckets hats are now compulsory for all students to wear when out in the playground. These are for sale from the uniform room at \$10.00 each.

Thursday Twilight Touch

Starts Thursday 16th October
At Te Awamutu Sports

Te Awamutu Miniball Competition

Starts Wed 22nd October.

NOODLE TUESDAY
Beef or Chicken
Noodles - \$2
Tuesdays
Morning Tea time

WHATS THE HAPS AT TAPS ... TERM 4 CALENDAR

Every Wednesday – Years 1 – 6 miniball – please check the website for playing times and venues.

Every Thursday – Junior Touch – This is held at Te Awamutu Sports.

Yrs 3 & 4 play at 4.15pm – Yrs 5 & 6 at 4.45pm

Assemblies

Syndicate 1 – Mondays – 2.30pm

Syndicate 2 – Thursdays – 2.30pm

Syndicate 3 – alternate weeks with Syndicate 4 – every Friday 2pm

PMP

Every Tuesday & Thursday at 11am in the hall.

November

Monday 3 – BOT Meeting

Tuesday 4 – Melbourne Cup Mufti

Wednesday 5 – Cyber Safety & Digital Citizenship Workshop #2

Touch Rugby Tournament at Albert Park

Sunday 9 – Maunga Challenge

Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 Nov – Syndicate 4 camp

Friday 14 – Syndicate 1 & 2 Firewise Day

Sunday 16 – Round the Bridges

Tuesday 18 – Syndicate 3 & 4 Athletics

Thursday 20 – Synd 3 & 4 Athletics postponement day

Friday 21 – Syndicate 1 & 2 Athletics

Tuesday 25 – League Tag Tournament - TBC

Thursday 27 – Road Patrol Thank You Day

December

Tuesday 2 – Interschool Athletics

BOT Meeting

Friday 5 – Fathers & Sons Breakfast

Monday 8 – Y6 TAI Orientation Day

Friday 12 – Whole School Showcase - TBC

Saturday 13 – Te Awamutu Christmas Parade

Monday 15 – Y6 Graduation

Tuesday 16 – Learning Journeys, Reports &

Class Placements go home

Wednesday 17 – Last Day of Term

ALL DATES AND EVENTS ARE ALSO POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE..
TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE COMING SOON

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