



TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'



18th February 2015

Welcome to Week 3 and a warm welcome to those new families who have just joined us here at TAPS. Coming up in the next few weeks, are a number of opportunities for you to come and talk with your child's teacher about their learning goals for the year, and also to watch them participate in the syndicate swimming sports or displays.

Key Dates for our swimming sports & displays are:

- Syndicate 4 swimming sports – Thursday 12th March (postponement date Friday 13th)
- Syndicate 3 swimming sports - Thursday 26th February (postponement day Friday 27th)
- Syndicate 2 swimming display – Friday 6th March - 1.30pm – 3pm
- Syndicate 1 swimming display – Friday 6th March - 12pm – 1pm

Please note that the Te Awamutu School cluster will not be holding an Inter-Schools Swimming Sports day at the Events Centre like in previous years. This is due to the lack of interest from the schools in our area. We are however, holding a duathlon for years 3 to 6 students during week 7 (18th and 20th March) at TAPS. More information will be sent home shortly regarding this event.

All syndicate notices relating to swimming will be coming home over the next few days, or they may have already arrived.

Friendliness is our virtue this week:

To develop positive relationships between teachers and pupils and to foster friendliness amongst children. The goals we are working on together are:

- I will smile and say hello to all the people I meet. (Syndicate 1 and 2 - Juniors)*
- I will greet people with a smile and make sure that they are included in my games. (Syndicate 3 and 4 - Seniors)*

Reminders:

- **SAFETY – please use the school crossing on Teasdale Street and Bank Street. Please model safe road crossing to your children.**
- Week 5 – 4th and 5th March – Student-led Goal setting with class teachers (Schedule to come out soon)
- Swimming sports coming up.
- Hats are to be worn at all times outside the classroom. Please note that if your child needs to wear sunglasses then that option is also welcomed.
- Pre-enrolments to TAPS. Please get your pre-school child's enrolment form in as early as possible before their starting date. This allows us to organise class visits so your child can settle smoothly into school.

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

If you have a concern or complaint that you would like to have addressed, please visit our web site and follow the TAPS procedures: http://www.taps.school.nz/62/file_sets/17-policies-and-procedures

Yours in learning

Gareth Duncan
Principal



Student Led Conference - Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March

PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2pm ON BOTH OF THESE DAYS.

This term Student Led Conferences are on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March. The purpose is to set learning goals for the 2015 year for your child. This is a 15 minute session with their teacher.

****Please note** - There are only enough slots for each child to have **one** interview time i.e. one time slot per family per child only. If your family circumstances mean that two Student Led Conference times are needed, can you please personally organise this and approach the teacher for an additional time later in the term. Thank you for your understanding.

Booking interviews is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:

1. Go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home>
2. You can start right now - just enter the school event code **G7AYJ** and press "Go".
3. Enter your details: First enter your name, your child's name, and your email address.
4. Choose your teacher: Select your child's teacher from the list of teachers. Then you'll see a timetable showing when the selected teacher is available. Simply click on the time that suits you.

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 first intake for Term 2 is Friday 20th March. This is for those wanting to start at Te Awamutu Primary between Monday 20th April and Friday 22nd May 2015.

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 affect you in any way. We ask however, that you pre-enrol your child as soon as possible so we are aware of future needs.**

Children's Absences:

It is school policy that you notify the Office: 8715378 before 9am daily if your child is going to be absent. Our school mobile phone can be texted with a message as well: 0212760505. We thank you all for your support in keeping children safe. Our office staff will call you by 9.30am if your child is not in class, or if we haven't heard from home.

Phone Books Fundraiser – CAN YOU HELP?????

Te Awamutu Primary School has again been offered the fundraising opportunity of delivering the local phone books around the Te Awamutu Township. **We are currently seeking volunteers to deliver these books into letterboxes around the area.** The phone books are ready to be delivered and can be collected from the school hall or, alternatively please contact Maree Parkes in Room 5 or Kim Fabish in the office.

School Fees & Consumables Levy

2014 invoices were sent home recently. School fees are set at \$50 per child, \$90 for two children and \$120 for 3 or more children. The consumables levy is set at \$15 per child. These are due by the 31st March

TAPS NETBALL

The netball season is nearly upon us. Forms for Years 5 & 6 (competition) must be handed in by this Friday. Future Ferns start a few weeks after the competition teams and the date is yet to be set by the Te Awamutu Netball Association. All girls or boys wanting to play in Future Ferns must turn 7 years old sometime during this year (which means girls or boys who are 6 up until December 2015 can play). Teams are dependent on parent help. Future Fern forms are available from the office. All students that intend to play must have good playing shoes and black underwear. Contact Kim in the office if you require more information.



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Te Awamutu Marist Junior Rugby

Half price subs – existing juniors get a friend (non-existing player) to join Marist and both get your subs for half price. \$25 per player or \$40 for two or more family members

(shorts & socks not included but are available to purchase).

Early bird registration dates Saturday 21st Feb 2pm-6pm

& Sunday 6th March 6pm-7pm.

Any queries call Pip on 027 686 6451

