



# TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together Achieving Personal Success'



22nd April 2015 - Week 1 – Term 2

Welcome back to our new term. We also welcome to the TAPS family our new Junior School Deputy Principal: Sharon Griffiths and Whaea Erin Keremeta-Kapa who will be taking Te Reo and Kapa Haka. To all our new students who started this week, and their families – welcome! I look forward to working together to support your child to be the very best they can be, by developing their learning, and growing their personal passions and strengths. It is a privilege for us to be working alongside you and your family. I wish everyone a successful term ahead.

*A message from Mrs Griffiths:*

*"Kia ora koutou,*

*My name is Sharon Griffiths and I am over the moon to be a part of the TAPs whanau. My husband Mike and I have recently moved into the Te Awamutu community from Tuakau, South Auckland. I have two boys of my own. Connor is 3 years old and Hunter has just turned 6 months old. We consider ourselves to be "outdoorsy" people and we look forward to exploring the Waipa district. I have been teaching for approximately 14 years in 3 different schools around the outskirts of South Auckland but I have also spent a little time in England in the early days. Thank you to everyone for making us feel so welcome. I look forward to meeting more of the children and their parents over the coming weeks."*

## **Our School values programme:**

At TAPS we have **10 Cornerstone Values** that underpin our school beliefs. They are: Risk Taking, Respect, Care & Concern, Manners, Excellence, Fairness, Friendliness, Honesty, Responsibility, Choices

Our Value to start this term is: '**Care and Concern**'

**Goal:** To develop positive relationships between teachers and pupils and foster willingness amongst children. To be kind and thoughtful and to consider the needs of others before themselves. This value embodies kindness, consideration, empathy and compassion.

**Syndicate Goals to start the term are:**

- i. **I am kind to everyone. ( Syndicate 1 and 2 )**
- ii. **I look after the feelings of everyone. ( Syndicate 3 and 4 )**

**Gallipoli Bunker experience** – You are all invited to come into school and experience the World War 1 Bunker set up in Room 4. The visiting times are: Thursday 23rd April and Friday 24th April from 2pm – 3pm. Please come to the school office to register your interest and Room 20 and 21 children will be available to show you around. This is an experience we invite you all visit. I would like to acknowledge Tracy Hopewell and Linda Woulfe for their creative thinking and work in designing this project over their weekends and holiday period. Thank you ladies.

**ANZAC Day** – 100 Years is being remembered this Saturday and it would be a great moment for as many of our TAPS School children to be at the parade, departing at 10.45am from the RSA, and walking to the remembrance lawn on Bank Street. If your child is going to attend the parade, with TAPS, they must wear full correct school uniform. Thank you.

**PLEASE REMEMBER: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> School will be closed. This is an officially observed holiday for ANZAC Day.**

**Teacher Only Day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – All schools in the local Te Awamutu area will be closed for instruction on this day. Please book your children in the Safe & Happy Club holiday programme. Spaces are limited.

**Winter uniform** is to be worn from Week 7 onwards. This is after Queen`s Birthday weekend – 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## **Reporting to parents this term:**

TAPS will have a new reporting system in place from this term. This will be in the format of a written report. As we no longer have the Learning Journals, the report format will be completed at the end of this term and again at the end of the year. We are still maintaining the syndicate show case events. This enables you all to have an opportunity to experience the students` classroom learning. We believe this to be a positive way to engage you all in the real love for learning we see at TAPS every day.

## Reminders:

- Bus tags and information regarding bus routes can be sorted at the office. Please do not hesitate to call us if you need anything clarified. Payments are due by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. No tag – no ride.
- Pre-enrolments to TAPS. Please get your pre-school child's enrolment form in as soon as possible so they can visit their new class and get to know their teacher before they start.
- Wednesday Wonderland starts this term in Week 2 in Room 3 with Di Gudsell. All 4 ½ year olds are welcome to attend if they are enrolling at TAPS.
- Term 2 dates – 20<sup>th</sup> April (11 Weeks this term) finishing on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

A great site for parents to visit: [www.parents.education.govt.nz](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: [www.taps.school.nz](http://www.taps.school.nz)

Please watch your child's bag this week for the syndicate newsletter and upcoming up events. Visit our Facebook page for the instant messages and reminders during any given week – [www.facebook.com/tapprimary](http://www.facebook.com/tapprimary).

Regards



*Gareth Duncan*

Principal

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## WINTER FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLES

Every Friday at lunchtime in Term 2, Syndicate 4 will be cooking a sausage sizzle for ALL students to enjoy. This is a fundraiser for Syndicate 4 camps in November.

Sausages \$2

Juicies \$1

Thank you in advance for your support.

## School Fees & Consumables Levy

2015 invoices have been sent home. 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.

## Reminders ....

Syndicate 1 & 2 Disco – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Syndicate 4 Disco – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Syndicate 3 Disco – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

All discos are in the school hall starting at 6pm until 7.30pm. Drinks, liquorice, chips or popcorn & glow sticks for sale.

These are for TAPS students only.

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RAFFLE

### 1st Prize \$1000 worth of house paint \$5.00

ColourPlus Te Awamutu have donated house paint to the value of \$1000 to help raise funds for Child Flight Charitable Trust's 'Buddy Day' on 24 May 2015. The paint is being raffled and tickets can be purchased from the school office or from the ColourPlus shop on Arawata Street.

To find out more about 'Buddy Day', we invite you to view the video our students made which can be found on our school website or visit Child Flight's web page at [www.childflight.org](http://www.childflight.org)

## TA Tigers Basketball Club Muster

Come and find out about learning basketball skills

Where: TA College Gym

When: Friday April 24th

Ages: Year 1-4 5-6pm

Year 5-8 6-7pm

Further info: Anna 027 275 7343

[tatigersbasketball@yahoo.com](mailto:tatigersbasketball@yahoo.com)

### WINTER WARMERS

## ProJoe's Healthy Nachos

1 diced onion	1 can kidney beans	Feeds a family of FIVE!
1tsp oil	1C stock	
400g beef mince	2C veges (frozen or grated)	
2tsp paprika	6 wholemeal wraps	
1tsp cumin		
1 can tomatoes		

Cook onion in a pan with oil, add mince, paprika and cumin. Pour in tomatoes, beans, stock and vegetables. Simmer for 20-30 mins.

Cut each wrap into 8 wedges, place on tray and bake until crisp.

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