



**1 June – Week 5 - Term 2 2016.**

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

By now you will have heard the news that Gareth Duncan is leaving us at the end of the term to take up the position of Principal at a school closer to home. The Board of Trustees has the task of finding a new Principal to lead our wonderful school and we are engaging with an education consultant to help us with this. It will be a lengthy process and we don't want to rush it as we need to get this right to ensure our school continues the excellent work it is doing in all areas.

Whilst we undertake this process, Sharon Griffiths our Deputy Principal, will step into the role of 'Acting Principal' commencing Term 3. We thank Sharon for taking on this responsibility and hope you join with us in supporting her in this role.

I would also like to congratulate and welcome our new parent representative to the Board of Trustees, Waimihi Hotere. Waimihi brings a number of skills, talents and strengths to our Board. You can view Waimihi's profile on the school website.

If you have any concerns or compliments you are most welcome to talk to any of your board members. Please don't hesitate to contact us. Our details are available from school or on the school website.

Kind Regards

*Debbie Scott*  
On Behalf of the Board of Trustees



### **Information Corner**

At TAPS we are always searching for, and refining learning programmes to improve the learning outcomes of our students. At present we have a wide variety of interventions that take place on a regular basis and are attended by small groups of students or individuals. These programmes are provided by a wide range of teachers and teacher aides.

- ALL - Accelerated Literacy Learning for writing- small group - 1 hour daily - Mrs White
- STEPS – Mrs West - Teacher Aide - takes place almost all day in Room 6 with students from across the school
- Reading groups - Mrs Gudsell - usually 4 days a week. Syndicate 2 at present
- Target writing - Mrs Gudsell - 4 days a week in Syndicate 3
- RTLb - Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour - supports individual and class referrals
- ICS - In Class Support for students whom funding has been generated
- Repeated reading - Mrs Houghton - Syndicate 4
- Teacher Aide support happens in many classes where we feel the support is required
- ORS - Ongoing Resource Funding for students - Tracy Findlay provides the teacher input and teacher aides support these student's daily
- Interim Support Funding - provided for short term support when behaviours are targeted
- Riding for the Disabled - 3 students attend every Tuesday morning, weather permitting
- Parenting Toolbox - weekly in Room 15 at school
- Some students are attending the new Learning Matters Educational Centre in our community
- GATE - Gifted and Talented programmes for targeted students run in the Inquiry Centre by Karen Nicholson

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If you have any queries relating to any of these programmes, please don't hesitate to speak with Gareth Duncan, Sharon Griffiths or Diane Gudsell

### 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 contact you if your child is not in class, or if we haven't heard from home.

#### Board of Trustees Election

##### Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was fewer than the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following

duly elected:

**DENTON Brett**  
**HOTERE Waimihi**  
**SANDERS Craig**  
**SCOTT Debbie**

##### Declaration of Staff Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

**WHITE Valida**

Ian McLauchlan  
Returning Officer

#### Education Review Office Update (ERO)

In a months' time, ERO will be reviewing TAPS as part of their 3 year cycle. We relish the opportunity to show them the great ways in which we help children to learn and how we interact with you, our parents and whanau.

Here are some of the questions that ERO may pose to our community when they visit:

1. What are the strengths of your school?
2. How are you able to be involved in the life of the school?
3. How does the school communicate with you?
4. How are you informed about your child's achievement and progress at school?
5. How are you able to be involved in your child's learning? (e.g. well-designed homework or on-line tracking tools/blogs).
6. Do you feel free to approach the school with concerns?
7. What do you see as future challenges for the school? Areas of strengthening/next steps?

### 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 Term 3 intake is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 3pm. This is for those wanting to start at Te Awamutu Primary between Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.

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.**

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#### Hell Pizza

Congratulations to Nirati & Emily C for completing the first Hell Pizza Reading Challenge

#### School Accounts are now overdue

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. Hapara Dashboard is \$7 for each student Years 3- 6. A \$10 Steps fee also applies.



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Please feel free contact Glenn on 07 871-4738 or 021 2020269 to confirm a spot and get more details.

We will be offering a drum kit hire service. If this is of interest please do email us at [madcowdrums@thug.co.nz](mailto:madcowdrums@thug.co.nz).

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