



31 August – Week 6 – Term 3 2016.

Kia Ora Koutou,

Five and a half weeks of this term have flown by and there are no signs that things are about to slow down. The weather has improved, birds are singing, children are able to get outside and play and people are happier with a dose of Vitamin D from the warm sunshine. Spring has sprung!

We have had a few new enrolments at TAPS, so we extend a warm welcome to those new children and their whānau. Sadly, we have had one or two leave as their families have headed out of the area or overseas to live. To those families, we wish you all the best for a happy and successful future.

Last week TAPS hosted a nationwide production in our school hall. It was a Te Reo play called Whakaahuatia Mai. Our sincere thanks to Waimihi Hotere for thinking of TAPS and organising for this special event to be hosted at our school. Through koha, we raised just over \$100 to go towards our Friends of TAPS. More importantly, we offered the opportunity for children and family to watch an amazing production and meet and greet some extremely talented performers. Our syndicate 4 children were extremely privileged to be able to interview the actors and were lucky enough to get a private performance a few days later during an assembly.

On Friday 26th August, TAPS celebrate jointly the end of the Rio Olympics and Daffodil day with a coin trial. The children were able to wear muffi for the day. What a success! On behalf of the staff at TAPS, we thank you for your wonderful support. Because of you, we are able to donate **\$552** to the Cancer Society and teach children the value of giving to others in need.

This coming **Thursday (1st September), TAPS is running its annual Cross Country Day.** Syndicates have sent home information with your children regarding what they need for the day and a timeline of when we expect each age group to run. One event follows the other and the timeline is affected by a range of variables. As a result, we can only give approximate times for races. We'd love to see you there supporting your child or children. Our newly formed 'Friends of TAPS' will be running two sausage sizzles on the day. 1) School children can pre-order sausages and order in their classrooms as per normal and the sausages will be delivered to their classrooms just before lunchtime. 2) The second sausage sizzle will be out on the field for parents and visitors to purchase spontaneously as the day progresses. All sausages will cost \$2. There will be a slip you can cut out and use for your child's order further along in these notices. All proceeds raised by the Friends of TAPS will go towards resurfacing the concrete courts.

A reminder that many of our staff members will be attending a Union meeting on **Monday 12 September from 9am** to discuss the Government's global funding proposal. The school is open for instruction but because we have only a skeleton staff on hand we will be running an alternative programme up until 12pm for the students who do attend school on that day. The school is legally obligated to allow union members to attend, to open the school for instruction, but also to inform you that there will be less supervision by adults at school during this time for health and safety purposes. We appreciate your understanding.

That's enough from me! We invite you all to attend our assembly on Tuesday 6th September at 10.10am.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Griffiths
Acting Principal

Students vs Staff Netball
This Friday 1.20pm



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 4 intake is Friday 2nd September 2016 at 3pm. This is for those wanting to start at Te Awamutu Primary between Monday 10th October and Friday 16th December 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.**

Up and coming events.

- Next Reading Together Workshop has been postponed to Tuesday 6th September at 2pm. This is a workshop that demonstrates a teacher's trade secrets when teaching reading. Spaces are limited to 15 people. Please email Sharon if you are interested in attending.
- Whole School Assembly has been rescheduled to Tuesday 6th September at 10.10am. All parents and whānau are welcome.
- Next Friends of TAPS meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 6th September in the Staffroom at school. Thanks to our amazing members who have already done so much. It's an informal meeting to plan up and coming events. Please come along and contribute your thoughts.
- Te Awamutu Kapa Haka festival is **THIS FRIDAY!** Head down to the events centre and check out the amazing cultural talent on stage. TAPS is scheduled to perform at 10.55am. Go well TAPS Kapa haka, we are exceptionally proud of your efforts! Thank you Whaea Waimihi, Matua Kapara and Mrs Tautari-Scott for all of your knowledge and the time you have spent teaching and leading our tamariki. Doors will close during performances. Please ARRIVE early to ensure you don't miss our performance, and advise any whanau coming to ARRIVE EARLY. Once the doors are closed, they won't reopen while a group is on the stage. **TAPS Performers and families assemble outside the events centre at 8.30am.** Do not come to school first. Powhiri will start at 8.45am sharp.
- Whole School Olympic Games - 20th September. A fun sports day for all TAPS kids. Children will be shared among 14 countries with mixed ages to compete in a range of fun games designed to build teamwork and whānaungatanga. If the weather is poor on this day, it will be postponed to the 22nd.

On Wednesday the 7th of September it is Red balloon day for DMD. Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) is the most common of nine muscular dystrophy disorders, and is characterized by progressive difficulty in walking and performing everyday activities. This lack of mobility is due to an absence of the protein dystrophin, causing muscles to deteriorate and break down. We will be supporting Tana and his family by having red balloons on the deck outside Room 5. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, you can bring a gold coin donation on this day.



NETBALL

Please return your clean netball uniform to Mrs Fabish in a clearly named bag. We will organise a prize giving shortly.

Syndicate 4 Camp Adair – Tuesday 8th November to Friday 11th November 2016

Part payments can be made through the school office or via internet banking. We suggest you start making weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments to help with the final cost which is approx. \$235. Individual chocolate sales will also be taken off this amount along with the whole syndicates fundraising efforts through discos, sausage sizzles etc.

Camp Statements have been sent home.
You **MUST** include your child's name, room & camp as the reference if paying through online banking.

Do you want to learn to play the guitar? You can here at TAPS with the help of Musiqhub.

Contact Carl for more information

027 388 9558

toezee@gmail.co.nz



CROSS COUNTRY SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 per sausage

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The cost per student is \$11.75 + GST/week. The lesson dates will run in conjunction with the school term.

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.

Please note there is no requirement for a drum kit to begin these lessons!

If a student misses a lesson there will be no refunds on that lesson as the fee covers his or her placement for the term.

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