



20 September - Week 9 – Term 3 2016.

Kia Ora Koutou,

We have reached the end of term and it's wonderful to see children across the school continuing to embrace daily school life and the variety of opportunities offered by our hardworking teachers.

We had a large team of 8-11 year old runners compete in the Interschool Cross Country event last week with some very impressive results. The 11 year old boys race was particularly exciting. I was so proud of the commitment and perseverance of all of our TAPS competitors. Thank you to the teachers for their organisation and to the parents who came along to support and help out with this event.

I am constantly receiving positive feedback from parents and members of the public with comments on the way our students behave and conduct themselves when representing Te Awamutu Primary. This has not just been during sports events, but with kapa haka, visits to our school and classroom trips off site as well. It's clear to me that so many of our learners are living and breathing our school values and it's wonderful that children are recognised for the good choices they make.

On the 12th of September, teachers from across our region attended the combined ECE, primary and secondary union meeting to discuss concerns about the proposed government funding changes to schools. To our parents, whānau and caregivers, thank you for your support and understanding with the disruption to our normal school day. So what is this all about? Why are educators from around NZ meeting with their union? It is all about what the government call "Global Funding". While the government believe that this would provide greater flexibility to schools, educators have grave concerns about its implications for student learning. This proposed funding model for schools has the potential to force BOT's and Principals to make decisions based upon finances rather than what is best for students. Whilst we believe our school would be well equipped to manage our finances successfully, other schools around New Zealand may not be so fortunate. It could mean that schools appoint the cheapest teacher (with the least experience) over a higher qualified, experienced and more expensive teacher. If you wish to find out more about this you can start by visiting <http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/consultations-and-reviews/education-funding-system-review/>

Now that we have employed a new Principal, planning for 2017 has begun and we are starting to look at classroom structures for each year level. Early next term, we will invite you to submit a letter to the TAPS Management team outlining any special learning or relationship circumstances you may wish us to consider when placing your child or children for 2017. Sadly, Linda Woulfe has tendered her resignation as she has won a position at Karapiro School beginning next year. Linda will finish off the year at TAPS with Room 5. We will be sad to see her go and would like to acknowledge her wealth of experience and passion she has shared whilst teaching so many children at TAPS!

It seems that the trend of high sickness levels towards the end of each term continues. We have heard that Chicken Pox and Whooping Cough are in the area and many of our children have been hit by the dreaded tummy bug. In order to prevent further spread, we ask that children who are sick, stay at home until they are well again. The Ministry of Health recommend children should stay away from school for 24-48 hours after their last vomit or case of diarrhoea in order to stop the spread. This needs to be a collective effort in stopping the spread of illness, so parents, please keep your child/ren home for the appropriate length of time. Thank you for attending to this.

On behalf of the staff, we wish you and your children a safe and restful break. We look forward to seeing you rejuvenated and ready to learn on Monday 10th October.

Finally, thank you to the staff and wider community for your wonderful support while I have been acting as Principal. I have learned a lot in the hot seat and I'm looking forward to welcoming Craig at the powhiri next term. Of course all parents and whanau are welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Griffiths
Acting Principal

Friends of TAPS

We are currently fundraising towards re-surfacing the courts and our next event is the Ag Day (Tuesday 11th October). We will be having a sausage sizzle, coffee cart/café and a bake sale on the day. Any donations of baking/savouries for the bake sale would be greatly appreciated. Baking can be dropped off at the office on Tuesday 11th in the morning at the office. If you are interested in helping on the day or are interested in the Friends of TAPS, please email Anna annakeno@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

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 or fortnightly 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. Camp payments are due by Friday 28th October.



Te Awamutu Football Fun Holiday Programme - October 2016

This is an opportunity for kids to have fun and practice their football (soccer) skills over the holiday break.

Who? Any child aged 7-13 years

Where? Te Awamutu Intermediate School Gym

When? 5th & 6th October - 9am to 3pm each day.

How much? \$25 per player per day

What do you need to bring?

- Enough food for morning tea and lunch.
- None marking court shoes, socks, any coloured shirt and shorts, a drink bottle.

Who is coaching? We have adult supervision and all coaches have recently completed New Zealand Football coaching courses.

To register click on the link below. Even if you have completed a course with us before, click on the registering a new player tab.

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=62492>

If you need any other information, contact Dave Hall on 021 2537979



Proceeds from this programme will support the club building more floodlighting at Anchor Park



St John's Church Holiday Programme

Medieval



George Street next to Profit Gym

Tuesday & Wednesday 4th & 5th October 2016

10 AM - 3 PM

(Registration Starts at 9.45 AM)

\$5 per child

Booking preferred for catering purposes or drop in on the day

Contact Number: 0211883624 or Email: stjohnsygta@gmail.com

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2-3 cups steamed or frozen (thawed) broccoli, chopped finely
1 cup low fat grated cheese
3 eggs
1 cup flour (plain or wholemeal)
1 tsp dried oregano

Preheat oven to 190°C. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Roll mixture into bite-size balls and place on a lined tray. Bake for 25 mins or until golden.

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STUFFED POTATO

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Prick holes in a potato or kumara with a fork. Wrap in tin foil and bake for 45-60mins at 180°C OR cook in microwave 3-5mins each side.

Once cooked, scoop out middle of potato. Mash with your choice of GROW or GLOW fillings: baked beans, cheese, onion, mushroom, corn, ham or pineapple.

Refill potato and bake for 10-15mins.

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FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

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OUR FUNDRAISING EVENT:
Friday 23 Sept

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The Safe & Happy Club Holiday Programme

The September holidays are almost here and once again we are offering a fun filled programme, running from TAPS. We have loads planned including trips to Extreme Edge, Waterworld, The Agrodome, Spookers, Iceskating, Movies & Pools. We also have a number of interesting onsite days planned.

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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@iitug.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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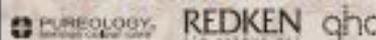
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