



23rd November – Week 7 – Term 4 2016.

Kia ora koutou,

It is hard to believe that there is only 3 weeks left before the end of the 2016 school year! Over the next 3 weeks there are many exciting school events which will keep us all very busy.

We are currently getting lots of new families enrolling children for next year and working hard to get 2017 class placements confirmed. If you know of any new families that are planning on enrolling children at TAPS, but have not let us know, please make contact with us as soon as possible. Out of zone applications close on the 9th December.

Thank you to all of the parents that have taken the time to complete the TAPS Community Survey. There is still time to give us your valuable feedback. The survey will close this Friday. There is a link to the survey on our Facebook Page or paper copies are available from the office.

We have had some parents and local community members contact the school regarding safety concerns when parents are dropping off their children in cars. We know that parking spaces are very limited outside of school, however, please do not double park and let children exit cars on the road or park in the designated bus stop spaces. All students crossing the road to and from school need to use the designated Road Patrol areas on Teasdale Street and Bank Street. Thank you for keeping all of our students safe.

I am looking forward to seeing a huge community turnout at our annual TAPS Christmas in the Park on the 15th December.

Nga mihi nui

Craig Pentecost
Principal

TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Road Patrol Fun Day

Friday 2nd December
9.30am – 2.30pm
Held at Te Awamutu Sports. Please bring an extra towel, plenty of sunscreen and remember to name everything

Last year Te Awamutu Primary signed up to the EnviroSchools Programme and it is with great pleasure we can report that TAPS was been awarded the Bronze level reflection. We were presented with this award at our assembly last Monday. We are now working towards the Silver Award. The EnviroSchools programme supports schools to be involved in a long-term sustainability journey with the involvement of our families and community. The whole school creates a vision and involves young people in planning, decision making, action and reflection in their own school and community. EnviroSchools aim to foster a generation of people who instinctively think and act sustainably.



PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA

We invite all parents and caregivers that have helped us over the past year to come along and have morning tea ... on us!

Thursday 8th December 10.30 in the hall.

Syndicate 1 & 2 Athletics Day

Friday 25th November 11am – 2.30pm

(rain off date – Monday 28th November) Wear appropriate athletics day clothing (house colours if able)

Sausage sizzle lunch (whole school) \$2 sausage \$1 juicie \$ 1Popcorn

Order from your classroom before 9.30am – Sausages will be available to purchase for spectators at lunchtime

NEWS BRIEF

Syndicate 1 - We are hoping that the Sun God will shine on us for Athletics on Friday. If not, postponement date is Monday 28. We are enjoying follow up activities from our community visits and also getting ready for our Xmas in the Park on Thursday 15 of December. As we build to the end of the year, we are very aware of the necessity to keep our routines in place, so our programmes are timetabled as usual to retain student focus. Looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming assemblies. If any parents have new entrant packs that you feel are no longer needed, can you please return them to a Syndicate 1 teacher? Thank you. Swimming will begin next week if the weather permits.

Syndicate 2 - It has been a busy Term so far and our wonderful Syndicate two students have been working very hard on our 'buddy benches'. These were donated to us by Corrections. There are four benches, one for each syndicate. We are currently painting and decorating them for each syndicate. This ties in with our theme for the term 'How can we serve others'. Needless to say, we have lots of kind, helpful hands in our syndicate. Friday was Red Nose Day. It was a huge success as we took part in non-stop movement for two hours, and raised money for Cure Kids. Thank you to all who donated. We look forward to seeing you at Syndicate one and two athletics day on Friday.

Syndicate 3 children have been enjoying creating and sharing lots of amazing art work so far this term. We had fun raising money on Red Nose Day for Cure Kids and thank Mrs Woulfe for all of the organisation that went into this day. Some of our classes have already been in the school pool and we are looking forward to swimming more as the weather warms up. Teachers will let their children know which days they need to bring swimming gear. We have started a classroom 'Game On' challenge during our Physical Education sessions and are all looking forward to seeing who our winning team will be at the end of the term. Congratulations to those who made it into the Interschool Athletics team, and a huge thank you to all of the adults who continue to help out with trips and events.

Syndicate 4 has come back from camp amazed at the determination and resilience of their students. Everyone got muddy and sweaty whilst conquering Killer Hill and dragging themselves through the confidence course. Thank you to our amazing parent helpers who did it all themselves and supported their teams. We still have a few key events coming up for our Year 6's. Te Awamutu Intermediate orientation is on 5th December and graduation Tuesday 13 December.



Last Day for Lucky Book Club Orders - This Friday (24th Nov)

Year 6 Graduation - Tuesday 13th December at 6pm in the hall.

Spaces are strictly limited

Syndicate 1 Christmas Singing Assembly.
Monday 28th November
2.30pm

Syndicate 1 Graduation Assembly
Monday 5th December
2.15pm in the hall

Syndicate 2
Celebration of Learning Assembly
Wednesday 14th December
2pm

Syndicate 3
Final Assembly
Wednesday 7th December
2pm

Syndicate 3 and 4 Interschool Athletics Assembly
Friday 2nd December
2pm in the hall