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TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary.....

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

I would like to thank everyone for your commitment to the children of Te Awamutu Primary School so far this term. Our school Gala has been an example of the fabulous team work.

By now you will have all seen the local Courier newspaper articles and be aware that the next TAPS entrepreneurs task is about to take place... 'Dancing with the Te Awamutu Stars'. This night has been put together by the staff as their fundraiser for the school. It will be a great night out for adults with the proceeds going to our children's education programmes. If you are able to support our night by helping with the set up, that would be great. Please give me a call at school.

Tickets can be purchased at \$75 per head for a table of 8 including food platters and refreshments. Individual grandstand tickets are \$25 each...a great idea for work Christmas functions or just a good night out. As well as our "Dancing with the Stars" there will be a live band and plenty of home grown entertainment. We look forward to spending the evening with you all. Please come in and purchase your tickets from the school office.

2009 Classroom placements closing this week:

For all those parents new to our school this is an opportunity to put your thoughts in writing to the Principal and the management team regarding the best placement for your child during the 2009 academic school year. This is not a time to choose a certain teacher or the best friend that you would like your child with, but to share the learning, personal and social needs of your child. We compare your thoughts with the current teacher and the syndicate leader. The teaching staff will make the best choice for your child based on the data and knowledge we have already. Please feel free to share your thoughts via letter format **by Week 5 – Thursday 13th November**.

Classes do not have the teacher assigned to them until late in December when we will notify you all via the school newsletter. Your child's end of year report will have their class and learning level for 2009 on it.

Term Dates for 2009

Please note that the children's 'Art Works' calendars that came home last week had the wrong starting date for 2009...We start the 2009 academic school year on Monday 2nd February. For further term dates for the 2009 and 2010 academic years visit the school web site and click on "Term Dates" <http://www.taps.school.nz>

Congratulations - Plunket Fundraiser made \$320

Super Hero Mufti Day held on Friday 31st October in conjunction with the ANZ Bank raised \$320. Well done everyone!

Garoth Duncan

Principal

School Notices...

Mother and Son Breakfast

The Mother and Son breakfast will be held on Wednesday November 12th at 7.15 in the school hall. You should have received an attendance slip, please return this to school by Monday at the latest so we are able to cater for the correct numbers. Thank you

Pedestrian Crossing

A number of parents/caregivers have been allowing their children to cross Teasdale St away from the designated crossing. This is not acceptable and is a very serious safety issue for your children given the amount of traffic we have outside school. All parents are to ensure their children cross at the pedestrian crossing at all times.

School Banking

Deposits can be dropped off at the office in a sealed envelope by Thursday each week. Forms to open an account at Westpac can be picked up from the office.

Lucky Book Club

Last day for book club orders is **this Friday 7th November**.

Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 9th December, 7pm in the hall. **(Please note change in date)**

PTA Fundraiser for Christmas

See the catalogue included with today's newsletter. Great ideas for Christmas gifts (orders will arrive early December). All individual orders over \$75 will receive a free waterproof bag valued at \$14.99. Last day for orders is Wednesday 19th November.

Spare school uniforms

A number of children come to the sick bay requiring a change of uniform for a variety of reasons. We are now short of items. If your child has come home with a change of clothes **please wash and return them ASAP**. We do have a book with names of children that have borrowed items but would prefer them to be returned without a phone call from our office staff.

TAPS ASC Programme

Our After School Care Programme requires a new member of staff. If you are bright and bubbly, great with children, crafty or sporty and have a spare hour or so after school you may be what we need. Please email janinem@taps.school.nz or pop in to see Laille at the hall with your details **after 4pm**

Hats

Hats are now a compulsory part of the school uniform. (Please try to make sure they are named). Your child will be asked to sit in a shaded area if they do not have a school hat on.

TEAM NOTICES

Syndicate One News

Our Inquiry focus this term is 'Serving Others'. Syndicate One children have had an opportunity to serve others by bringing along their gold coin donation on our Super Hero Mufti Day. Thank you for your support.

The children really enjoyed the Milo Cricket experience on Monday. Another opportunity for children to see who helps us - thanks to the Cricket Association. Also related to our inquiry is the performance by Deni Vanin. He played the drums for us yesterday. Thank you to Deni for helping us to learn about performing.

A few reminders:

- *Please return poem clear files and song books.* These go home every Friday, and are supposed to come back to school on Monday.
- *Athletics Day* – Thursday, 13th November, 9.30 am start. We would welcome parent help for part of the morning. Please see your child's teacher if you can help out.

Syndicate Two News

This week our classes had a session of cricket skills and drills with some of the Northern Knight Cricket players. Lots of our children have shown an interest in playing Milo cricket. Don't forget to complete the forms and return them to school. Milo Cricket starts next week!

Syndicate 2 has an Assembly tomorrow at 2.15pm in the Hall. Come one, come all and have sing with us.

Syndicate Three News

The first groups of children have been to camp. It was an amazing time and the children were challenged and lots of fun was had by all involved.

It is that time of the year again and we are looking for road patrollers for 2009. If your child will be in Year 6 next year, have a talk to them about whether they wish to do this very important job. They will be trained properly by the local road traffic police and also have on the job training.

We had the cricket players supporting Milo Cricket come and teach our children some valuable ball skills on Monday. Can we ask those who have not made their gold coin donation to do so immediately, thank you.



Community Notices

Grasshoppers-Tennis for kids

No experience necessary. Sunday 9th November, 10.30-12.30, Te Awamutu Tennis Club. Cost \$10. The office has flyers for those interested.

Harold's Funky Foods - Life Education Cookbooks are for sale at the office. They are \$25 and make a great Christmas present.

The Maungatautari Wheelathon

23rd November, Albert Park. Registration from 8.30-10.15. \$2 entry fee with the proceeds going to The Maungatautari Ecological Trust.

Novelty Cakes

The Snack Shack has a great range of special occasion cakes available and made to order. They give back 10% of any cake orders/sales to the school, so make sure you mention us when ordering your next birthday or special occasion cake. Phone Julie on 871 6690