

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Primary School Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome back to Week 5 everyone.

Here at TAPS we do our best to ensure that every learner has the opportunity, support and guidance to achieve and celebrate their personal best. Last week two of our senior leaders, Anahera Manuel-Ngahiwi and Kingston Emery (along with two intermediate students) had an opportunity to become more confident and connected as they met leaders of community from all over the world at the Down Under Institute Conference in Hamilton. During the conference our students held the attention of seminar rooms packed with people wanting to hear about students becoming leaders of their own learning. As members of the Down Under Institute community, Anahera and Kingston now have connections in high places from all over the world. They are indeed international citizens. The many letters and cards that have been gifted to them have words of wisdom, encouragement and gratitude that they will, no doubt, cherish throughout their lives. This is just one story snippet from a great many other wonderful happenings at TAPS. What a great school to be a part of!



We also have a new group of students who represent our school at the Inter-school swimming sports held at Te Awamutu Intermediate today. Congratulations to all those children who got a placing today...well done!

Everyone is welcome to attend the PTA meeting at 7.30pm tonight. We meet in the staffroom and have lots to share. I would like to thank the PTA for their fundraising efforts and support of the learning programmes this year so far. Our PTA has donated \$12,000.00 towards the learning needs and sports uniforms (Netball and Rugby) this money is an acknowledgement of the fabulous work put in by all the children, teachers and parents at last years Gala. Our Gala made upwards of \$10,000.00 last year.

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Principal

Reminders:

- **PTA Meeting 7.30pm tonight, 4th March**
- **Parent Reading Workshops tonight, 11th and 25th March in the staffroom 5.45pm.**
- **Pre-School parent night 18th March 5.45pm.**
- **Mufti Day Friday 6th March, gold coin donation. Proceeds to the Cancer Society via Relay for Life**
- **\$3.00 donation for Harold from the Life Education caravan for all children**

DP's Corner:

One of our 2009 School Priorities are:

To extend children's opportunities in Physical Education and Health through effective teaching practices.

During the coming weeks our children will be starting a series of fitness and agility testing with Sports Waikato staff (Project Energize) so that teachers can tailor their physical education programmes to target individual, class and school weaknesses in the area of physical fitness and sporting activities. Please feel free to approach your child's teacher or our school Physical Education leaders: Sara Ripia and Kylie Edwards if you have any questions. School wide results will be shared with you all soon.

Reading workshops start tonight in the staffroom for all those parents interested in learning more about the reading process and how to support your children through their reading homework. SEE you **tonight at 5.45pm.**

This weekend in Hamilton is the Relay for Life for the Cancer Society of New Zealand. We have a number of our families involved in this event. With this in mind we will be holding a fundraising Mufti day this **Friday, 6th March**, with all proceeds going directly to the Cancer Society. One of our teachers, Mrs Janeen Mockford will be taking the money on the schools behalf to the event. Please support this cause with a gold coin donation which can be brought to class teachers on Friday.

Gill Gibbs

Healthy Eating choices from Harold and Nicky:

The Life Education Caravan will be open to all parents tomorrow afternoon from 3pm until 4.30pm. Please call in and talk to the Life Education Teacher – Nicky Wise. Below are some of Harold's healthy lunch box ideas...thanks Harold!

Reminder about your child's \$3 for the Life Education. Please send your money to the classroom teacher.

Did you know that there are 8 foods that are just magic for your brain! I call them Brainy Bunch foods. Try and have at least one in your lunchbox everyday – it will help you to learn!

Blueberries	Nuts	Yoghurt	Banana's
Broccoli	Tomatoes	Fish	Spinach

Have a great week. Love Harold.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Lost Property – Uniform items

Please ensure all your children's clothing is named. We have had complaints of **named** items going missing. Please check your child/children have their **own** clothing. If you have any items missing, check the lost property box, but please only take what is clearly yours.

School Sores

We currently have a number of children with Impetigo (school sores); this is common during the warm weather. The sores are extremely contagious and are spread very easily. If your child has Impetigo you need to see the doctor for antibiotics. Your child may return to school 24 hours after starting the medication as long as the sores are covered.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Te Awamutu Sports Junior Rugby - Registration dates – March 4th, 11th and 18th at 6.30-8.00pm. 6th - 13th grade \$40.00 per player, ID required. All grades are to wear boots in 2009.

Te Awamutu Marist Junior Rugby - Registration and Weigh in - All Grades. Thursday 5th March 6.30pm and Sunday 8th March 11.30am Subs \$25 per player. MUST be paid at registration. Any queries contact Shane 0274 978 534 or Richard 021 404 764

Te Awamutu Association Football Club Inc - Junior registration - Friday 13th March 4pm – 6pm, Saturday 14th March 10am – 12 mid-day **Where:** Te Awamutu Stadium Pavilion, Armstrong Ave (off Bank Street) Te Awamutu
Subs: Please pay at registration (costs per family): 1st player - \$50, 2nd player - \$45, 3rd player - \$40, 4th Player – Free (Late Registration Fees Applies) For further enquiries please contact Sheryll Whitt on: 8715085

Well Child/Tamariki Ora

Talking & Listening, Thursday 5th March, Anglican Church Hall, Lyon Street, Kihikihi, 10am-1pm