

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone, I hope you all had a great holiday and managed to escape for a few days. A big welcome to our new families at TAPS and our new teacher, Mrs Kathryn Picard who will be teaching part time in Room 18 two days a week - Welcome to you all.

In light of the media coverage surrounding the confirmed cases of Swine Flu (contracted by students at Rangitoto & Northcote Colleges on a recent trip to Mexico), I would like to keep you informed of the procedures TAPS has in place.

Our school is talking with Health and Civil Defence officials and we have been advised there is no reason for alarm. Our school will remain open until further notice. Our own pandemic plans, mean that we have systems in place to help us cope if anything changes.

The most important thing you can do as parents and caregivers is reinforce healthy messages:

- Teach your children the importance of hand washing and drying – especially before meals and after toileting.
- Teach your children to use a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing.

We ask that all children showing flu like symptoms be kept home until checked and okayed by a doctor or nurse to return to school. Flu-like symptoms = fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches, fatigue.

Our school is updating **emergency contact details** for all students and staff. Please **complete the form that went home yesterday and return it to the office.**

The Board of Trustees and I are working closely with staff to ensure that all students at our school are kept as safe as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly. Thank you.

If you have further concerns contact the Auckland Regional Public Health Service: phone 0800 FLU LINE or 0800 3585463

Our Syndicate Teams for Term 2:

All enquiries, compliments or concerns go first to your child's teacher and then to the Syndicate Leader. If you have further queries to make please make an appointment with one of the Curriculum Leaders (DP's) Mrs Viv Buchanan or Mrs Gill Gibbs. Our DP's support the following areas in our school – Syndicate 1 and 2, Mrs Viv Buchanan and Syndicate 3 and 4 Mrs Gill Gibbs.

Syndicate 1 Leader: Ms Jane Coles (responsibilities for all Year 0-1 learners and teachers Rooms 1-4)

Syndicate 2 Leader: Miss Tracy Findlay (responsibilities for all Year 2 learners and teachers Rooms 5-8)

Syndicate 3 Leader: Mrs Anna Booth (responsibilities for all Year 3-4 learners and teachers Rooms 9-14)

Syndicate 4 Leader: Miss Tara Walter (responsibilities for all Year 5-6 learners and teachers Rooms 15-20)

See Concerns, Complaints and Compliments Procedures attached on the school web site.

Take care everyone

Gareth Duncan

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Principal



OUR SCHOOL VALUE is: ‘Care & Concern’

Term two. Weeks 1 – 3 Care & Concern

Goal: To develop positive relationships between teachers and pupils and foster willingness amongst children to be kind and thoughtful and to consider the needs of others before themselves. This value embodies kindness, consideration, empathy and compassion.

Indicators of success:

1. Adults and children in our school smile and greet one another.
2. We see people helping one another.
3. All children are included and have playmates.
4. We hear people speaking considerately.
5. Bullying does not happen.
6. Put downs are not used
7. Sanctions such as Action Plans and Hotspots are rarely needed.

Our Care & Concern sentence for weeks 1 - 3:

- i. I am kind to everyone. (Syndicate 1 and 2)
- ii. I look after the feelings of everyone (Syndicate 3 and 4)

SCHOOL NOTICES

Assemblies

Assemblies are held on Fridays, at the times listed.

Syndicate 1 and 2 – week 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 from 10.05 – 10.30

Syndicate 3 – even weeks from 11.50 – 12.25

Syndicate 4 – even weeks from 1.30 – 2.15

Bus Tags

Term 2 bus tags need to be purchased and paid for at the office by Friday 8th May.

Lunches

Hot food is now available on a Wednesday and Friday; note that Macaroni Cheese is available on Wednesday only and Mince & Pasta on Fridays' only. There is still a full selection of sandwiches and rolls please refer to your school menu for the full list of items available.

After School Care Programme

If your child attends our ASC Programme and your regular days have changed, please let us know as soon as possible. All absences need to be text messaged or phoned in before 12.30pm on 871 5378 or 027 320 9849.

