

## TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### WEEK 1 2009

#### Tēnā koutou

Welcome back to Term 3. We would especially like to welcome all of our new families to Te Awamutu Primary School. Yesterday we enrolled our 500<sup>th</sup> student. That is quite a milestone for this time in the year. Gareth Duncan sends his warm wishes to all. He will be back next week after spending time at a conference off-shore.

With concerns around Swine flu we continue to monitor the health of staff and students and have been pleased to note an average of 92% attendance for students in the first two days. We would like to thank parents for your vigilance over the past weeks in keeping students home who have been unwell. This has certainly helped. However it was a timely reminder to receive the following message from The Ministry of Education yesterday.

#### **Children with underlying health problems**

The Ministry of Health also reminds us to keep an eye on students and children with underlying health conditions, such as asthma. These children are particularly susceptible to the virus. It's important that schools take early action and call parents or caregivers of children who show symptoms. Ask parents to keep them at home until they're fully recovered.

#### **Continue with good hygiene**

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health encourages people to continue with their personal hygiene regime (wash and dry hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, stay away from other people if you or they are sick, regularly clean flat surfaces).

Remind your staff and students about this specific advice on the Ministry of Health's website Protect yourself and others and Signs and symptoms."

That website can be found at <http://www.moh.govt.nz/healthline>

#### **Learning Teams:**

Syndicates are well underway with exciting and engaging learning experiences.

Syndicate 1 opened their 5<sup>th</sup> New Entrant Class towards the end of Term 2.

Garth from Sports Waikato is coming in to train Syndicate 2 children for Cross-country. This will include many games and other fun activities.

Wonderful free-standing paper flowers decorated Mr Duncan's office on Monday after Syndicate 3 children stepped up to a technology challenge, to kick off their Innovation Inquiry.

Our senior students are buzzing with excitement about the up and coming trolley derby where, in teams they will be constructing and then racing their trolleys in a good, old fashioned derby. They have already had a cart racer come in and share his machines and answer design questions from the students.



Viv Buchanan and Gill Gibbs

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **Teacher Only Day**

School will be closed for instruction on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Our After School Care Programme will be operating from the school hall between the hours of 8-6pm at a cost of \$35 per child for the full day. Usual hourly rates will apply for part-time care. Numbers are **limited** and are on a first come first serve basis so if you need care for your child/children on this day please collect a registration form from Laille at the hall between 3-6pm to secure your place.

### **Uniform Room News**

The uniform room would like to advise that we now have girl's tights for sale. They are good quality (Columbine) navy blue cotton/lycra in size 5-6 yrs, 7-8 yrs and 9-10 yrs \$12.50 a pair. We are open every Wednesday morning in the hall from 8.15am – 9.00 am. We have stock on hand and eftpos is available.

### **PTA Meeting**

Tonight's PTA meeting has been postponed until Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July. New members welcome.

### **Bus Tags**

All children using the bus need a current bus tag. Term 3 bus tags need to be purchased by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Te Awamutu Museum**

Parents– excite your children about their family heritage! Help your children enter a competition to exhibit their Family Treasures at Te Awamutu Museum.

To enter:

1. Take a photograph of the treasure. 2. Explain why the treasure is valued. 3. Send your entry to Te Awamutu Museum before 19th August 2009.


Winners will be invited to work with museum staff to display and label their treasure before the opening on the 18th of September.

Entry forms are available from Te Awamutu Museum or at our website at [www.tamuseum.govt.nz](http://www.tamuseum.govt.nz).

### **Children's Marathon**

There is a Children's Marathon taking place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at Hamilton Gardens. If you would like more information about this event you can visit the website [www.hamiltonhalfmarathon.org.nz](http://www.hamiltonhalfmarathon.org.nz).

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