

TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WEEK 3

Principal's Diary...

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome back to Week 3 and greetings to those new families who have joined us over the past week.

I would like to encourage the use of the school web site www.taps.school.nz as a place for parents to find information at the click of a button, view the school newsletter which is uploaded each Wednesday afternoon, as well as follow the learning that your children are involved in at each syndicate. We also have many blog sites developing in our school. Please visit them sometime:

<http://missfiler.edublogs.org/>

<http://tapsroom15.wikispaces.com/>

<http://mrsqillespie.edublogs.org/>

<http://misswoulfe.edublogs.org/>

TAPS welcomes Constable Steve Ryburn from the Te Awamutu Police who is doing a fantastic job teaching the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme (KOS) across all syndicates. Your children will be bringing home worksheets to share and activities to follow on from the class programme. Our KOS parent information evening is being held in the staffroom this Thursday night at 6.30pm. Please note this presentation is not suitable for children due to content under discussion.

Our school Cross Country is fast approaching. Here are some tips from Harold on ways that we could support our child/rens preparation from home:



1. Run/walk with a friend. You can encourage each other that way.
2. Stretch your legs before you run. Stretching helps prevent injuries. Hold each stretch for 20 seconds without bouncing up and down.
3. Drink lots of water after you run and throughout the day. Water helps muscles do their work.
4. Get plenty of sleep. Your muscles need lots of rest so you can keep running/walking everyday.
5. Eat a well balanced diet including lots of protein and carbohydrates. Your body needs fuel to do its work!



This is a good time to remind parents that the Golden Circle fundraiser the PTA is running in conjunction with the School X-Country is an **optional** fundraiser for the children. Please do not feel pressure to have to complete the fundraising forms if this does not suit your family at this time of the year. I would like to acknowledge the many different forms of fundraising that have been taking place in our school and thank you all for your support.

<http://www.goldencircle.com.au/> Please feel free to visit the Golden Circle Web Site for helpful ideas and more information about the Golden Circle concept.

Lastly, don't forget our Whanau meeting tonight at 7.00pm in the staffroom – see the 'DP's Corner' for more detailed information.

Take care everyone

Gareth Duncan

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Principal

DP'S CORNER

This Wednesday evening at 7pm we invite you all to our whanau meeting in the staffroom. While we have korero around current happenings at TAPS we will be creating poi for our performance group. During this hui, Whaea Erin and I will also be sharing with you the "Effective Teacher Profile". This profile has come from The Ministry of Education's funded Te Kōtahitanga project. Over the coming weeks this profile will be explored by all teaching staff and we are keen to have your input. We hope to see a representative from each family of children taking part in Kapa Haka.

Last week was Māori language week and TAPS celebrated Te Wiki Te Reo Māori in style. Students created wonderful posters with a message for their love of the language. Bilingual signage has been created by many classes. A number of classes created a brainstorm about how they could include more Te Reo Māori in their day to day programme. Greetings were beautifully shared in Māori and to top it off our fourth Kapa Haka class began. We now have 122 students taking part in regular Kapa Haka sessions.

Gill Gibbs

SCHOOL NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: We have received a complaint from the Croquet Club on Bank Street regarding parents cutting through their grounds on their way to meet children at school. You are most welcome to use the Croquet Club carpark but please ensure that you use the allocated footpath that runs adjacent to our driveway off Bank St when collecting your children.

Teacher Only Day

School will be closed for instruction **THIS FRIDAY 7th 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. 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.

Bus Tags

There are still a number of children that need to purchase a new bus tag for term 3. Please finalise your purchase by this Friday.

School Clothing

We are completely out of stock of our spare clothing, this has all been issued to a number of children who have slipped over, become grubby or may have had an "accident". If you have any school clothing please return them, washed, to the office as soon as possible. If you have any items that you would like to donate, you can drop these off at the office.

Agricultural Day

Children intending to have a lamb, kid or calf for agricultural day should be thinking about starting to train it now. I have notes, a short DVD or you can go to www.waikatoworld and follow the links. Any adult wishing to help this year please contact Jessie Monk. It is TAPS turn to organise Group Day. The AGM for this is at Pokuru School on Thursday August 20th at 7.30pm.

Uniform Room News

The Uniform Room is open every Wednesday morning in the Hall from 8.15am – 9.00 am. We have stock on hand for sale. EFTPOS IS AVAILABLE.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Marching

Rochdale Marching Team are seeking girls aged 5-7years that are interested in marching. For further information please contact Deborah Reid on 870 2234 AFTER 7.30pm

For Sale

One pink girls slat bed with fancy ceramic inserts. One black metal slat bed. Both are singles with mattresses in excellent condition. \$120 each ono. Phone 871 6696 after 6pm or 027 727 8521.

Kids Marathon

Allowing children from kindergarten to high school to run a marathon, one kilometer at a time. **Goal** – For each child to complete 40 kms before race day. **Race Day** – 4 October, children run the final 2.2 kms to complete their marathon. **Where** – Start and finish is at the Hamilton Gardens. **Enter** – 8-9 weeks before and receive a kids marathon training guide. **On the day** – Receive a t-shirt, medal and finishers certificate. More information at www.hamiltonhalfmarathon.org.nz

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