



*ANZ Proudly supports Te Awamutu Primary*

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### **Principal's Diary...**

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau

Welcome back to Week 6

### **BOT (Board of Trustees) Community update:**

#### TAPS Enrolment Scheme 2010:

Due to the growing roll here at Te Awamutu Primary School the BOT (Board of Trustees) in order to avoid overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, the board has adopted an enrolment scheme which has been approved by the MOE (Ministry of Education) ready for implementation Term 2, 2010.

Under the scheme, students will be enrolled if they live within the home zone described by the BOT and MOE. The enrolment of out of zone students is governed by the provisions of the Education Act 1989.

There are 3 other schools in our immediate area (Pekerau, Paterangi and Pirongia) who also have enrolment schemes for the same reason as Te Awamutu Primary School. More information about our enrolment zone and the map showing all information will be circulated before the term ends and will also be discussed at the community meeting.

We would like to invite all those families or individuals interested in the process to attend a community meeting being held on: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm in the School Hall.

#### National Literacy Standards:

What are the National Standards been talked about in the media at the moment?

The BOT would like to share with parent's information regarding the standards. All schools in New Zealand (Primary through to Junior High School Yrs 0 – 10) have the National Literacy and Numeracy Standards to report on to our community. At TAPS we already report to parents about your son or daughters Literacy and Numeracy standards so there will be a few added extras in our reporting systems next year, but generally the information will be reported in the similar example you will see at the end of this year. The following points below are as listed by the Government for all schools in NZ to follow during 2010.

The language the Government refers to is: '**Reporting in plain language against National Standards**'

Parents, families and whānau have an important part to play in supporting children's learning at school. To do this you need support from schools, including clear, regular information about your child's progress and achievement in reading, writing and mathematics and what you can do to help.

Your child's progress and achievement in relation to reading, writing and mathematics will be reported as: above the standard, at the standard, below the standard or well below the standard. Teachers will use a range of assessments to make an overall teacher judgment to work out where your child is at and what their next learning steps are.

All children start at different learning points and progress at different rates, so both the progress rate and actual achievement are important. Our School Learning Journey portfolios are an example of all learners having the opportunity to show his or her personal progress and successes.

National Standards written reports should include:

- your child's goals and how they are progressing towards the goals
- your child's progress and achievement in relation to reading, writing and mathematics reported as: above the standard, at the standard, below the standard or well below the standard
- the results of assessment
- ways you can support your child's learning
- what the teacher and school will do to support your child's learning.

You can talk to the teacher, make suggestions and ask questions about the information in your child's written reports at parent-teacher meetings and during informal discussions at any time during the year.

How reporting will help you –

**National Standards reports on your child's progress and achievement in reading, writing and mathematics will help you to:**

- be more aware of how your child is doing at school and what's being done to help them learn
- identify any learning difficulties early and how these will be addressed
- follow your child's learning progress over time
- understand what you can do to support your child's learning
- be informed and know what questions to ask when discussing your child's education with teachers and the school.

Please visit this site for more information regarding the standards:

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents/YourChild/ProgressAndAchievement/NationalStandards/PlainLanguageReporting.aspx>

*The foundation of a shared mission (purpose), vision (clear direction), values (collective commitment) not only addresses how we will work to improve our school, but also reinforces the moral purpose and collective responsibility we have everyday.*

### **Mission Statement**

Every learner will have the opportunity, support and guidance to achieve and celebrate their personal best.

### **Vision**

**T**ogether **A**chieving **P**ersonal **S**uccess  
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**T**e **A**wamutu **P**rietary **S**chool

<http://www.taps.school.nz/page/15-welcome-to-taps>

Please visit the school web site for all your up-to-date information. The schools calendar and syndicate calendars can be viewed by the web site.

### **Uniforms**

Hats need to be worn this term during the playtime and lunchtime breaks. Children will be seated under shaded areas if they forget their hats.

### **Class placements**

The class placement letters are due to the Principal by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

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## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **Disco**

Syndicate 4 have their disco on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30-7.00pm.

Tickets are \$2 and are available to purchase on Wednesdays & Thursdays, in top block. (18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November)

Syndicate 1&2 have their disco on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 6.00-7.00pm.

Tickets are \$2 and are available to purchase on Wednesdays & Thursdays from Mrs Buchanan's office. (25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December)

### **Milk Monday**

Flavoured milk and a cookie are available to purchase on Mondays for \$2.00, from the hall.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **T.A.I Freaky Friday Twilight Gala**

Te Awamutu Intermediate are holding a twilight gala on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 5.00 – 8.00pm.

**Zero Limits Gym**, sponsors of our school, has a special this month that is well worth talking to them about. Pop in and see them for further information.

### **Book Launch**

You are invited to a book launch being held in Te Awamutu by local author Sharon Holt. The book launch, signing and reading will introduce her two most recent books and will be held at Te Awamutu Paper Plus from 11am on Saturday 14 November.

"Your Mother Didn't Do That!" is a picture book published by Walker Books. It is particularly suitable for children aged 3-6 years and would also be a great gift for any new parent. The story celebrates the bond between human and animal parents and their babies.

Sharon's other book is in Scholastic's popular My Story series and is suitable for older children aged 10-14 years.

"No Survivors" is written in diary format and tells the story of life in the late 70s leading up to the Erebus tragedy in November 1979.

