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WEEK 9 2010

Principal's Diary

Kia ora TAPS (Te Awamutu Primary School) Learning Family/Whanau

Welcome back to Week 9 everyone.

I would like to acknowledge the fabulous learning that has taken place this term and all the extremely hard work that parents, teachers and children have put into getting ready for our Show Case presentations. We hope you enjoyed our work and the opportunity to live the learning that the children are part of here at school. Remember that as a learning community we all are part of the story and we (as parents) should be starting to fit into each terms chapter as your son, or daughter piece their learning together.

I would also like to **CONGRATULATE** one of our former pupils **Taylah West** (and her very proud mother Chris who is a long serving teacher aide here at TAPS). Taylah has shown exceptional leadership & won the role of head student at Te Awamutu Intermediate this year. Well done Taylah, we are very proud of you ☺

Wishing you all a very refreshing and relaxing Easter and Term 1 holiday break, enjoy!

Just a couple of things to remember at a glance:

Term 2 dates:

Monday 19th April to Friday 2nd July

Uniform:

As you prepare for the winter terms can I please remind you shoes stipulated in the school uniform policy are: black shoes, laces or velcro are acceptable – **this does not mean sneakers with other colours on them**. Your support of this policy will be appreciated.

Learning Journey Books:

A reminder to you all that the Learning Journey books need to have a comment from the parents and returned to school tomorrow for next terms work to be collated.

Please return all reading books:

If your child has reading books at home please ensure your children return them to school tomorrow. There will be no questions asked if you have more than one book at home – we just need the resources returned. Thanks

PTA at TAPS:

Visit the school website www.taps.school.nz to view our PTA page. Each PTA member is listed on the page and we have a brief description of our role.

Our next meeting which is also our AGM is on Monday 26th April at 7.30pm in the staffroom. You are all welcome.

ROLE OF THE PTA IN SCHOOLS:

- To encourage all aspects of parental involvement
- To carry out fundraising ventures
- To facilitate consultation on school policies
- To hold parent-based discussions on topics relevant to the school
- To host social occasions
- To provide pastoral care to the school community
- To give parents/caregivers a voice within the school

The role of the PTA at Te Awamutu Primary School is to support the teachers and community by fundraising for school wide projects that help to support activities, learning resources and programmes that run throughout the school in any given year. The school has a strategic plan that the Board of Trustees works to ensure that education is been delivered to a top level and the PTA has a place helping to support the Board to find the extra money to fund things that are needed at school. From time to time the financial support can vary and this year the teachers and classrooms need is reading and mathematics materials.

Our PTA recently donated \$6000 for Literacy and Numeracy resources and we thank you all (parent community) very much for donating your money to any of or PTA fundraising events.

Milkshake/Milo Monday's are an example of the ongoing PTA fundraising and the pizza lunch ordering that is taking place today is another example of PTA fundraising happening in school.

Last year our PTA spent money on:

- New sports gear consisting of: Netball dresses, Rugby Jerseys and Soccer jerseys at the cost of \$9000.00
- New sport packs for every classroom in the school was \$4000.00
- Sandpit toys for Junior School

Over the past few years the PTA has;

- Built and paid for the middle school playground
- Wet weather games for the classrooms
- Books for the library
- Contributed toward the cost of teacher aides in the school

Your help is always needed and a good time to support our PTA is by attending a monthly meeting. New ideas and people to support the running of events would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call any one of us who are on the PTA for more information.

Gareth Duncan
Principal
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SCHOOL NOTICES

School Fees (donation) & Consumables Levy (compulsory)

Thank you to all those families who have paid their school fees & levy. Could this notice please serve as a friendly reminder to those who are yet to pay. Don't worry if you have misplaced your account, the office staff are able to help you with this. As mentioned previously we rely heavily on your support in this area so we are able to continue to maintain & purchase resources.

Keys

We have had a couple of sets of keys handed into the office recently. If you have lost some please come to the office and see if they are yours.

What Now

Remember to watch What Now this Sunday at 8am. Our TAPS stars will feature on 'Slam' and Mr Duncan and Miss Walter participate in the 'Fill you pants' segment.

Bus Tags

Term 2 bus tags will be available in Week 1 and need to be purchased and paid for by Friday the 30th April. No current tag, no ride.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MAD COW DRUMS

Mad Cow Drums are pleased to make the following offer to students of Te Awamutu Primary School who want to learn to play drums in 2010. Lessons will be on Thursdays at lunchtime in the school hall. They are \$12.50 per lesson and there must be a minimum of 6 students to start. Please call Glenn on 871 4447 for more information.

Please note there is no requirement for a drum kit to begin these lessons.

Te Awamutu Mini Hockey

There are some changes this season for the Year 3 to Year 6 hockey. We will have a muster for all year 3 to 6 students at Te Awamutu Tennis Courts at 3.30pm on Thursday 22nd April. The intention is to divide the children into two sections— year 3 & 4 and year 5 & 6. On Thursdays, we will have a practice at the Te Awamutu Tennis Courts. Then on Friday, we will join the Cambridge District League and play small games. Times for these are: 3.30pm, 4.05pm, 4.40pm and 5.15pm. We will play one game starting at these times with two, 15 minute halves. If you would like to attend just the practice, that is fine. We have not been given a cost as yet. Your child will need a mouth guard, shin pads and a hockey stick if you have one. If you do not have a hockey stick, we do have some to lend out. We will organise a uniform and your child will need sports shoes. Games in Cambridge start on Friday 7th May. If you are unable to attend the muster or have any questions, please phone: Belinda Wilson on 8712929 or 021441350 or Rachel Falconer on 8701641.

TALOS Junior Choir

Do you enjoy singing? If so then come and join the TALOS Junior Choir. We are looking for new member's, if you are over 8 and enjoy singing and performing we would love to see you. We meet every Thursday at the TALOS woolshed from 3.30 to 4.30. For more information please contact Audrey Ward on 871 7604.

For Sale

Drum kit for sale. Great beginner kit, Boston 7 piece set, black and in good condition. Purchased for \$500, sell for \$150. Please call Trish on 871 7035.

Banana Scream

Summer Recipe 4

Try these **Banana Scream** to keep you cool over summer! (serves 4)

Ingredients:

- 3 bananas (riper bananas make sweeter shakes)
- 2 tbsp non-fat milk

Method:

1. Peel the bananas, cut in half width-wise, wrap in plastic wrap and freeze until firm.
2. Place in a blender, add milk and puree until creamy.
3. Place in a small cup to serve or re-freeze in paper cup liners until ready to eat

