

19 May 2010

## WEEK 5 2010

### Principal's Diary

Kia ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome back to Week 5

We have a number of special character, cultural and academic programmes operating at TAPS. For the next few weeks, we will share a little about each of these programmes. This week we will share what is happening for students whose parents have chosen to include them in Te Reo and Tikanga Māori. The optional Te Reo and Tikanga Māori pathway that TAPS has offered this year has started with a bang. Forty-six tamariki enthusiastically take part in these special classes. Students are whānau grouped with older students supporting their younger siblings and cousins. Topics so far have included tikanga Marae (Marae custom), traditional arts (tukutuku and raranga), pepeha and waiata. Our future plans include the celebration of Matariki, traditional foods and gathering of those foods, and Māori games. Our whānau meetings have had huge support with everyone deeply invested and committed to the education of their tamariki. Mauriora!

The Board of Trustees would like to thank those who submitted voting papers in for the BOT Elections 2010. Your votes have been counted and our 2010 – 2013 Board of trustees' parent representatives are:

- Mr Alan Taylor
- Mr Bruce Airey
- Mr Craig Sanders
- Mrs Monique Mexted
- Mr Andy Goodridge
- Mrs Anne Mackey – Staff Rep

The new BOT will have their first meeting next Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in the staffroom. This will be a welcome for the new members and then the first training session will follow. I would like to acknowledge our outgoing BOT and thank them for their years of committed service to our school.

### **Just a couple of things to remember at a glance:**

- Mangapiko Stream planting next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May
- School Heart Jam Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May (see below for more details)
- Syndicate One Junior Kiwi House trips Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May leaving school at 9.30am

### **PTA at TAPS:**

Visit our school web site and follow the menu to the PTA page. Here you will find a list of the members and a brief description of the role of the PTA.

Our school needs your support with fundraising, this helps with ongoing classroom resourcing and supports the extras that children need in their daily learning lives. I would like to thank the PTA for their donation of \$6000 this week. This money has been spent upgrading our reading and math resources. Our next PTA Meeting is: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the staffroom

Take care everyone

*Gareth Duncan*

Principal

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **Heart Jam**

On 28 May, at 10.00am Te Awamutu Primary School will be participating in Heart Jam. This is a fundraising jump jam activity raising money for the Heart Foundation for children. There are approximately 59,000 children (288 schools) around New Zealand participating. On this day the students will be asked to bring in a gold coin donation where all proceeds will be donated. Together we can make a huge difference for Kiwi kids with heart disease.



### **Breakfast Club (Before School Care)**

We are finding that many families (parents/caregivers) drop or send their children to school early in the mornings. Unfortunately teaching staff are unable to supervise children prior to 8.30a.m. as they have lesson plans to prepare, meetings to attend and administration matters to deal with. To meet the needs of the families who's children arrive early we now have a Breakfast Club up and running. Laille & Dawn from the After School Care & the Holiday programme are running the Breakfast Club in the school hall between 7.00am -8.30 each morning. Children are supplied breakfast and have activities they can participate in if they choose. If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren forms are available from the main office or from Laille at ASC.

### **School Fees (donation) & Consumables Levy (compulsory)**

Thank you to all those families who have paid their school fees & levies. We still have a number of accounts outstanding and as we have eluded to previously, we rely heavily on your support in this area so we are able to continue to maintain & purchase resources for the children. If you have misplaced your account, the office staff are able to help you with this.

### **Lunch Orders**

We are seeking volunteers to help take & collate the school lunch orders on Friday mornings from 8.30 to 9.15.am. Please, let the office staff know, if you can help.

### **Milo Monday**

Milo Monday is back. Every Monday at morning tea children can purchase a milo & cookie for \$2 from the tuck shop located in the foyer of the hall.

### **Lost Property**

Our Lost property is now located beside Room 14. Please remember to label ALL clothing including shoes. Also name lunch boxes and drink bottles.

### **Absent Students**

If your child is away from school for any reason, could you please notify the office on 8715378 or text the school phone 0212760505. Unexplained absences will be classed as Truant.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Zippy Clothing Alterations** 21 Roche St, Te Awamutu, Ph 8705069. All types of clothing alterations and repairs. Highest quality workmanship. No job too big or too small.

**For Sale** - Whitebaiting gear, nets & white boards etc, for further information please phone Carol on 027 2709027 or 871 4853 evenings

### **Kalani Marching**

Last season, was Kalani Marching teams first season marching in the Ferns grade where they won all but one competition.

This season we are going up to the Under 12 Grade which is a competitive grade for girls aged 7-12 years of age. Nationals are held at the end of every season and this year they are in Christchurch. Marching is a disciplined yet fun and enjoyable sport and a great way of making new friends.

We will be holding a muster on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 2-4pm at 44 Sunshine Ave, Te Rapa, next to the Indoor Hockey venue. If you are interested, come and check out marching and see if it's right for you. To register your interest or if you just want to ask some more questions please feel free to contact Kali Fisher (07) 8236554 or (027) 2567522 Tania Hopkins (07) 8431700 or (027) 5959046

**FOOD LABELS**

### **Ingredient Lists**

The ingredient list can tell you a lot about the product very quickly.

- Things are listed in order of quantity. The higher up on the ingredients list the more of that ingredient there is in that food.
- If the product is called something related to food (eg **strawberry yoghurt**) it must say how much strawberry is in it. Also check how far down the ingredient list it is to tell you how much is in the food. Lower down = less!

**Ingredients**

Meadow Fresh Low Fat Milk, Milk Solids, Sugar, **Strawberries (8%)**, Thickeners (1442, Locust Bean Gum, Pectin, Agar), Fructose, Halal Gelatine

