

4 August 2010

WEEK 3 2010

Principal's Diary...

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome back to Week 3 everyone. We have started the term off with some rather nasty bugs and viral infections floating around. I would invite us all to take good care of our children and ourselves if we are suffering from flu like symptoms. All children coming to the office with a high fever or aching bodies will be required to be picked up immediately.

This term's inquiry learning scope is: `Enterprise and Innovation`. All four syndicates will be exploring enterprise and innovation through science. We welcome you all to take part in any of the syndicate activities and invite you to join the many trips that are taking place in the coming weeks.

Volunteer Coach Awards 2010

Winners in each region will win a supply of Wattie's products and one overall regional winner will win the chance to sharpen their skills with a coach development opportunity with SPARC.

Coaches can be nominated in either the student, general or lifetime category. The student category is open to school aged coaches, while the lifetime category is for those who have devoted 25 years or more to coaching. The general category is for all other community coaches. You can make sure your coach is in the running by nominating them online at www.sparc.org.nz/volunteers, or picking up an entry form from any Sport Waikato office. "By making a nomination you're saying thanks, you're appreciated." Nominating your coach could also make you a winner! There is a \$300 voucher for the school that makes the most nominations overall, and all nominated names will also go in the draw to win a \$200 Smiths Sport Shoes voucher. The SPARC Volunteer Coach Awards are open to all non-paid, volunteer coaches including club coaches, school coaches and anyone coaching at a non-representative level. Nominations close 8th September 2010

Just a couple of things to remember at a glance:

Term 3 dates:

Monday 19 July - 24 September

Table Tennis

If anyone has a spare table tennis table we could borrow for the rest of the term can you please get in touch with Miss James in Room 18. Thank you

Driveway reminder

The rear school driveway (off Bank Street) is a tradespersons, courier drivers and staff access only, NOT a drop off point for parents. The Croquet Pavilion car park on Bank Street is a safe place to park and drop children off.

Syndicate 1 - Museum visits - Week 4 - Mon, Tues, & Thurs - 9th, 10th & 12th. These are all morning visits.

Math-a-thon

All classes will have had Math-a-thon forms come home and also a practice sheet. I would encourage us all to get behind this fundraising effort and generate as much sponsorship as possible. The funds will be going to maths resources for our classrooms (P.S – There will be prizes for the top earning class and individual). Any questions please see your class teacher.

I would like to thank you all for your support of your children's learning programmes at TAPS.

Take Care

Gareth Duncan
Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Lunch Menu

Please find enclosed the new school lunch menu for Term 3.

Lucky Books

Last day for Lucky Book orders will be the Thursday 19 August. Sorry, no late orders.

Milo Monday

Milo Monday will continue in Term 3. Every Monday at morning tea children can purchase a milo & cookie for \$2 from the tuck shop located in the foyer of the hall.

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.

Syndicate 3 Disco

We had a fantastic time last Wednesday evening. We are really pleased with the great turn out of children and the support from the parents. Syndicate 3 teachers would like to say a special thank you to Deni aka "DJ Nic Nac" and Julia & Jason from Dwarf Star Entertainment for all their time, effort and equipment they donated.

PTA at TAPS

The Te Awamutu Primary School PTA is currently organising a Gala Day, which will be held in Term 4. The main purpose of the PTA is to raise funds for valuable resources for our childrens' learning here at TAPS. We can be found on the website: www.taps.school.nz. Each PTA member is listed on the page and we have a brief description of our role. The PTA is seeking helpers and volunteers to help with the proposed Gala Day. If you can help in any way or have any ideas, please return the slip below to the office.

Calendar Art

Support the PTA in this great fundraiser. Calendars and card packs are \$12 each. These make great presents. Your child's calendar art will be on display for you to view from Monday the 16th till Thursday 19th in the office. Order forms will be coming home late next week and these need to be returned to school with the money in a sealed envelope with your child's name by Thursday the 19th August. Thank you in advance for supporting your school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Te Awamutu Swimming Club

Learn To Swim - Term 3 starts Monday 9th August until Friday 24th September 2010.

Monday 9th August - Friday 24th September 2010

Learners Pool & Main Pool, Any ability.

Please contact Lisa Albery for details: albery@xtra.co.nz

Rewi Street Kindergarten Disco

Friday 6 August, 6.30 – 8pm. Te Awamutu Primary School Hall. All preschool and primary aged children invited. No drop-offs – a parent/caregiver must stay please. Gold coin donation for entry. Theme: Pirates and princesses. Sausage sizzle, chips, chocolate, drinks, glow sticks. DJ: Pirate Pete.



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