

18 August 2010

WEEK 5 2010

Principal's Diary...

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

Welcome to Week 5 everyone.

With the infamous Waikato winter weather upon us we have decided to postpone the senior Cross Country until Friday 27th August. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we do not want our children out in the wet, cold weather with the current winter ailments we have circulating.

A reminder about the current "happenings" at school; Tomorrow, Thursday is the last day for calendar art orders. Cross Country for all syndicates will take place over the three weeks and the annual Agricultural Day/Group day is being organised for Term 4 at Te Awamutu Intermediate. The PTA is currently in the midst of organising a Gala Day which is to be held here in the school grounds on 30th October, more details will be known over the coming weeks. There are some exciting things planned with lots of games and activities. Please go to our website for the calendar of events.

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

Term 3 dates:

Monday 19 July - 24 September

Driveway reminder

The rear school driveway (off Bank Street) is strictly an access for trades people, courier drivers and school staff, it is 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.

Take Care

Gareth Duncan

Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

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 is currently on display for you to view in the office. Order forms need to be returned by Thursday, tomorrow in a sealed envelope with your child's name and classroom clearly written on the front. Thank you in advance for supporting your school.

Agricultural Day/Group Day

Now is the time to start thinking about getting your animals (calf, goat or lamb) ready for our next agricultural day which is usually held on the first Tuesday back in Term 4 at the Te Awamutu Intermediate. There will be a Judges Day where parents/caregivers can attend to learn about what the expectations of the animals are for agricultural day. There is also a Website – Waikato World www.waikatoaandp.co.nz/LeftMenu/Exhibitors.html where you can find out more information. We also have notes and a DVD here at school of you would like to borrow them. If you have had an animal last year and have won a cup it is also time for those to be returned to school. There is more information and entry forms to come at a later date. If you have any queries please see Miss James.

Syndicate 3 and 4 Cross Country – PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

Students are training hard for our Cross Country next Friday 27th August. The first race will start at 11.15am with 15 minute intervals between races. The 10 and 11 year old races will be after lunch. Students are to wear mufti clothes preferably in their house colours** They **must wear shoes** as they will be running on the footpath. The first six students in each race will be invited to take part in the Te Awamutu and Rural schools Cross Country to be held at the Kihikihi Domain on Friday 3rd September. Students will be notified soon after

our Cross Country event if they will be involved in the interschool team. If you are able to be a parent helper on Friday please inform your teacher. If it is raining on Friday morning the postponement date will be Monday 30th August.

Syndicate 1 and 2 Cross Country

The Cross Country for these syndicates will be held next Thursday 26th August starting at 1.40pm with the postponement date being Thursday Sept 2nd. Starting will be 6 year old girls followed by 6 year old boys, next will be 5 year olds with the 7 year old, boys and girls following after. Shoes and mufti clothes (t-shirt and shorts) are preferred.

ASC

We are currently focusing on “countries from around the world”. Each week we choose a country as our theme for the week where the children learn bits & pieces about the country and participate in activities such as flag making & quizzes. Last week our focus was on Japan, with the children enjoying Sumo Wrestling, making sushi and making Japanese paper dolls & Koi (fish). This week our country of choice is England. Yesterday we had a game of football, England vs. Germany, Germany won ☹ We will be making crowns and on Friday we will be having “chip butties” for afternoon tea.

2010 Te Awa Camp

We are holding a camp information evening on Tuesday 14th September from 6.30-7.30pm in the Hall for all parents of Te Awa Syndicate (otherwise known as Syndicate 4).

Lucky Books

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

Milo Monday

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.

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 children’s 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.

** Houses

Aotea – Blue

Tokomaru – Green

Tainui – Yellow

Arawa - Red

LUNCH & PLAY

Healthy Active Ideas

Energize Tip Sheets

Over the next few weeks, you will receive some NEW Energize Tip Sheets that you can put on your fridge and will provide you with some great tips and messages.

So stick them on the fridge and remember... EAT HEALTHY, BE ACTIVE, HAVE FUN!

HEALTHY LUNCH
A healthy lunch
• Choose
• Water for your drink
• Veggies

WINTER WARM UP
Stop hibernating and PLAY HARD!
TIP! A night too cold, wet and windy outside but it doesn't mean you have to stop being active. Dress the family and have a go at winter outdoor activities.

Activity Minutes
Get your family moving every day.

LUNCHBOX
• Check
• Pack
• Eat it

NO Pin Bowling
• Pin Bowling

Put a pin in your back and be active every day.
Adults need 30 minutes of exercise every day.
Children need 60 minutes of active play every day.
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