## **Te Awamutu Primary School**

Together Achieving Personal Success Maa Mahi Tahi Te Eke Panuku A Teetahi



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#### Kia Ora whanau

As we finish the penultimate week of Term 2, we will take this opportunity to think back on the major events that have touched our school community so far this year.

- The roof of our main building has been re-roofed over the Summer break.
- We're still halfway through our whole school repaint.
- Have had four classrooms closed with a form of black mould.
- We're about to start the demolition of these buildings and before we know it, we'll have four brand new, high spec modulars.
- Room 12 and 13 are a mere week away from completion.

#### • We've had an ERO visit.

- We've had a COVID-19 nationwide lock down and teachers and staff have turned on the heel of a foot and created online learning platforms.
  - We've progressed down the alert levels with agility and have used the opportunity to redesign our break timetables to better suit the student's learning needs.
  - Targeted repairs have begun with new steps and replacement of rotten weatherboards and window sills around the school.
  - Finally, we will get a chance to farewell Mr Mac who finished with TAPS during lockdown, at the same time as farewelling Jessica Scull and Anita Graham on the last day of term.
  - We've employed Hayley Kerrison (room 11), Sara Sabin (room 19), and Emily Nash (room 20) to replace the teachers mentioned above.

Term 2 grew to 12 weeks long because of COVID-19 and we have only one week left to go. I won't lie, the staff are pretty exhausted and I will be encouraging them to take a fulfilling break in order to regenerate their health and well-being in preparation for Term 3. Please respect their space and privacy between the 4th - 20th July. Email them if you need, but perhaps don't expect a reply straight away. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Parent Interviews for the middle of the year will be hosted in Week 2 of next term. The dates are Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th of July. On Thursday afternoon, the interviews will begin at 2pm and therefore school will finish at 1.45pm. Afterschool Care will begin at 1.45pm, please book on ENROLMY and understand there will be a charge for the extra time. Alternatively, ensure you alter your booking if your child ISN't going to be at ASC otherwise you will be charged (as per the terms and conditions).

The Year 5 and 6 school camp to Totara Springs at the end of September will be going ahead as long as the country is under control with COVID-19. TAPS will follow Ministry of Health guidelines at all times. We acknowledge that some parents may not want their child to attend camp for this reason. There will be camp related paperwork being sent home soon and we would appreciate it if parents reflect their wishes on this so we can advise Totara Springs on the changes in our numbers asap. Otherwise we will be liable for costs. Camp is largely covered by the School Donation Scheme but the total cost is approximately \$45 000 for this year's camp alone. We are asking for a contribution of \$100 from all attendees to support with the cost of food and accommodation at the camp. Activity fees are covered as they relate to the administration of the curriculum.

Staff have recently reviewed our daily timetable as a result of student consultation and taking the best bits out the changes made over COVID. Eating and play have been separated and a lunchtime game has been incorporated. Here is a summary of the timetable we are operating by:

8.55 - Go to class
9.00 - Start of lessons
10.10-10.30 - Play
10.30-10.45 - Eating time
12.45 - 1.00 - Lunch eating time
1.00-1.40 - Play time
2.50 - Release of new entrant students, after school care and bus students.
3.00 - The rest of the school is released

If parents want older siblings to leave at the same time as new entrant students, please advise the teachers of your children. Please refrain from collecting children earlier than 2.50 pm unless you have an appointment, as it interrupts the afternoon programme by disturbing classroom practice.

Wanted: The TAPS Board is looking to co-opt parent representatives onto the board in order to obtain greater gender and cultural balance. If you feel you could contribute your knowledge and strengths specifically related to tikanga or culture (any culture) please get in touch with Sharon via the office. Kia Kaha



Sharon

Recently we were told 3 of our students showed our Manaaki values on their way home from school. It is such a pleasure to hear from a member of the public that they were impressed with their impeccable manners.

Kia Kaha Dylan, Quinn & Ethan.

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# TIMATANGA NEWS



Timatanga—The beginning of the learning journey for our pipi paopao (tapping out of the egg shell)

As we come to the end of week 11 it has been great to reflect on the last 2 week of learning. Children have continued to enjoy each others company and The gradual return to normal classroom routines, including Wednesday sport rotations and assemblies.

We have talked about whether we like our break time and are trailing some new bell times and an early release time at the end of the day. Thank you for your feedback about these changes and your continued support of children independently arriving at school each day.

It was so much fun wearing our pyjamas to school on Friday, we did lots of fun things and learnt about why it is so important to eat a healthy breakfast



every morning. Adela and her team from Waikato Energise visited our classrooms to help us understand why we need to eat breakfast and she returned on Friday as Goldilocks (dressed up) to make porridge for all of us to try....Father Bear aka Mr Rennie even got a bowl to try. This worked really well with our Narrative writing focus on Fairy tales.



able to access.

We welcomed Constable Brenton Irwin into our classrooms to talk about road safety and we have a short walk around the block planned for Monday 29th or Tuesday 30th to practise our safety skills with the support of our school leaders and road patrollers.

We are continuing to investigate how things change in the world around us. Some great discussions about how we can help our world be a better place through acts of kindness. This leads into our Matariki celebrations. Ask your children to tell you about what we are learning at school and check out the posts on our TAPS Hero ( was LincEd) site, we would love you to comment on them so we know that you are

Thanks again for your support. Team 1 Teachers Toni Densem Room 5a, Nic Edwards Room 5b, Karen Sykes Room 6a, Caroline Jones Room 6b, Karen Holland Room Karariki and Maree Parkes Room 3 (Team Leader)



# TAIOHI NEWS

Taiohi—Young minds growing, developing their flight feathers and learning to fly

Last week Constable Brenton came into our classes to talk to us about Road safety. We talked about sneaky driveways and how to cross the road safely. This week he is coming back to take us for a walk around the streets to put our new skills into action.

PJ day was a great success last Friday! So many children came to school dressed in PJs to celebrate the winter solstice.

This week we started our new timetable at school. So far the children are enjoying morning tea, playing first then eating. The children are more settled on return to class. They are also enjoying being able to mingle with the older children once again and seeing their friends in other teams. Please help yourself to veges in the community garden in





Kim Lester—Team Leader Room 9 (2), Vanessa Filer Room 8 (1), Kathryn Picard Room 10 (4) & Janette Gillespie Room 7

# **TAUIHI NEWS**

Tauihi—First flight of the young Karearea, gliding and developing flight confidence



Team Tauihi are continuing to enjoy lots of learning. We have all

been working hard on our writing and are now experts at writing procedures. We have loved doing science experiments and making things that we can write about while learning about reactions. We are continuing to show all of our school values and teachers have been giving out lots of high flyer tickets.

We are also enjoying our play breaks now that we can catch up with our friends in other teams. Here are some photos of us being amazing learners in our classrooms.



Miss James—Team Leader Room 16, Miss Kerrison Room 11, Mrs Ripia Room 12, Mrs Westgate Room 13, Mrs Ellis Room 14 & Miss Galbraith—Room 15

# **TOPA NEWS**

Topa—Soaring for excellence



Hooray! We made it through an interesting term! These last couple of weeks the Topa team have been working hard learning all about measurement. We have been measuring loads of things from pencils and desks, to the field and even ourselves!

For writing, students are in the process of creating some amazing speeches in preparation for our speech competition next term.

We are also continuing our inquiry learning around environments. We have recently been learning all about the water cycle and creating some neat art to show our learning.

We hope everyone enjoys their holidays...stay safe and have fun! See you next term!





Candy MacWilliam—Team Leader—Room 21, Carey Magalei—Room 18, Jess Scull—Room 19, Anita Graham—Room 20, Vicki Newstroski—Room 21 & Dylan van Deventer—Room 1B

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#### **Principal's Award Winner**

## TIMATANGA

Term 2 2020—Week 11

### Sarah Tonks

Sarah you are a super star! You arrive every morning with the biggest smile on your face and a huge positive attitude. You always try your very best in everything you do with such enthusiasm. Your love for singing just makes my heart so happy, never stop doing what you love. You are a kind and caring friend to others and always go out of your way to help other people. You love to try new things and show resilience no matter what the outcome is. We are so lucky to have you in Room 6b. Keep being who you are and aiming for those stars. I am so proud of you!













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## TAUIHI

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### Jessica Donaldson

Jessica, every morning you arrive at school with a smile on your face and ready to learn. You consistently demonstrate the TAPS values in everything that you do and are a great role model to others. During class, you are a fantastic self-manager who always puts in 110%. You listen carefully to feedback and are able to work well with anyone. It has been great to see your confidence grow, especially when sharing your ideas with the class. We love having you in Room 15, Jessica. Keep being the amazing person that you are!

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### TOPA Term 2 2020–Week 11

#### **Elias Herrick**

Elias, you are a real asset to Room 19. Everyday you turn up to school ready to take on what the day has to offer and demonstrate the TAPS values frequently. You get stuck into the learning taking place and give each task your very best. Your very kind and caring nature shines through especially when you take it upon yourself to ensure your friends are ok when they feel down. You have a real creative flare when writing stories and we enjoy reading the adventures you create. Keep shining bright and stay true to who you are, Room 19 is lucky to have you.







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Term 2 2020-Week 11

### **Georgia Gubbins**

Georgia you are a super member of Room 1! You come to school each day with a happy smile. Each morning you are organised and get your 'before school jobs' done without being asked. You have the most beautiful mat manners and are always ready to learn no matter what. Teachers always notice your superb attitude towards school. You take risks with your learning and push yourself to do even better than the time before! Way to go. You always show friendliness to the other children and teachers. Keep up all the top work.

#### THE SAFE & HAPPY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The July holidays are almost here and once again we are offering a fun filled programme, running from Te Awamutu Primary School. We have some great onsite days planned along with trips to the cinemas, pools, Lazertag, Leap, bowling and a trip to the theatre. Please see below for bookings



https://enrolmy.com/the-safe--happy-club-ltd

or email info@safeandhappyclub.co.nz

#### PLEASE NOTE - FOR THOSE THAT QUALIFY, WE HAVE THE WINZ SUBSIDY AVAILABLE.

The Parish of St John, Te Awamutu will be again holding a holiday programme in the upcoming school break. We would appreciate it if you could promote this by displaying this flyer on your noticeboard or even promote the programme in an upcoming school newsletter. At \$5 day per child this would be an inexpensive quality activity for children.

#### We're Opening! July School Holiday's: 6<sup>th</sup> – 17th July 2020

Squiggle are pleased to be opening for the July holiday's which are coming up very quickly! Our theme is about Aotearoa and we'll be learning about Matariki, performing waiata and haka, doing fun STEM challenges, cool arts and crafts, games and heading off to 10-Pin Bowling and Leap!

Enrolments are open now – <u>www.squiggle.org.nz</u>. If you have any queries, please contact Katrina on 0279093903 or <u>katrina@squiggle.org.nz</u>. \*\* Please note the holiday programme operating is subject to numbers\*\*



#### Have your say on what we're proposing for Memorial Park!

We've put together a long-term vision for Memorial Park that celebrates our heritage, including stream restoration, a new native playground, a wide shared cycleway, removing the pond and changing some key memorial features.

Love it? Hate it? Want to change it? We want to hear it all! See what we've proposed at <a href="http://www.waipadc.govt.nz/memorialpark">www.waipadc.govt.nz/memorialpark</a>

Feedback closes 5pm, 13 July 2020.



Te Awamutu RDA are holding an 'OPEN DAY' on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – for RDA Fund Raiser and fun/ information day. There will be Pony Rides, Sausage sizzle Games and more.

Starting at 9am – FREE ENTRY- Pony Rides will be \$5.00 per ride (Please bring Cash). To be held at the Kihikihi Equestrian Park Arena. Entrance through main gates at the end of Grey and Dick Street Cnr. We look forward to seeing you. For any further information please contact - Rosalie 021 1539395

Edventure Hamilton - Holiday Programmes - Are Back!!! July 2020 After covid close-down we are excited to announce that day holiday programmes will be back up and running in July 2020 and camps will be back in September/ October.

Check out our range of different programmes.

Edventure Everyday - arts crafts, fun and games for everyone. \$45 /day, 5-13 yr olds,

Edventure Sports - drills, skills & modified games across several sporting codes.\$45 /day, 5-13 yr olds,

Edventure Outdoors - a different field trip to some amazing outdoor activities. \$75 /day, 8-13 yr olds,

A programme running everyday for 5-13 yr olds, @Berkeley Normal Middle School, OSCAR available, planned and run by teachers, for more info or to BOOK NOW visit <u>www.edventure.co.nz</u> or ph 021 0224 1576

See you on your next EDVENTURE. #SupportLocal!



#### St John's Anglican Church Holiday Programme



Who:	For children aged 5–13 years
Where:	St John's Anglican Church Hall (opposite The Warehouse)
When:	Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th July
Time:	10am to 2pm
What:	Matariki themed art, craft, construction and building activities.
Cost:	\$5 each — Morning tea and lunch supplied
****	Well supervised
Pre Pre	eferably pre-register with the church office: 👘 🎾

stjohns.awa@xtra.co.nz or Phone 871-5568 or just drop in on the day



#### Timeless Toys

trash into treasure.

Monday 6 July Journey back in time for a toy-making adventure. Create classic toys that have entertained generations of children.

Starry Night Tuesday 7 July Mark Matariki. Join us as we explore the secrets of the night sky.

Upcycling Art Wednesday 8 July Sometimes once is not enough. Reduce, reuse, remake and reimagine. Spend the day turning

World Music Thursday 9 July Go on a musical odyssey around the globe and

learn how to make your own instruments. Curate, Create, Ideate Friday 10 July

Spend the day at the museum and learn what it means to be a curator

6-17 July 2020 Supervised programmes for ages 7-13 years only

8.30am-5pm Monday to Friday \$45 per day Book online at waikatomuseum.co.nz/shp

Digi Day 00 Monday 13 July Curious about coding? Rave over robots? Develop your STEM skills and learn how to code using visual programming language.

Digi Day 001 Tuesday 14 July Learn how to make your own movie using green screen and stop motion technology

Whacky Wire Wednesday 15 July Pick up some ideas from Fieldays No. 8 Wire National Art Award and let wire inspire.

Shaping Hamilton, Shaping Me Thursday 16 July Explore what home means to you. Spend the day making map art.

Magical Mayhem Friday 17 July A day of magical arts and wizard-worthy crafts.

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