

Te Awamutu Primary School

Together Achieving Personal Success

Dear Parents and Caregivers

30 September 2022

Welcome to Term 3, Week 10.

Hi everyone,

Firstly, my apologies for falling behind our newsletter schedule. However we have had so much going on that, relatively, we have much to celebrate today too.

Thank you all for your kind feedback on last week's production. We are extremely proud of all of our students who participated in the success of the show and appreciate the lovely emails and gratitude expressed by our audience. I reiterate my thanks to the amazing Erin Westgate for her hard work producing the show and to all of the staff for their work preparing their classroom of students and costumes.

Recently there was some clarification around new COVID protocols, shared with us by the Ministry of Education. Household contacts, including those who have not had COVID-19 in the past 90 days, do not need to isolate for seven days. Household contacts are recommended to test daily for five days from when the case in their household tests positive and wear a mask when they are out. If they subsequently test positive, they will be considered a 'case' and be required to complete seven days of isolation. Household contacts who have COVID-19 symptoms should stay home regardless of the result of their rapid antigen test (RAT). People with COVID-19 must continue to self-isolate for seven days.

Staffing

TAPS is experiencing ongoing staffing challenges at present. In talking to our teaching colleagues at other schools, this is a common issue at present but I believe it is exaggerated here, because of the size of our school and the number of staff we have. It goes without saying that we will continue to do our best to source the best educators possible to teach our students.

Susan Thomasen (Room 3) has handed in her notice and is returning to the RTL service (Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour) in South Auckland where she came from. It has been difficult but we believe we have secured a replacement as of this morning. Once contracts are signed, I will confirm with the parents of Room 3 directly.

Matua Pou has decided not to apply for the ongoing position in Team 4 and is instead going to continue his parents' work at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and also take on a position at Te Awamutu Intermediate. Mr Rob Thompson will be supporting Room 22 through the final term.

Just last week Whaea Jude (Room 6) resigned from her position to take on a job at Te Pūkenga. Te Pūkenga is a tertiary institution where Jude will be managing apprentices in the plumbing and electrical fields. Professionally Jude will be working to leave her classroom prepared for her successor, including planning and Term 4 reporting comments. Miss Arden Mason, who has been completing her final teacher training placement at TAPS throughout Term 3 will take over as the teacher of Room 6. She will continue to be mentored by Erin Westgate and supported by the team while she finishes her last two weeks at University. Jude's last day will be at the end of the second week of term (28th of October), and Arden will take over on the following Monday.



It's my pleasure to share the news that Hayley Kerrison and her partner Jason are expecting a baby early next year. Also Charlotte Tucker and her husband are expecting their second child early in February. We offer our congratulations to both couples.

We do not like to lose any of our staff but we understand that with freedom from COVID related restrictions, many of our young ones are going to fly the nest to visit the four corners of the world. We are also noticing a greater trend of teachers leaving education to work in other fields due to the demanding nature of the role. As staff come to talk about their future plans, we check to see how we may have contributed to their decision to leave. All agree that they have loved their time and TAPS and have felt supported, however they are keen to take a break and reevaluate their lives for a year or so while an opportunity has come up doing something different. Relieving is also in plentiful supply, so that there are very limited concerns regarding paid employment. Finally, teachers are highly thought of by other employers as they are seen as hard, diligent workers, prepared to put in the hours, organised and well prepared. For teachers, an 8.30am-5pm work day with uninterrupted lunch breaks, and weekends free of planning, marking books or replying to emails is hugely appealing. As a community, we should continue to work together to appreciate our teachers and show an understanding of the complex and demanding roles they do.

The numbers of enrolments have significantly increased in the later half of this year and the school is expecting to exceed 585 students early next term. As I have already indicated, we are finding it very difficult to source appropriate teachers during the school year. As a solution to our growing numbers of new entrants, Lanah Gibbes (Room 1) and Katie McNaughten (Room 4S) and their students have joined forces in the library and will now be known as "The Timatanga Hub". As Nic Edwards returns to work gradually next term, she will support the learning in the hub as well Laura Ginsberg who works for us two days per week and is well known to the students.

Some exciting changes are ahead in the aesthetics of our school graphics. The Management team has been working with KAZ Designs in Cambridge to professionally rebrand our school. The students were privy to a sneak preview at today's whole school assembly. Manaaki has matured and has a new look. Manaaki shows confidence and strength in a number of new postures that you will begin to see more of around our school. Some images have been included in the newsletter for you to view. The school's Māori Warrior has also been "sharpened" to remove the blur, and has been modernised slightly by removing the oval ribbon and using a circle surround instead. The Warrior is significant to Te Awamutu Primary historically, and continues to be an image we share with Te Awamutu College. We are proud of this emblem and wish to keep its integrity and mana intact.



Finally there are a number of thank yous I feel need to be shared.

- To all parents or caregivers for their support in getting the production off the ground, whether it was sourcing and making costumes or doing makeup.
- Our Friends of TAPS parents for putting on the intermission foods and for their ongoing fundraising during the term doing Milo Mondays and sausage sizzles.
- Allan and Rebecca Brears for building the elevated seating for the production.
- Arden Mason and her Dad (Mason's Garden Centre) for collecting and dropping off the pellets.
- Fonterra for allowing us to borrow the pellets.
- All parents who were nominees for the Board Triennial Elections.
- Parent helpers at school camp.
- Parent helpers at school sporting events (Netball, Sevens, Miniball, Cross Country, Trees for Survival, Gardening, Security etc).
- Parent help or Teacher's spouses, who have helped around the school doing property maintenance or working with children.

Without a doubt, I've missed someone who has contributed to the success of our school. Please know that even if your name is not mentioned, you are hugely appreciated!

I wish all of our students a very restful and safe holiday break. I do hope that parents get to experience the same! We are looking forward to seeing you all back on the 17th October, rested and raring to go for our final term.

Nga mihi

Sharon



**Te Awamutu Primary School
Board of Trustees Triennial Election**

13 September, 2022

DECLARATION OF RESULT

Parent Representatives (5 vacancies)

Meredith Stewart	90
Ryan Williamson	89
Sara Jayne Mallinson	75
Sarah Hoyes	74
Wium Mostert	72
Emma Gedye	70
Elizabeth Anne Annan	70
Joshua Bangs	50
Greg Kelly	46
Alyse Lowen	22

There being 10 candidates and 5 vacancies, I hereby declare the following duly elected:
Meredith Stewart, Ryan Williamson, Sara Jayne Mallinson, Sarah Hoyes, Wium Mostert



B JM Vester, Returning Officer



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TIMATANGA

Term 3 2022 - Week 6

Poppy Schellingerhout

Poppy, you are a role model of exemplary behaviour in Room 3 and in Timatanga. You know the school and classroom rules and follow them respectfully. You show care and empathy toward others both in the classroom and the playground, supporting your peers if they are hurt or need help. Poppy, you have developed great resilience this year and demonstrate patience, waiting your turn quietly in different situations. You show respect for others' as they learn, and work with perseverance to achieve your best. You are an absolute pleasure and delight in the classroom as you share, show kindness, include others, and participate and contribute to all aspects of learning. Keep being the amazing young lady that you are Poppy!



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Arlo Cooper

Arlo is a great role model to others in Room 7. He is conscientious, has a positive attitude towards his learning, and he knows how to make sensible choices. Arlo is kind, respectful, and willingly helps his classmates whenever needed. He gets on well with his peers and co-operates well in group activities. His work is neat and completed thoroughly, as Arlo always strives for excellence. It was great to see him commit himself totally in the cross country to narrowly win the 6 year old boys race, in a hard battle to the end. Well done, Arlo- keep up your special efforts. We love having you in Room 7!



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Ella Rowe

Ella, you are such an awesome member of Room 5A! You are kind, caring, smiley and always look out for those around you. You are a great friend to many and will go the extra mile to help someone out. All your classmates look up to you thanks to your responsibility and fabulous attitude to learning - you are brave and give everything a go. You are the first to offer to help around the classroom and you use your initiative to notice when things need to be done. You are known for being respectful - often holding doors open for adults walking through the corridor, and you have a positive relationship with everyone around you. Keep being brilliant Ella - many exciting adventures await!



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Isla Brears

Isla is a kind, friendly and well mannered member of Room 22. She is very hardworking in all areas of learning, and always shows resilience when times get tough. Her confidence to ask questions when needed is really growing, but she will always give things her best try before asking for help. Isla always speaks in a polite manner to everyone around her, and always makes herself available to help others if they need. Isla is one of our T.A.P.S School Leaders and takes her role seriously. She is always smiling, and brings a real positive vibe to Room 22.

Haere tonu koe ki te mahi pai, ka tutuki koe i nga mea nunui. Keep up the good work, you will achieve great things.



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Ben Mathews

Ben, you are such a kind, caring, respectful, reliable and genuine young man. It is an absolute pleasure to have you in Room 1. Your warm personality rubs off so positively onto your classmates. Other children are drawn to you as they know how considerate you are of their feelings. You even go out of your way to give lovely compliments to the teacher. All of the Timatanga teachers have commented on your calm and inclusive manner! This makes you a great friend to have. You can also be counted on by your classmates-you are often the first to offer help when they need something or even if they just need a friendly face to help them feel better. What we are most impressed by is your attitude! You try so hard with your learning, always showing what a reflective student you are. Your confidence has flourished since you started school and you now ask fantastic questions that help with your understanding of our learning. You are a true Manaaki high flyer Ben!



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Charlie Osment

Charlie, your attitude, focus and resilience this year has been amazing. You are a super cool friend, and go out of your way to greet your classmates in the morning and help others to find activities when they arrive at school. You are willing to take risks with your learning, and are not afraid to give things a go, knowing that if at first you don't succeed, giving it another try is the way to go. You have made outstanding progress in all areas of the curriculum and your time management is brilliant. You are an awesome member of the class, keep reaching for the stars, and give everything your very best.



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Lucas Glass

Lucas, you have an outstanding positive attitude towards all that you do. You always show kindness to others and display our TAPS Values like a superstar! We appreciate your quiet, patient manner in the classroom and love the determination that you show when taking on new challenges. Lucas, you are an innovative learner who is always looking for ways to improve while following your interests. You listen carefully to feedback and feedforward from your peers and teacher and are able to set yourself achievable goals. You are an amazing self manager who shows lots of common sense. Your 'can do' work ethic will see you well in the future as you continue to shine. Keep being awesome!



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Ava Houghton

Ava, your amazing attitude shines through in everything you do. You have a quiet calm about you that enables you to concentrate and complete work to an extremely high standard. Ava you are always happy to take responsibility for jobs that you have been asked to do and carry them out in a mature manner. You enthusiastically embrace new learning experiences and relish any new challenges. You constantly show all of the qualities of a school leader, even though you are in year 5. Ava you are, quite simply, awesome. Keep up this amazing work, and the world is your oyster.



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Term 3 2022 - Week 8

Emma-Paige Brown

Emma-Paige, you have blown me away with your attitude, focus and resilience since you started school. You have worked incredibly hard to develop and embed our Te Awamutu Primary School values, particularly focusing on strengthening resilience and respect. You arrive each day with a bright smile and an enthusiastic 'can do' attitude and a friendly 'Good Morning'. You know the class routines and structures so well you can always be trusted to support others in remembering how we do our mahi.

Emma-Paige, you now take pride in being a role model for your peers. You are always quick to offer to help if someone needs support and you are an amazing 'teachers helper'. Methodical, dedicated and reliable.

Emma-Paige you take pride in your learning and you give everything a go. I am super proud of the progress you have made, and you should be too!



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Harper Holmes

Harper is a vibrant, kind and caring student who consistently displays the TAPS values. She is a friendly presence in the classroom and always offers to help her peers. Harper has the brightest smile that spreads warmth and happiness right throughout the classroom. She is a dedicated learner who focuses hard in all areas of school and is motivated to achieve her goals. Her work is always completed to a high standard and she isn't afraid to ask for help when needed. Harper, you are an absolute pleasure to teach in Room 8 and I look forward to seeing your smiley face every day. Keep being a shining star, your future looks so bright!



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Holly Heeringa

Holly, you are a fantastic role model to others in our class and around the school. You have a solid understanding of our TAPS values and show these daily with both words and actions. Your contribution to teaching others our production dance has challenged you to become a leader and you have taken this on like the shining star you are. I am constantly impressed by your work ethic and desire to improve in everything you do. Even if it is an area you are already confident in, you keep striving to do more. Holly, you have a positive attitude and friendly nature that sees you develop many positive relationships. You never shy away from supporting a student (or teacher) in need! I look forward to seeing you continue to be a dedicated learner with a kind heart.

Holly, you rock!



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Lucas Wright

Lucas is a caring, considerate and thoughtful young man. He always has the biggest smile on his face and a positive attitude in every aspect of school life. Lucas is extremely resilient, as he tries new things with courage and an open mind. Caring is a huge part of who Lucas is, as he is kind and goes out of his way to look after others. Lucas shows genuine interest in his classmates and teachers, as he actively listens and engages in conversation; this is a wonderful and mature thing you are able to do Lucas. Lucas has a fantastic sense of humour and loves to make people laugh, which puts them at ease and makes them feel comfortable in his presence. We thank you for being such a wonderful role model at our school and making our days that little bit brighter; You truly are one of the kindest humans Lucas.



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Nika Mostert

Nika is a valuable member of Room 11! She is extremely diligent, dependable, consistent, reliable and she always displays all aspects of our school values. Nika's confidence has grown remarkably since starting school. I am pleased with how she backs herself in new and interesting learning contexts. Nika is also a very good role model to other children. She leads by doing and showing. Nika happily discusses her ideas with the class and she is confident at speaking in front of her peers. Nika is a self-manager and she has a positive growth mindset with her learning tasks.

Nika works hard to please the teacher with everything she attempts. She listens carefully and follows all instructions beautifully. Her manners and the respect she shows all mix well together with her kind and caring personality.

You are an absolute pleasure to teach, Nika!!



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George Hoole

George, wow! You have blown me away with your growth, resilience and attitude this year. You are such a fabulous role model, consistently displaying our Te Awamutu Primary School values, showing wonderful resilience by giving everything a go and taking responsibility for your learning by working hard to achieve your personal best. You are always offering to help others, checking they are okay and building many strong relationships. George, you always have a lovely smile and a kind, gentle presence about you. I love seeing the twinkle in your eye when you are enjoying your learning or showcasing your achievements. You have worked incredibly hard this year to strengthen your resilience and it is really showing in your learning progress. As one of our youngest Room 9 members, you should be so proud of the standing you hold in our class, the respect you have from your peers and the progress you have made with your learning. You are an absolute delight to have in Room 9, George. Mauria te pono, believe in yourself George, you are capable of greatness.



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Isla Haddad

Isla you have been a silent warrior in Room 11 this year. You are constantly working hard and helping others to achieve their best. Isla, you always come to school with a smile beaming on your face, and it brightens up the classroom as you walk in. You are such a kind and caring young lady, constantly showing our Te Awamutu Primary school values, especially relationships and respect. I love seeing the light bulb moments you have during the day, when a strategy or different learning approach finally clicks for you. Isla you are an absolute pleasure to teach in the classroom, with your quiet, can-do attitude always pushing you to reach your goals.

Keep being the shining star you are!



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Nixon Ward

Nixon is a shining star no matter what he is doing. He is a thoughtful, reliable and courageous member of the class and often encourages other people to give things a go. He ensures he is picking places to work where he can focus on his learning and is beginning to take ownership over which tasks are most important for him to complete first. Nixon consistently shows the TAPS values everyday, and is always willing to go the extra mile to help out. The smile that is always on his face is contagious and brightens any room he walks into. Nixon has a genuinely kind, cheeky personality about him and I hope he never loses that. Keep being the amazing person you are Nixon.



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