

What's happening?

Please note and put aside the following dates:-

17th September—School working bee 9am

18th September—PTA meeting 7pm at school

20th September—Te Awamutu College testing

20th September—Hearing & Vision checks

27th September—Pita Pit lunch

29th September—End of Term 3



Monday 18th September
7.00pm
in the school staffroom.

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Principal

Arts Festival –

An absolutely wonderful presentation of our children's abilities. Through the songs of our Reception class and New entrants, the folk dancing of rooms 2 and 3 to the creative designs and descriptions of the wearable arts of rooms 1 and 5. This showed how diverse learning in other mediums can be just as meaningful and powerful for children as the directed teaching of main stream curriculum. It is always a great pleasure to watch the sheer joy as the children share and show their work and talent to an audience. Congratulations to all of them for such a fantastic show and to the many parents/caregivers and extended families who came and supported them.

Change of plans –

If you are picking children up early or have altered their travel plans for the day please inform the office as we are often looking for children for the bus etc and have no notification of change or children have already gone by other means.

Pet Day –

This is being held on **Wednesday 18th October**, which is the first week of next term. Some children are beginning to select lambs and calves so I remind them that this is a significant commitment which needs to be stuck to through to the events scheduled. Group Day will follow on the Tuesday 24th of the following week at Ngutunui.

The PTA require help on **AG DAY** to help with the barbecue. This group is just a few and requires your support so they in turn can support your children and their learning.

Before school arrivals –

Some children are arriving at school prior to 8am. We appreciate that from time to time circumstances require an early drop off but would appreciate it if children arrived from 8.15am at the earliest. Some children are also arriving after 9am which makes the start of the school day an interrupted one can you please endeavour to have children here before 8.50am at the latest.

Reading –

An article read recently, talks of the issues with children's oralcy skills and abilities which we are finding more prevalent. This issue makes the child's ability to read with fluency and understanding more difficult as they progress through the school and is an essential skill for any child's development in my view.

Don McLean, principal of Hampden Street School in Nelson, said the oral language skills of about 10 to 15 of the school's 70 new entrants each year were well below standard. McLean said busy and tired parents not speaking enough with their kids was a key part of the issue, with many leaving parenting to the TV and electronic devices.

"It might sound old school but sitting around the table at night, talking about how the day went is a great way to have those conversations. "Reading is also very important, and don't just read to them or get them to do their reading and say 'well done', also discuss the book."

Schools spend a lot of time on oral language skills, but if pupils didn't have a good foundation, it was difficult for them to keep up with their peers, McLean said.

"If they've got poor oral language skills, they're also going to struggle with reading and writing. Some do catch up but others will always lag behind."

Class Awards

- Room 4:** Kobi - for your excellent manners and learning attitude. You are always listening, thinking and giving everything your best effort.
- Room 4A:** Mikayla - for being such an enthusiastic learner. You do well at everything you try!
- Room 3:** Aungkana - for the effort you are putting into your reading and reading activities. James - for working hard to learn all our dance moves. You were amazing at Folk dancing.
- Room 2:** Dylan - for managing yourself so well during Arts Festival practices and performances, and for having the biggest brightest smile throughout. Vinnie - for a great start to your new writing book, and writing a fantastic story, and for great reading, well done Vinnie.
- Room 1:** Briar - for her dedication towards completing her fabulous costume for the wearable arts show. Oscar - for his dedication towards completing his fabulous costume for the wearable arts show.
- Room 5:** Ella - for her positive Asttle reading result and keen attitude to learn. Ashton - for his pleasing Asttle reading result and enjoyment for learning.



Te Awamutu Association Football (soccer) Club Summer Futsal

This is an opportunity for kids to have fun and continue to use their football (soccer) skills over the summer. We will be running a 6 week Futsal (indoor soccer) programme for players in term 4. **Who?** Grades for U9, U11, U13 and College Players (boys and girls) **Where?** Te Awamutu College Gym **When?** Beginning Friday 27th October - 4pm to 7pm Email teawamutua.f.c@gmail.com or text 027 491 1454 to register your expression of interest before 13th October 2017.

The programme will only proceed if there is sufficient interest.

Organise a team or register as a player with us and we will find a team for you.



Ag Day Trophies -

Could all Ag Day trophies please be returned to school by the end of next week.

Working Bee –

This will be held **this Sunday 17th September at 9am**. If you are able to spare a couple of hours to help tidy gardens, clean out side of buildings, clean gutters and generally tidy up please come along. Water blasters and gardening tools would be helpful. A barbecue lunch and refreshments will be supplied at the end.

Netball -

Draw for Saturday 16th September
Paterangi Pirates 9.50am
Paterangi Pixels 1.10pm

Basketball -

There are no basketball games for the next 2 weeks.

Cross Country -

Today a team of Paterangi students are competing in the Rural & Roses inter school cross country being held at Kihikihi Domain. Next Tuesday three of our senior students will be competing in the Waikato Full Primary Schools cross country at Te Aroha. Thank you to the parents and grandparents of these students for your support and providing transport.



Learning Journals –

These are in the final stages of completion prior to coming home next week. These are a record of your child's achievements in several learning areas and indicate current abilities and progressions for further learning. There are several Learning Journals still not returned **please get them back to school on Monday** so they can be completed.

Learn to Sail at Lake Karapiro

with Cambridge Yacht Club.
NZ Yachting accredited
Level 1 & 2 Sailing programme.
Lessons on Tuesdays evenings
6pm.
Catering for ages 8 Years and up.
Club boats provided.
Contact Chris Raynes
07 823-5050
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Thank you to Margie Warburton for these fantastic photos of the Arts Festival



THE SAFE & HAPPY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The October holidays are almost here and once again we are offering a fun filled programme, running from Te Awamutu Primary School & Pakerau Primary School.



We have loads planned including trips to the Agrodome, Leap, Inline Skating, Action World, De Bretts, Hinterland, Waterworld, the cinemas & pools. Also numerous interesting onsite days.... including a visit from St Johns.

It's also our 10th birthday, so daily prize draws!
If you would like a programme call Lailie on 027 727 8521 or email info@safeandhappyclub.co.nz

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

HEALTHY HOME BAKING

LITTLE CHEFS

Baking is a fun family activity!

Getting kids in the kitchen is a good opportunity to talk about healthy food and learn and practise cooking, maths and fine-motor skills, plus it's FUN!

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