



- 22nd February 2018 • TERM 1 • WEEK 4 •

## Principal's Piece

### Education

What value do you put on education?

I believe a young person needs to get the highest education possible. This gives them more life choices, and more options when deciding on a job or career.

How do you instill the value of education, and the love of learning, in your child?

Expect them to attend school every day. Even their birthday. School is a privilege many children in the world do not enjoy.

Expect them to complete all their homework – and other tasks and chores at home. It needs to be a habit!

Talk to them about their school work. Not just 'What did you do at school today?'; try 'What did you learn today?'; 'What was hard today?'; 'What did you enjoy at school today?'.

Attend as many school events as you can. Be involved with your child's place of learning.

Get your children involved in one or two out of school activities – music, sports...

We have today's children, and they are tomorrow's future. Education is their future.

Ngā mihi

Pat Poland  
Acting Principal

### **Important Dates 2018**

Thurs 22 Feb: PTA Meeting  
Mon 26 Feb: Year 5/6 Leadership Day  
Wed 14 Mar: Senior Swimming  
Tue 27 Mar: Inter School Swimming  
Fri 30 March: **School closed for Easter**  
Mon 2 April: **School closed for Easter**  
Tue 3 April: **School closed for Easter**  
Senior Camp  
Fri 13 April : Last day of term

### **Class Assembly Dates**

Fri 23 Feb - Rm 10 Buzzing Bees  
Fri 2 March - Rm 1 Yellow Subs  
Fri 9 March - Rm 9 Klipspringers  
Fri 16 March - Rm 17 Impalas  
Fri 23 March - Rm 4 Stars  
**Fri 30 March - Good Friday No school**  
Fri 6 April - Rm 5 Goats  
**Fri 13 April - End of Term Assembly**

### **Important Bus Notice:**

**If your child has not got a WHITE bus tag, they will not be able to travel on the Bus for Term 1 2018.**



### **Fees for 2018 school year**

**School Donation:** Single \$50  
Family \$70  
**School Paper Fee:** \$20 per student  
**Bank Account details: ASB Te Awamutu**  
**12 3134 0056652 00**  
**Please reference with child's name**



# Aspiring Attitudes, Inspiring Actions

Belonging – Turangawaewae, Excellence – Hiranga, Unity – Kotahitanga, Pride – Mana, Integrity – Ngakau, Respect – Manaaki, Spirit – Wairua

## Our Support Staff



Leane Collins  
Teacher Angel



Jude Shaw  
Teacher Angel



Kara Spice  
Teacher Angel



Kaz Pollard  
Relief Teacher Angel



Charysse Vedder  
Caretaker



Sharon Saunders  
Librarian

Christine Brown  
Teacher Angel

Angela Cole  
Teacher Angel

Charlotte Jones  
Office Manager



Catherine Monkley  
Office Admin



Katye Shaw  
ORS Teacher

### **SENIOR CAMP (Year 5/6) 2018**

This year our senior school camp will be at Epworth Recreation Camp, Lake Karapiro. This is scheduled for week eleven of term one (last week of term, Monday 9 – Thursday 12 April). This is a great chance for children to develop in areas not possible in the classroom.

Every year we ask for parents to pay a deposit for camp to help confirm numbers. This year we are asking that \$40 (per child) is to be paid by Friday 9 March. Full payment for the senior school camp is Friday, March 30th.

If you have any concerns about camp, please come and see your child's classroom teacher, the office or our team leader (Mike Thornley). Any concerns will be kept confidential and we may be able to help your child attend camp.





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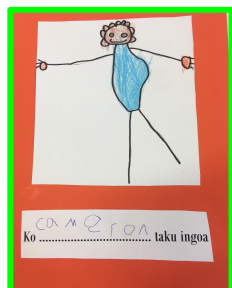
We have had a great start to school in Room 13 Butterflies!! We all have been given a Duffy Book Bag and Activity book which we have been having fun with at home.

We made playdough on the first day and we have been learning to answer the question Ko wai tō ingoa? (What is your name) with Ko ..... taku ingoa (My name is .....).

We have been having lots of fun learning sounds of letters and can recognise the sound for the letters s,a,t and I as well as begin to recognise some basic sight words.

During kickstart we welcome our soon to be school kids and show them how we do things at Pekerau School. During kickstart we have made butterfly masks and crazy octopus which have 10 legs!!

Life is pretty fun here in the Butterflies class!!



Room 9 and Room 11 made up secret handshakes as they get to know each other during buddy time.



This week in Room 10, our letter of the week was b. We came up with lots of words that start with b. We made Bubble Art too which was so much fun blowing the bubbles with the straw!!

During Maths, we learnt how to play Snakes and ladders and we also went for a walk to meet Charysse. It was great because some of us didn't know her so we were able to meet her and ask what her job was. Charysse talked about how we can help her to keep the school tidy.



## Lost Property!!!

Lost Property has piled up again! Please encourage your child to check for any items of theirs. Lost Property is located in the school office.

### HINT:

**Please name your child's clothing, that way we can get it back to the owner**



## Thank you!



In the holidays there was extensive tagging on the adventure playground at our school. Tim Gisler contacted our Deputy Principal Racheal Bell to say he would pay for all materials to remediate the problem, and that Gibson Construction would provide all the labour for free. This reflects well on Te Awamutu, and on those two companies. Great community spirit.

A very big and sincere thank you to these two fantastic companies. Your support is hugely appreciated.

## **Te Awamutu Association Football (soccer) Club Summer Futsal - Term 1**

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 U11, U13 and College Players (boys and girls)

**Where?** Te Awamutu College Gym

**When?** Beginning Friday 23rd February - 5pm to 8pm

**How much?** \$200 per team. Individual payments by arrangement.

Email [teawamutua.f.c@gmail.com](mailto:teawamutua.f.c@gmail.com) or text 027 491 1454 to register your expression of interest before 20th February 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.

## **MAD COW DRUM LESSONS** start this week on Thursday.

This is an opportunity to meet our new tutor Hamish Berkers. Hamish is studying at Zeal Music Academy at present and is an excellent young drummer and musician.

Please note lessons from next week will be held on **Wednesday** after school in the library.

If you are interested in joining our lessons please call or txt me on 0212020269 for information.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Glenn  
Mad Cow Drums (NZ) Ltd

**2018 JUNIOR RUGBY**  
**WEIGH-IN DATES**  
**@ Te Awamutu Sports Clubrooms**

All Grades  
**6th - 13th**

Tuesday 6th March  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 8th March  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Sunday 11th March  
10am - 12pm

**Subs \$45**  
To be paid in cash (only)  
at weigh-in's or online  
when registering.  
Includes Shorts & Socks

All registrations to be done online prior to Weigh-ins. See facebook post for further information.  
<https://www.facebook.com/TASJuniorRugby/>

The logo for Te Awamutu Sports Club features a stylized lion rampant on a shield, with the text "TE AWAMUTU SPORTS CLUB" below it.