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4th August, Week 4, Term 3 — Te Panui o te Kura #5

Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a frantic start to the term, with plenty happening around school and in the wider world of sport! The Warriors came into the back half of the season with a hiss and a roar, but they've really been struggling lately—some work is definitely needed on their right-side defence. Let's hope the coaching staff are working hard on that! On a more positive note, the Waikato NPC team kicked off their season with a fantastic comeback win against Auckland. Here's hoping they can keep that momentum going.

We've already had a visit from Mr Mac earlier this term to help us launch into our school production journey. Our main cast roles have been selected and students will be receiving their scripts this week. It's fantastic to have Mr Mac's experience and energy guiding this process. We're already excited to see what this show will become.

Week 2 brought a welcome treat with our Chicken Nugget and Chip Day! It was a perfect winter warmer and a great success. We raised $270 which has gone toward repairing the flying fox on our senior playground. A big thank you to the Stockholmes and Johnson families for generously covering the cost of the food, and to our wonderful Friends of Pukeatua group who coordinated and ran the event. Your help made this day a great one!

Our senior students have been training hard for the AIMS Games in badminton and table tennis. Their skills are coming along brilliantly—they've been showing grit, focus, and real teamwork at every practice session. It's great to see their confidence growing as we get closer to the big event. We also had a visit from Te Awamutu College for our Year 8 students, as part of their transition to high school. Students will be attending the open day soon to get a first-hand experience of college life. There's also a parent evening and enrolment night coming up—please check the school calendar for these important dates.

Finally—and importantly—I want to highlight a very worthwhile event coming up for parents and caregivers: the Cyber Safety Evening with Rob Cope.

Cyber Safety Evening – A Must for Parents
Thursday 14th August | 6.30–8.30pm | Te Awamutu Intermediate School Hall
This session is a must-attend event for all parents, caregivers, and whānau who want to keep their children safe in the digital world. Our tamariki are growing up in a time of rapid change, and the risks they face online are growing too—both in frequency and severity.
Te Awamutu Intermediate is seeing the effects of online behaviour firsthand—from sleep-deprived kids scrolling social media or gaming late into the night, to the emotional fallout of bullying or exposure to harmful content. These issues are real, and they're happening here and now.
We are fortunate to be hosting Rob Cope, filmmaker of Our Kids Online, to give what will be an honest, humorous, and incredibly valuable talk about what kids are facing online—and what we as adults can do to protect them.

The talk will cover:

- Cyberbullying and social media ' s effect on mental health
- Gaming and its impact on developing brains
- The pressure around sending naked selfies
- Online predators and pornography
- And most importantly—real, practical solutions for parents

Included with your ticket is a FREE one-year subscription to the "Parenting in an Online World 101" course, normally valued at $99.

We really encourage at least one parent from every family to attend. It is too important to ignore. Right now, only 45 tickets have been sold—far less than 10% of the Te Awamutu Intermediate parent community, and this event is co-hosted by five schools!
Please make the time. Show up for your kids. This will be an investment in their safety and wellbeing.
" We need to tackle this as a community so that all of our kids are safe. When I protected my kids online, I also protected yours, so please, please protect your kids online so that you are also protecting mine. " - - Rob Cope

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Ngā mihi nui,

Dene Franklin
Principal

NOTICES IN BRIEF

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A huge thank you to everyone who purchased from our Pie and Pantry fundraiser with Couplands. We managed to raise just over $450 to go towards repairs and improvements for our senior playground. Keep an eye out for this fundraiser again as its proved to be a really good one!

Don't forget to send your nominations in ASAP for the Board Election. Closing date for nominations is Wednesday 13th August at 12pm.

Ag Day is coming around fast with the familiarity day on Wednesday 20th August at 12.30pm. Please also remember to return trophies ASAP is you have one at home.

We still have pool keys that need to be returned. Please make arrangements to return your key ASAP!! Thank you.

Gymfest 2025







Our gymfest team took to the mat/floor/beam last week to compete in the 2025 Gymfest competition. Its was a chaotic day but with some great results~. The students who went did us proud. A huge thanks to all our supporters on the day!













IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

AUGUST

1st	Gymfest
4th	Teacher Only Day - school closed for students
5th	TAC Open Day: 9-12pm
6th	Visit to Pohara Marae
7th	Technology Y7&8
8th	School Assembly
12th	TAC Info Evening 7.30pm
13th	Hearing and Vision testing
14th	Cyber Safety evening
	House Challenge
15th	Board Meeting
18th	TAC Enrolment evening 3.30-7pm
19th	Familiarity Day 12.30-1.15pm
20th	Technology Y7&8
21st	School Assembly
22nd	Daffodil Day
	House Challenge
28th	Eastern Zone Junior Winter Sports -
29th	Wharepapa South School

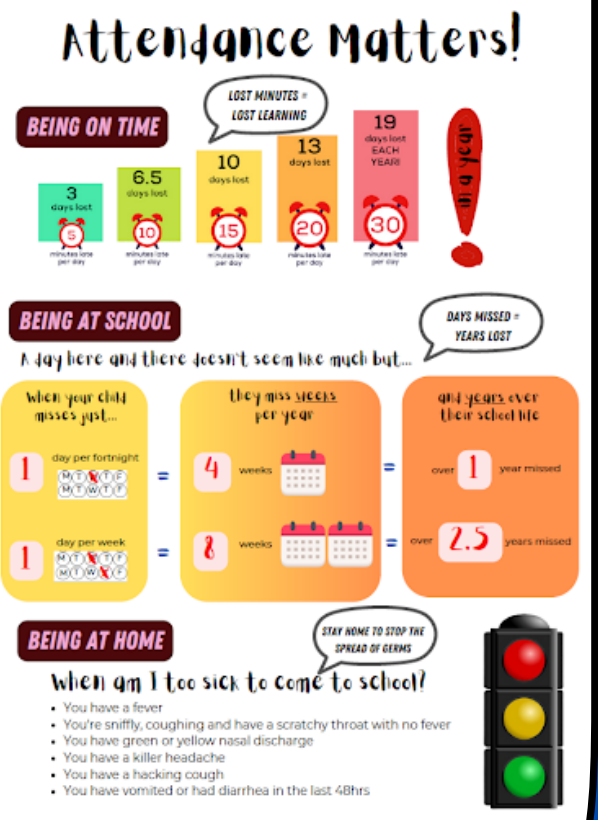
SEPTEMBER

1st	AIMS Games
2nd	AIMS Games
3rd	AIMS Games
4th	Technology Y7&8
5th	Eastern Zone Senior Winter Sports - Wharepapa South School
7th	Fathers Day
8-10th	Rural School Hockey
11th	TAC entrance testing
12th	House Challenge
15th	Board Meeting
18th	Technology Y7&8
19th	Term 3 Ends

Is your child away?

Unnotified absences are marked as truant. Please notify us ASAP if your child is away.

Our numbers of unreported absences have increased lately - please make sure you let us know when your child is away and why. This is a requirement from the Ministry of Education.









Kia Ora,

Same as last season we have FREE 4 day old LAWNMOWERS (😉) available to a good home from NOW - beginning September. Pick up Pukeatua, South Waikato. If you're collecting 5+ you will also get a FREE limited edition Waihipi feeding bottle. Enquires and Booking via email: waihipilambs@gmail.com

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