



### **Principals Comment**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to the following new pupils. Room 13 Zaryah, Taura Room 12: Casey Room 6: Matthew  
Our roll now stands at 284.

It is with a great deal of sadness that we heard of the sudden and tragic death of Kelvin McDonnell last week. Kelvin began at our school as a five year old in 1998 and left as a Year 6 in 2004. Kelvin was remembered by the teachers as a very kind, caring and extremely well behaved pupil. Kelvin and his family contributed a great deal to our school and the staff and the extended school community extend our deepest sympathies to Hamish, Raewyn, Vinnie Amylee and Hayden. Rest in Peace Kelvin.

Congratulations to our school swimming team who represented us at the interschool swimming sports. Although you were only a small team you all acquitted yourselves extremely well.

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer from Pak and Save regarding a competition for all Te Awamutu Schools. The competition works like this:

When you purchase any Anchor or Budget 1, 2 or 3 litre plastic bottle of milk the check out operator will hand you an entry form. On this form you nominate Pekaeru School and place it in the entry box. The total litres of milk will be calculated weekly and reported to schools as well as being displayed on a results graph in the store and in the Te Awamutu Courier. The school with the most litres per pupil will win \$3000. Wouldn't that be GREAT! The competition begins on Monday 4th April and end on 26th June 2010. If you can support this and help us win this great prize it would be much appreciated.

Good luck to the senior pupils who are taking part in the 'Top Schools Competition' at Te Kowhai School this weekend. It is a great day, lots of fun and a real challenge for the pupils taking part.

Parent interviews were held last week with a good turn out of parents. If for some reason you could not attend your child's interview and you would like one please ring the school for an appointment.

Our new school uniform is on track to be here mid April. If you would like to pre-order and pre-pay for any item— you are welcome to do so. Pricelists are available at the office.

**Yours in Learning**

**John Cubitt**  
**Principal**

A BIG thank you to those who have paid School Donation and Paper fee, these can be paid off over time if need be.—Just ask at the office

**REMINDER**—Fundraising committee meeting **WEDNESDAY 6th 5.30pm** staff room. ALL WELCOME—please come and find out how YOU can support your child and school

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**Te Awamutu Junior Hockey Muster**

Primary School Age Children  
When: Thursday 14th April from 3.30 till 4.15pm

Where: Te Awamutu Tennis Club  
Bring gear for fun activities, including mouth-guard, shin pads and covered shoes  
Contact: Belinda Wilson phone 8712929 or Rachel Falconer Phone 8701641

# Room 4 Kiwi.

This term in Room 4 we have been busy setting up our vegetable gardens at school, we had Easter the Pig visit us, we made yummy cupcakes and we learnt lots about the NZ bush.

Two weeks ago we went to Pureora Forest for five days camping. We visited the Otorohanga Kiwi house where we got to see two kiwi birds up close. Scott taught us a lot about Kiwi birds.

Did you know that the male kiwi looks after the eggs until they hatch.

