Welcome to 2015! Hopefully you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Summer Holiday and are all set for an exciting Term One.

To start the school year, we will once again be running the T.E.A.M program for the first seven days. This has become a school tradition as previous TEAM programs have created happy classrooms and successful learners. The name T.E.A.M stands for Together Everyone Achieves More, which is exactly what we are hoping to do!

Once again, students will be directly involved in developing classroom processes for the new school year and creating a positive learning environment. The activities students will participate in aim to highlight and strengthen their ability to build social relationships, work in teams and to become more aware of how they learn best.

The T.E.A.M program links directly with the Australian Curriculum, however, it focuses more on civics and citizenship, interpersonal skills and personal learning rather than the traditional academic subjects. Formal literacy and numeracy blocks will begin at the conclusion of the program. However, some assessments may take place during the program. Research has shown that students who feel happy and confident at school achieve better results so we are asking parents to emphasise the importance of this program with their child/children.

At the conclusion of the program each class will have developed their own Class Learning Plan, detailing their classroom processes, Class Mission and Vision, Class Motto and Mascot. These plans will be specific to each grade and available for viewing at the main office and in each classroom.

One of the activities students are completing is called a Me Box. This is a homework task that requires students to put together a box (a shoe box is ideal) with items/objects that represent themselves and things that are important to them. For example, a wrapper from a favourite food or the favourite food itself, a photo, a souvenir, a soft toy etc. Be as creative as you want! Me Boxes need to be at school by Thursday 5th February.

* Please turn over for a list of TEAM Diary Dates and events *

Please drop in at any time to see the T.E.A.M program in action. We look forward to your support and a very positive start to the 2015 school year.

Upper Plenty P.S Staff
TEAM Diary Dates

Parents are invited to attend the following events:

**Wednesday 4th February**
**Blog Treasure Hunt @ 2:15pm**
Join your child/children in their classroom (Grade 5/6 students in various classrooms helping to run the activity) and find out about our class blogs.

**Friday 6th February**
**Open Classroom / Parent Information Session**
Refer to the invite from your son/daughter for specific session times as each classroom has a different time. Invites coming home on Monday.

**UPPS Quiz @ 10:45am — 11am**
Join your child/children for 10 UPPS themed quiz questions asked over the loud speaker system.

**Whole School Picnic @ 1:30pm**
You might like to bring a picnic or fish ‘n’ chips etc. to share with your child/children and then play in the yard with them!

**Kids Matter Jigsaw Task @ 2:15pm — 2:45pm**
We are a ‘Kids Matter’ school. Come along and help us launch ‘Kids Matter’ with an activity in your child's classroom.

**Whole School Assembly @ 2:50pm — 3:15pm**
Each class/representatives will share something from the week.