

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tēnā koutou parents and whānau.

This term continues to fly by quickly, at the end of this week we are half way through term 3. August always coincides with enrolments. We are still awaiting in zone enrolments and if you know of anyone in Year 6 yet to enrol, could you please stress to them the importance of enrolling as I need the numbers we will have to start working on classes and spaces for 2020.

Mr Gary Moore, Principal of Rutherford College has also asked me to pass on that there are still a number of our Year 8 students who are yet to enrol. They also need to know numbers who will be attending in 2020, especially for classes. Late enrolments will mean that students won't necessarily get into the options they may like if those classes are full. Enrolment forms for TAI are online, and can be collected from our school office. Rutherford College can be contacted via their website, www.rutherford.school.nz or by phoning 834 9790.

Finally, a special thank you parents for the support of our AIMS Social, and the parent run AIMS Bingo night. Both these events were well organised and were a huge help in fundraising to get our teams to Tauranga - only two weeks now till they leave, and they are all getting excited to represent us on the national stage.

Ngā mihi,
Lloyd Evans, Principal

Pretty Smart

Tomorrow, we have Angela Barnett, from [Pretty Smart](#). This talk is only for the girls. 'Pretty Smart' is a talk for preteens/teens to help them understand and see through the images affecting their confidence - online, through their 'feed' and all around them. Images that show perfection, that have been manipulated, Facetuned, tweaked, tanned, toned. Images that don't celebrate our differences but reflect too much of the same.'

Pretty Smart aims to encourage preteens/teens to, 'question why we are so critical of appearance - both our own and of others. Because how we look can't, ultimately, be changed and being mean about it is as useful as teasing a cat for being a tabby.'

This is the second year we have had Angela to share this important message in a media obsessed world. If you do not wish your daughter to participate, please email your child's class teacher, teacher emails can be found on our website -www.teatatu.school.nz

Everyday Theatre

[Everyday Theatre](#) is visiting our school next week, and each class will have one morning session with the group. Below is a short blurb about the programme:

"It is a unique interactive theatre workshop. Its primary aim is to empower our young NZ children to achieve well being and safety, by providing a safe forum for young people to discuss family issues. This is a free government funded programme that has been running for 15 years and has touched the lives of over 70,000 children throughout NZ."

If you do not wish for your child to participate, please contact your child's class teacher.

Sports report

Over the last fortnight, there have been a number of sports results of which Te Atatu Intermediate has competed and performed capably and with our usual high standards.

Netball - We had our Year 7 A team, as well as our AIMS Netball team compete last week at the Waitakere Zone day at Te Pai Courts. Both teams competed superbly and both achieved 3rd place in what is a competitive zone tournament.

Football - Our boys and girls Football team participated in a pre-AIMS tournament this week and according to Mr Morkel, both teams played exceptionally well and this is a great time to see how all the combinations work towards the AIMS event in two weeks time.

Cheerleading - Our group of Cheerleaders competed last weekend at the Olympia Competition for Auckland schools, where they WON their division in Cheer Sport Grade 1. An absolutely AWESOME achievement. Well done to [Olivia Muller \(Room 6\)](#), [Abigail Tea \(Room 6\)](#), [Mia Horvath \(Room 11\)](#), [Grace Jeromson \(Room 7\)](#), [Tasmyn Grey \(Room 1\)](#) and [Beth Taye \(Room 5\)](#). Congratulations to all teams!

Battery Ucycle Project

If you're looking at recycling your batteries in an environmentally friendly manner, Te Atatu Intermediate is participating in the [Battery Bucket Back \(BBB\)](#) system this term and it is now all set and ready to go at our school.

The aim is to reduce the amount ending up in our landfill, where heavy metals and toxic substances can leak into the grounds when battery corrodes causing water and soil pollution.

Batteries are made from important resources so recycling battery can recover valuable materials.

Acceptable batteries are; AA, AAA, C, D, hearing aid, coin batteries.

By [Caden Currie \(Room 6\)](#)

Band Success

During the first weekend of August, four of our students competed in the NZCBAS National Concert Band Festival. They were [Alice Lowndes](#), [Matthew Tegg](#), [Ezra Lamdin](#) and [Rafe Scoones](#); they performed with the West City Youth Concert Band. We are pleased to announce that the band received a gold award and a special commendation. Further to this, [Alice Lowndes](#) performed a solo on flute. She received a bronze award for her outstanding performance. Ka rawe, team! We are very proud of you.

KEY DATES TERM 3

22 August - Mathex team event

23 August - Pretty Smart girls talk @1pm

26-30 August - Everyday Theatre @ TAI

28 August - Rooms 1/7/9 Eden Park Tour

2 September - Dental Clinic on site

3-18 September - ICAS exams

Chinese student cultural experience



Special thanks to the fantastic Whaea Tere and the amazing Room 4 students, led by Te Arepa Tairua and Theresa Marie Roebeck Sami. These students put on a special Māori cultural experience for our visitors. The students were split into groups of 5 and participated in a number of different activities. These activities were learning an action song, Tutira Mai Nga Iwi, Rākau and Tītītoria games. They also learnt to weave and finished the experience with a hāngī. The Chinese students really enjoyed their experience and loved the kai - many of them getting seconds. Te Arepa assures me that the Room 4 students also got to eat once the guests were served. Room 4 students were amazing hosts and I would like to thank them all for making this session a hugely popular part of our visitors week and definitely the student highlight.

Netsafe Reminder

I popped this in the last newsletter, however in today's current climate, I thought I'd pop it in again. [Netsafe](#) have recently launched a great new resource for parents and whānau, the 'Online Safety Parent Toolkit'. This interactive PDF offers parents and whānau practical tips and tools to help them talk to their children about online safety. It includes:

- quickstarter tips for parents, whānau and young people
- information to enhance digital parenting knowledge
- details about the online risks and challenges their children may face.

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Online-Safety-Parent-Toolkit-R2.pdf>

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