

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Nau mai, haere mai and thank you parents for a great 'Meet the Teacher' night on Tuesday.

The meet the teacher night was a chance for us to get to know our new year 7 families and students. Alongside this, we hope it allowed you to get a better idea about student learning here at TAI. Also, having the chance to take advantage and learn an instrument is a great opportunity, and one I hope many students take. Please remember to return the music notices back to the music room. Year 8s, it's not too late if you wish to take up an instrument this year. Another part of the job I love, is hearing about student successes in talents they have in and outside of school. Special congratulations must go to Lucas Adams from Room 13, who has been selected to represent New Zealand at baseball in June at the Asia Pacific tournament held in South Korea. We wish you all the best as you work towards this awesome achievement. Another talent is the art work of Ryan James, from Room 6, who had his amazing art work published in 'Toitoti' - A Journal for Young Writers and Artists. Ryan's accompanying images were absolutely stunning and detailed. Copies of the book will be in the school library. Congratulations to both boys - great to see your talents recognised.
Lloyd Evans, Principal

Whānau hui

He karanga tenei ki te tini me te mano, nau mai, haere mai.

We warmly invite you to our first Māori Whānau Hui for 2019.

Tuesday 26th Feb, 6pm - 7.30pm @ School Library.

6pm - 6.30pm Kai tahi -(Matua Blue) Principal's kōrero (welcome kōrero)

6.30pm to 7pm - Whānau discussion: planning and vision for 2019

7pm to 7.30pm - Whaea Tere to share two-year vision plan for TAI.

Netball

The 2019 Netball season keeps creeping closer and closer and we need to find volunteers to coach our teams. If you are interested please contact Lyn Northwood at lyn.n@teatatu.school.nz

We are hoping to field at least six teams, so do require parent support with this.

AIMS basketball

AIMS basketball trials will take place on Wednesday 27th February on the covered court from 3.30 - 5pm.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email: ian.f@teatatu.school.nz

Mr. Felix

Pasifika

Malo lava le soifua maua. Matou te fa'amoemoe e maua ai le manuia ia outou uma ile tatou Fa'asilasilaga lenei Greetings everyone. I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health. We have formed our 2019 Pasifika Group and practices will begin on Thursdays period 5, and lunch times.

We have a large number of students in our Pasifika group which is a positive and fantastic start. However, I would like to form a boys Pasifika Group, so if there is anyone that would like to tutor our boys that would be much appreciated. Please contact me via our school email or school phone number. Manuia le vaiaso nei Mrs. Satele

NZEI news

The NZEI is the teachers union. Overleaf you will find information from the union around negotiations between NZEI and the Government. During the week of March 18-22, there are a series of planned, paid union meetings during school time. We will keep you informed once we know exactly where and when these occur.

KEY DATES

5 March: Softball zone day
Girls Waitakere zone day.

7 March: Softball zone day
Boys Waitakere zone day

18-27 March: Science focus
Kaitiakitanga conservation programme

25 March: World of Maths
Maths hands on practical activities through World of Maths.

27 March: Swimming zone day
Waitakere zone swimming West Wave.

9/10 April: Student Led Conferences
Annual conferences between parents/students
School will finish at 12.30pm on the 9th.

NB: Newsletters will now be fortnightly from today and accessed on our website.



School newsletter update February 2019 – It's Time/Kua Tae Te Wā

You may remember that teachers and principals took strike action twice last year to send a message to the Government that more needed to be done to fix the teacher shortage and make teaching a more sustainable and attractive profession.

After conversations with government in January, our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has agreed to return to formal negotiations with the Ministry. The Government has continued to state that there is no more money to settle the agreements but we are continuing to campaign for a quality public education for every child. We believe that winning more time to teach, a significant pay jolt to attract and keep people in teaching, and better resourcing for children with additional learning needs is as important as ever.

Any progress in negotiations will be reported to teachers and principals at paid union meetings around the country in the week of March 18-22nd. These meetings will be held during school time and we will advise you nearer the time about how this will impact on our school community.

Public polling has showed continued strong support for what we are trying to achieve for our students and the future of the teaching profession. Parents in particular see the struggles we already face in hiring teachers and finding relievers when teachers are sick.

We greatly appreciate your continued support as we continue our campaign to ensure every child gets the best possible teaching and learning.

School Fundraising

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our first fundraising activity for the year starts on Thursday March 7th and will run for three weeks, finishing on March 29. We will be selling chocolate bars and packets of Bliss Balls.

Please note that in our Health lessons for the duration of the fundraising, the health message that chocolate is a treat and not everyday food will be emphasized.

Each participating student will be given a box of chocolate or bliss balls to sell. The money received is to be paid to Mr Collins in his workshop from 8.15 to 8.40 each morning. Those students who wish to sell extra boxes must first have paid for their previous box before they can collect another box from Mr Collins' Office each day at 2.50pm.

The three students who raise the most money will receive \$100.

The class with the highest total receive a mufti day.

The last day for issuing chocolates is March 29. To be eligible for prizes both individual and class, all money and unsold bars need to be returned to school by 3pm on Friday April 5 2019.

The money raised will be used to fund sport equipment, sport and cultural uniforms and for this years production.

Mr Steve Collins
Deputy Principal

If you do not want your child to participate please complete the slip below and return it to your Classroom Teacher

Name of StudentRoom.....**Does not have**
permission to participate.

Signed.....Parent/Guardian

