

NEWSLETTER/PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau.

Another busy week at TAI, Term 4 has had a lot of things packed into it to make up for the red light setting which limited what we could do in Term 1 in particular. At the end of this newsletter I have added information around what is coming up in the last 4 weeks of school. Please note that our **Year 8s will finish for the year after their Prizegiving on Thursday 15 December from 1- 2.30pm. Year 7s final day at school for 2022 is Friday 16 December - and their year will complete after their Prizegiving from 10 -11.30am.**

Spring Music Showcase TONIGHT!

We invite all the TAI whānau to our first Music Showcase of the year on **Thursday 17th of November**. The Concert will start at 6:30pm in the school hall.

We'll see performing during the night our school Violin Groups, Piano students, Concert Bands and Rock Bands. If you have any questions please get in touch with Senor Barros

francisco.b@teatatu.school.nz

Girls' Self Defence

This week our Year 8 girls have taken part in a self defence course run by **Kia Haumarū - Personal Safety Education**. Focus has been around learning ways of dealing with unsafe people/situations, threats to safety such as dealing with stranger attacks, being followed and issues relating to cyber safety. Students have been taught to 'think' their way out of a threatening situation and how important it is to tell a safe adult if something happens.

Some comments from the girls;

'During the self-defence session, we learnt about many different things on how to keep ourselves safe. We learnt how to get ourselves out of different situations'

'I think that the self defence workshop helped us to learn about how to protect ourselves in various situations. The workshop was both enjoyable and informative, and I believe that it will help many people in the future, or just to open up about what may have happened to them in the past. '

'During our time there, we learnt proper techniques for kicking, punching, what to do when hit in certain places, and how to defend ourselves from others reasonably. Taking this workshop definitely boosted confidence, made us feel stronger, and allowed us to use our voices.

Overall, I feel that this workshop helped educate us on many important topics and it was great to have them come to our school and teach us about how to keep ourselves safe. '

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**We have had some feedback from parents around having self defence for boys also, unfortunately, the funding for this from the outside agency was for Year 8 girls only.

School Photos - Photolife

Photolife should have emailed all whānau with a key code to access the school photo in order to purchase. If you have not received any information on this, please contact the school office on office@teatatu.school.nz and we will follow up with Photolife.

TAI Athletics Day

Last Thursday, we managed to get most of our athletics events in before the rain came down. It was great to see the array of colours supporting the four Waka and the smiles on faces. Even though not everyone was able to win, the participation still brought sought after Waka points for each group. Students placed within the designated activities will go on to represent TAI at the Waitakere Zone championships next week.



WAKA POINTS for Athletics day;

Tainui 1 (4th) Takitumu 2 (3rd)

Te Arawa 3(2nd) Aotea 4 (1st)

Atawhai - Care Waitakere Food Bank

This year CARE Waitakere Trust and their group of community volunteers are making Christmas hampers for local families, and Te Atatu Intermediate will be supporting them with this initiative. For the next week we will be collecting items. Each class has been given a poster outlining the items which are most needed- which includes cereals, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, pasta, rice, tinned foods, washing powder, toothpaste, shampoo, tooth brushes...

If anyone is in the position to bring in an item or two to support CARE Waitakere, that would be much appreciated. 100 waka points per item!

Year 8 Graduating sweatshirt/t-shirt payment reminder:

If you have ordered a sweatshirt or t-shirt, please make payment before **Friday 25 November**.

KINDO is our preferred payment method. If you have not yet signed up to Kindo, details can be found via our school website.

Payments can also be made to our school account:

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Please make sure you put your child's name and sweatshirt/t-shirt in the subject line.

Library Books

We need all Te Atatu Intermediate School library books returned by **Friday 25 November**. Email reminders of books currently overdue are being sent out to students and will also be sent to parents next week. Lost books can be paid for at the school office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either Karen Dobbs or myself, Cheryl McKeown via email cheryl.m@teatatu.school.nz or karen.d@teatatu.school.nz

Staff News

This week we farewelled our school caretaker, **Tony Balogh** - Mr Tony to staff and students. Tony joined our staff 5 years ago and has been a dedicated staff member keeping the TAI property going superbly. Tony puts his heart and soul into his work and takes great pride in what he does. I have appreciated Tony's diligence and commitment to make sure that things broken are fixed, things unmown get mown, jobs needing doing get done.



We wish Tony all the very best in his retirement and we wish him all the very best as he now gets to put his feet up and get back to the lawn bowling green a lot more frequently. We also take this opportunity to welcome **Jeff Chung** who has taken over the caretaking/property management role from Mr Tony. Welcome to the TAI team Jeff!

We also welcome **Iona Ward** as a teacher aide with us until the end of the year. Iona rejoins us having previously been a teacher aide with us and has just completed her first year training to be a teacher. Welcome Back Iona!

Covid update

Unfortunately we are starting to see a few cases of Covid creeping back in. Latest rules are that if you have Covid, **You must self-isolate for 7 days while you recover**. Day 0 is the day your symptoms started or when you tested positive, whichever came first.

Your Household Contacts do not need to isolate. They should test daily for 5 days, however, if they test positive, they need to begin 7 days of isolation.

Student Events

Congratulations to **Sharlise Barton Room 4** winner of the Lions Club Peace Poster Art Competition for the West Auckland area. The poster has now gone through to the regional competition. **Good luck Sharlise, this is an incredible poster.**



Upcoming Events - Key Dates coming up this term

- November 17 - Spring Music Showcase*
- November 21-25 - Strength to Strength programme*
- November 22 - Waitakere Zone Athletics*
- November 25 - Orientation morning at Rutherford College for year 8 students*
- December 3 - Te Atatu Christmas Parade*
- December 8 - Year 8 Graduation Ball*
- December 13 - Parakai Pools fun day*
- December 15 - Year 8 Prizegiving @1pm - Year 7s home at 12.20pm*
Year 8s last day of school for 2022
- December 16 - Only Year 7s at school - Year 7 Prizegiving @10.00am*
Year 7s to finish at 11.30am for 2022.
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- A stylized illustration of a hand holding a thick, multi-colored ribbon. The ribbon has sections of green, blue, and red. The background is light blue with some green and red curved lines, suggesting a dynamic or celebratory theme.

Have a great rest of the week!

*Ngā mihi nui,
Lloyd Evans
Tumuaki/Principal*

T.A.I Picnic tables!

Kia ora!

Te Atatu Intermediate has bought four Picnic tables for our school grounds, and for our students to enjoy. We are reaching out to our community for donations of any spare house-paint and paint brushes. Preferably bright and vibrant rainbow colours, a selection of black and white paints would be awesome!

Please bring any house-paint and paint brush donations to Room 3



Room 3 enjoying the unpainted Picnic tables.

Kind regards from
Sydney Cash, Kaleb DuRepos, and Whaea Ngaire Smith 🍷🍷