

TE ATATŪ INTERMEDIATE

Tū Tāngata

Equipping our students to stand tall: To be the best people they can be and, by becoming life-long learners, reaching their best potential.



MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau

As we head towards the last few weeks of the term and the colder weather continues in the mornings, please ensure all uniform items are clearly named, as when the day heats up, layers get shed, and our lost property continues to grow. This helps us return lost property to its rightful owners quickly and easily.

This week, 30 students are representing TAI at Sports Camp down in Matamata. We look forward to hearing about their experiences and achievements over the week, when they return. Students will be back from camp on Friday afternoon, hopefully before 2.00 pm. They will be based in the school hall upon their return.

At the end of the school term, mid year progress reports will be sent home. With the changes to the curriculum and the first time reporting these changes, you will find five progress descriptors for English and Maths, which will outline where your child's academic achievement currently fits. Information around these changes will accompany the reports to support understanding of these changes. Other curriculum areas will have a comment outlining progress. 2027 will see the implementation of both the Science and Social Science curricula, and by 2028, in primary/intermediate, all curricula will be implemented.

Finally, the annual Matariki Schools Event will be held on Thursday, 2nd July at the Te Atatū Community Centre. We are looking forward to our students participating in this special celebration, with both our Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups performing. Performance times for Te Atatū School will be shared with families as soon as this information is provided by the event organisers, and we are usually on in the afternoon.



IMPORTANT NOTES

TERM 3 CAMP

We are heavily deep in the planning stages for our upcoming Carey Park Camp, which takes place this September. The full information letter was emailed home last Friday, but we have also attached a [copy to this pānui just in case you missed it](#).

All camp financial contributions are also now live on your myKindo account. You are welcome to start making flexible instalment payments that best suit your whānau.

To ensure everything runs smoothly and safely for our tamariki, please take note of the following important updates:

- **Student Permission & Health Form:** This must be completed online for every single student attending camp.

- **Whānau Helper Form:** Our camps rely on the amazing support of our community! If you are interested in volunteering as a parent helper, please complete the form and submit your required documentation by **Tuesday, 1 July 2026**. We require these early due to the time it takes to process official Police vetting checks.

7-9 September

Rooms 2, 3, 5 & 9

9-11 September

Rooms 1, 4, 8 & 12

14-16 September

Rooms 6, 10, 11 & 15

16-18 September

Rooms 7, 13 & 14

TE ATATŪ MATARIKI FESTIVAL

Thursday, 2nd July

Come along and enjoy Kapa Haka and Pasifika performances from all of our local kura at Te Atatū Community Centre. Free Entry! TAI stage time TBC

2027 ENROLMENTS

If you have another child starting with us next year, or know of any in-zone or out-of-zone families with an upcoming enrolment, please spread the word. Enrolment forms are available on our website.

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 11th August

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Our Open Night for new whānau will be on Tuesday 11th August, 6:30 - 8:00 PM - Save the Date!

NATIONAL DANCE CHALLENGE COMP

Congratulations to all of our dancers for their incredible performances and for representing TAI with excellence. Ka mau te wehi!

'Everywhere Everything All At Once' - 3rd Place in the Intermediate School Contemporary section.

Ada R14, Violet R14, Aria R14, Sadie R14, and Coco R14.

'Loves Me, Loves Me Not' - 4th Place in the Intermediate School Lyrical section and recipients of the prestigious Shining Star Award in the Jazz section.

Cleo R15, Lucy R14, Amelie R12, and Hillary R14.

'Maybe This Time'

Madeleine R9, Isla R3, Phoebe R7, Cecelia R9, and Chloe R8.

'Confident Dancers'

Dana R1, Iaroslav R4, Jordan R12, and Maansi R4.

Congratulations to all of our dancers on their incredible performances and for representing TAI with creativity, confidence, and excellence. Ka mau te wehi!!



PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

Monday 22nd June

A reminder that class and individual school photos will be taken this coming Monday. If you would like a sibling photo taken, please ensure the online form is completed before photo day. .

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate sibling photographs where the sibling does not also attend TAI.

We look forward to seeing everyone's best smiles on Monday!

Please note that *Photolife* is not authorised to take sibling photos without a completed form

[Click here to complete the form now.](#)

ZOE R13

Book: War Games

Author: Alan Gratz

Rating: ★★★★★☆



War Games is about a gymnast named Evie from Oklahoma. In 1936, she travels to Berlin to compete in the Olympics. At first, Evie is caught up in the excitement of the Games, but she soon realises that something isn't right in Germany. When a stranger asks her to help with a dangerous illegal mission, she has to decide what to do.

I really liked War Games because it is thrilling, keeps you in suspense, and has twists around every corner. Evie has had a difficult upbringing, and I admire her strong sense of right and wrong. The characters all have complicated personalities and hidden motives, and I was always discovering something new about them.

I would definitely recommend this book to other TAI students. The mix of adventure, mystery, and the challenges the characters face during the Olympics makes it an exciting and interesting read.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

Next Friday, two fantastic teams of readers will be representing TAI in the annual Auckland Book Battle! Originally started by two Auckland librarians, this exciting quiz tournament challenges intermediate students to test their literary knowledge against other schools across the region.

Our brilliant students have put a massive amount of mahi into devouring six set novels, mostly by New Zealand authors. On the day, they will face multiple rounds of questions testing them on these specific books as well as general children's literature.

This Year's Reading List:

Ride North by Maria De Jong

Take Me To Your Leader by Leonie Agnew

Nine Girls by Stacy Gregg

War Games by Alan Gratz

Scar Town by Tristan Bancks

Pearl by Sherri Smith & Christine Norrie



LUCAS R12

Book: Ride North

Author: Maria De Jong

Rating: ★★★★★☆

Ride North is about a girl named Folly who wants to travel to Cape Reinga on her horse to spread her mum's ashes. She decides to do this because she thinks her dad has forgotten about her mum now that he has a new girlfriend.

I liked how adventurous Folly is and how there are lots of plot twists that make the story more exciting. I also liked that the animals can talk to humans because they get to share their opinions, which made the story even more interesting.

I would recommend this book to other TAI students because it's a really good read. It's not too long, and every chapter is more exciting than the last.

NETBALL WAITAKERE ROUNDS 4 & 5 RESULTS

It has been an action-packed fortnight on the courts for our TAI netballers! Over the last two weeks, our players have shown incredible grit, teamwork, and developing skill across Rounds 6 and 7. Whether securing fantastic wins or facing tough losses, the determination and positive sportsmanship from all our teams have been brilliant to see.

A massive thank you to our dedicated coaches, managers, and all the whānau who braved the sidelines to cheer our players on. We couldn't do it without your amazing support!

Here are the official results from the last two rounds of Wednesday night netball:

TE ATATŪ PULSE

Round 6: Lost 9 - 26 against St Doms Green
Round 7: Lost 14 - 37 to GEIS 7A

TE ATATŪ ONYX

Round 6: Won 15 - 5 against BBI Stars
Round 7: Won 19 - 3 against Swanson 7's

TE ATATŪ TOA

Round 6: Lost 7 - 8 to Waikōwhai Intermediate
Round 7: Won 13 - 11 against GEIS 7E

TE ATATŪ OPALS

Round 6: Won 15 - 13 against KIS Onewherowhero
Round 7: LBD

TE ATATŪ RIVALS

Round 6: Lost 8 - 17 to Waitakere Storm
Round 7: Lost 6 - 22 to Avondale Thunder

TE ATATŪ TOKI

Round 6: Won 14 - 11 against Hobsonville Scorchers
Round 7: Won 10 - 2 against St Dom's Black

TE ATATŪ MARVELS

Round 6: Won 11 - 1 against Rangeview Pango
Round 7: Lost 5 - 10 to GEIS 8G

TE ATATŪ VIPERS

Round 6: Lost 5 - 21 to ACG Sunderland
Round 7: Lost 1 - 10 to Rangeview Karaka



BASKETBALL: TAI THUNDER

TAI Thunder had a dominant performance against ACG last week, securing an impressive 20-point victory.

Last night, the team fought back from behind to earn a thrilling draw against Waitākere. An incredible final 90 seconds showcased TAI Thunder's grit and determination, with every player stepping up when it mattered most. In recognition of the outstanding team effort, all five players shared the Player of the Day honours.

A big thank you to super-sub Ben Hartland for stepping in over the past two games to cover injuries, illness, and Sports Camp commitments. We wish TAI Thunder all the very best for their semi-final against Rangeview next week. Go Thunder!



SPORTS CAMP SUPPORTED BY OUR COMMUNITY

It takes a village! A massive thank you to our local superstores, Odessa's Minimart and Fruity Fresh Te Atatū, for generously donating fruit, snacks, and water to our Sports Camp team.

The support of local businesses means so much to our students and wider school community, and we are incredibly grateful for their kindness and generosity. We encourage our TAI whānau to show their appreciation by supporting these local businesses whenever they can.

Ngā mihi nui, Odessa's Minimart and Fruity Fresh Te Atatū, for helping our tamariki thrive!

CASTING CALL FOR NEW TV SERIES "MAUI + ELVIS"

MAUI + ELVIS is a coming-of-age story about two young teens from different Indigenous cultures, on a self-discovery journey amidst an alien takeover of their favorite person - Nan. Along the way they'll discover friendship, belonging, and self-reliance, as they form a community of misfits and join forces with unlikely allies to save Nan... and the whole world.

Lighthouse Casting is searching for two rangatahi to play the leads in the show. This is an awesome opportunity for our kids to tell stories on screen in reo Māori and Pākehā.

Their social media link [here](#) and you can find the online application [here](#).

MĀŪI - the cynical brainiac

Tāne Māori

Screen age 12-13.

Kōrero te reo Māori + Pākehā Lead

Māui is a 12ish Māori tāne. He's super cautious, highly intelligent, and an only child being raised by his Nan in a small town. A bit like 'Young Sheldon', Māui possesses the same academic prowess and social awkwardness. He struggles with social norms, cues and friendships, appearing at times to be intellectually superior and unable to see the effect this has on those around him. He dresses preppy, neat and clean, and values order. Māui gets nervous when he's in unpredictable or risky situations. He has a dry sarcastic sense of humor, often layered with intellect - he's an old soul in a young body who loves to play chess.

WEB WISE @ TAI: PRIVACY SETTINGS & PASSWORD POWER

SECURING YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL WORLD

As our Year 7 and 8 students gain more independence online, ensuring their digital accounts are secure becomes a top priority. Simple settings and strong password habits can mean the difference between a safe online experience and an absolute privacy breach.

This week, we explore how whānau can help students lock down their personal information and protect their digital profiles.

PRIVACY SETTINGS 101: LOCKING THE DIGITAL FRONT DOOR

Most popular social media and gaming apps are configured by default to be public, meaning anyone in the world can view your child's content, location, and personal details.

- It is critical for whānau to sit down with their children and actively audit the privacy menus of their most-used platforms, ensuring that profiles are manually switched from public to private.
- Many modern apps feature real-time location sharing, which can inadvertently broadcast your child's exact physical coordinates to strangers if geolocation permissions are not disabled on their device.
- Restricting account interactions so that only approved, real-life friends can send direct messages or comment on posts drastically reduces the risk of unwanted stranger contact or cyberbullying.

PASSWORD POWER: THE UTILITY OF THE "PASSPHRASE"

Intermediate-aged students frequently use weak, easily guessable passwords or make the critical mistake of sharing their login credentials with peers as a sign of friendship.

- Young people need to understand that sharing a password with a friend often leads to major social drama, as accounts can be taken over, or private messages can be exposed when friendships go through a rocky patch.
- Moving away from traditional, short passwords and adopting "passphrases"—a combination of three or four random, memorable words strung together—creates a barrier that is incredibly difficult for hackers to crack.
- Utilizing a unique passphrase for every single account ensures that if one platform experiences a data breach, your child's entire digital identity across other apps remains entirely safe.

TIPS FOR WHĀNAU

- The "Friend Test": Review your child's follower list together and gently remove any accounts belonging to people they do not actually know or interact with in the real world.
- Build a Passphrase Together: Help your child invent a secure passphrase using a funny family inside joke or a sentence that is easy for them to remember but impossible for an outsider to guess.
- Audit App Permissions: Check the main settings menu on your child's smartphone or tablet to ensure that apps like TikTok or gaming platforms do not have unnecessary access to the device's camera, microphone, or contacts.

Online Safety Advice: Go to teatatu.onlinesafetyhub.nz/parent-advice and look under the "Online Safety Basics" and "Parental Controls" tiles.

APP SPOTLIGHT: SNAPCHAT

EXPERT RECOMMENDED AGE: 16+

WHAT IS SNAPCHAT?

Snapchat is a popular multimedia messaging application where users can send photos, videos, and text messages known as "snaps." The defining characteristic of the app is that these shared messages are designed to automatically disappear from the recipient's screen just a few seconds after being viewed.

WHY IS IT RATED 16+?

The Online Safety Hub recommends a minimum age of 16 due to several high-risk features baked into the core interface. First, the temporary nature of disappearing messages often gives young teenagers a false sense of security, encouraging them to send highly inappropriate, risky, or explicit content under the assumption that it leaves no trace. Furthermore, the platform heavily features a live tracking map that can easily expose an intermediate student's real-time physical location to anyone on their friend list. Finally, the app features public discovery areas and AI-driven chat tools that can surface unvetted content and facilitate unwanted interactions.



KNOWN RISKS

A primary risk of Snapchat is the false promise of permanence, as recipients can easily use a second device or quick screenshot shortcuts to save a "disappearing" photo without the sender's true control. Additionally, the integrated "Snap Map" presents serious privacy vulnerabilities if students leave it active, allowing users to trace their daily routes to school or home. Whānau should also be aware of the intense psychological pressure created by "Snapstreaks," which demands that users exchange snaps every single day to keep a digital counter alive, often driving high levels of screen anxiety.

TIPS FOR WHĀNAU

Parents should immediately open Snapchat's settings menu with their child and activate "Ghost Mode" to completely hide their location from the Snap Map interface. It is also highly recommended to alter the privacy controls so that only confirmed "My Friends" can initiate contact, blocking the public from sending direct messages or viewing your child's stories. Finally, talk to your child about the reality of digital permanence, reminding them to never capture or send an image that they wouldn't want saved, screenshotted, or shared permanently.

- [Click here for the full expert review: teatatu.onlinesafetyhub.nz/parent/reviews/snapchat](https://teatatu.onlinesafetyhub.nz/parent/reviews/snapchat)

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CAREY PARK CAMP, TERM 3, 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau o Te Atatū Intermediate,

We're excited to announce that our annual camp programme is fast approaching! This year, our students will be heading to Carey Park Camp, Henderson Valley for three days of adventure, challenge, and fun.

WHERE?

Carey Park Camp
397 Henderson Valley Road, Waitākere, Auckland

WHY CAMP?

Camp is an important part of our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) programme. It provides students with opportunities to:

- Experience new and exciting activities.
- Build friendships and strengthen teamwork.
- Develop resilience and confidence.
- Learn to take safe risks and solve problems.
- Challenge themselves in a supportive environment.

Our aim is for every child to return with a sense of pride, achievement, and lasting memories.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Students will stay in gender-separated dormitories and participate in a range of carefully planned activities led by trained camp instructors, alongside our teachers and parent helpers.

Over the three days, students will take part in team-building, cooperative, and personal challenge activities designed to encourage growth, independence, and fun.

CAMP DATES

Camp 1 - Kea Syndicate

Rooms 2, 3, 5, 9

Monday 7 September - Wednesday 9 September

Camp 2 - Kā kāpō Syndicate

Rooms 1, 4, 8, 12

Wednesday 9 September - Friday 11 September

Camp 3 - Kaiawa Syndicate

Rooms 6, 10, 11, 15

Monday 14 September - Wednesday 16 September

Camp 4 - Tūi Syndicate

Rooms 7, 13, 14

Wednesday 16 September - Friday 18 September

COST

The cost of the Carey Park experience is **\$330 per student**. This includes accommodation, all meals, camp activities and qualified instructors. The school will cover all bus transport costs.

Please note that students requiring a special diet will incur an additional \$48 dietary fee.

Funds raised through our Colour Run have already been credited to your child's Kindo camp account. If no camp payment is showing, congratulations—your fundraising has covered the full cost of camp!

Kindo is our preferred payment method. If you would like to discuss payment arrangements, require an alternative payment option, or need assistance setting up a Kindo account, please contact Kohle Rooney in the office -kohle.r@teatatu.school.nz

TRANSPORT

Students and parent helpers will travel to and from camp by bus.

Monday-Wednesday Camps

Depart school: 9.30am Monday / Return to school: approximately 1.30pm Wednesday

Wednesday-Friday Camps

Depart school: 12.30pm Wednesday / Return to school: approximately 2.30pm Friday

A text message will be sent on the day of return with an updated estimated arrival time. Students can be collected from the school hall.



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GOOGLE FORMS

STUDENT PERMISSION & HEALTH INFORMATION FORM

[CLICK HERE](#)

A Student Permission and Health Information Form must be completed for every child attending camp.

If you have any questions regarding the health form, please contact Ms Britannia Sio - britannia.s@teatatu.school.nz

WHĀNAU HELPERS FORM

[CLICK HERE](#)

We warmly welcome parents and whānau who are able to volunteer their time to help make camp a success.

If you are interested in attending as a parent helper, please complete the form and submit all required documentation by Tuesday 1st July, 2026.

Should we receive more volunteers than places available, a ballot will be held to determine attendees. Successful parent helpers will be notified early in Term Three and invited to a camp information meeting before departure.

We look forward to another fantastic camp season and thank you for your continued support in providing these valuable learning opportunities for our tamariki.

CAREY PARK CAMP PACKING LIST

- BEDDING**
 - Sleeping bag
 - Pillow
 - Single fitted sheet
 - Extra blanket
- CLOTHING**
 - Waterproof jacket
 - Warm jersey or polar fleece
 - 2 pairs of shoes (1 wet, 1 dry)
 - Jandals for shower
 - Socks (4 pairs)
 - Underwear (1 per day)
 - Thermals
 - 2 pairs shorts
 - 2 pairs trackpants/trousers
 - 3 T-shirts
 - Sweatshirt
 - Pyjamas
 - Swimming togs
 - Wetsuit (optional)
- PERSONAL ITEMS**
 - 2 towels
 - Face cloth
 - Toothbrush & toothpaste
 - Soap & shampoo
 - Hairbrush/comb & ties
 - Personal medication (give to camp leader)
- MISCELLANEOUS**
 - Daypack/school bag
 - Packed lunch & drink (Day 1)
 - Named drink bottle
 - Plastic bags for wet gear
 - Torch & spare batteries
 - Hat & sunscreen
 - Insect repellent
 - Book or playing cards

PLEASE DO NOT BRING
Cell phones or digital devices • Soft/energy drinks • Money • Jewellery or valuables



CAMP CAREY

CHECKLIST

BEDDING

- ▶ SLEEPING BAG
- ▶ PILLOW
- ▶ SINGLE FITTED SHEET TO COVER MATTRESS
- ▶ EXTRA BLANKET
- ▶ _____
- ▶ _____

PERSONAL ITEMS

- ▶ 2 TOWELS
- ▶ FACE CLOTH
- ▶ TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, SHAMPOO
- ▶ HAIR BRUSH/COMB, HAIR TIES
- ▶ PERSONAL MEDICATION- TO BE DETAILED ON THE MEDICAL FORM AND HANDED IN TO CAMP LEADER

CLOTHING

- ▶ WATERPROOF JACKET
- ▶ 1 WOOLLEN JERSEY OR POLAR FLEECE TOP
- ▶ 2 PAIRS OF OUTDOOR/RUNNING SHOES (ONE FOR DRY ACTIVITIES, ONE FOR WET ACTIVITIES)
- ▶ JANDALS (FOR THE SHOWER)
- ▶ SOCKS X 4
- ▶ UNDERWEAR (ENOUGH FOR EACH DAY)
- ▶ THERMALS
- ▶ 2 PAIRS OF SHORTS
- ▶ 2 PAIRS OF TROUSERS (TRACK PANTS ARE BEST - JEANS ARE NOT SUITABLE)
- ▶ 3 T-SHIRTS
- ▶ SWEATSHIRT
- ▶ PYJAMAS
- ▶ SWIMMING TOGS
- ▶ WETSUIT (IF YOU HAVE ONE OR CAN BORROW ONE)

MISCELLANEOUS

- ▶ DAYPACK/SCHOOL BAG
- ▶ PACKED LUNCH AND DRINK FOR THE FIRST DAY
- ▶ DRINK BOTTLE- NAMED
- ▶ PLASTIC BAGS FOR DIRTY AND WET GEAR
- ▶ TORCH WITH SPARE BATTERIES
- ▶ HAT AND SUNSCREEN
- ▶ INSECT REPELLENT
- ▶ A BOOK/PLAYING CARDS

DO NOT BRING:
(ANY OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE CONFISCATED AND RETURNED AFTER CAMP)
CELL PHONES OR ANY DIGITAL DEVICES, SOFT DRINKS/ENERGY DRINKS, MONEY, JEWELLERY OR ANY VALUABLES.