

# TŪ TANGATA

## Te Atatū Intermediate School

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Samoan Language Week, a special greeting to you all. This week's theme is "Weave an environment for a better future". Manuia tele le vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa. Afio mai, susu mai, tala mai a'a'. "O le lagagale si'osi'omaga mo se lumana'i manuia.

Our school has a diverse range of wonderful cultures and we love to celebrate our students and their backgrounds. This week we celebrate wonderful Samoa, with Samoan language week. Whaea Tere and Mrs Satele and students have organised some fantastic events this week. Faafetai.

A special 'Thank you!' to you all for supporting us as a staff and school with our national day of strike action on Wednesday. This is my 24th year in education, and I have never seen the likes of Wednesday's striking with both primary and secondary combining. Let's hope the government has listened! Again, we do appreciate the disruption caused to your family due to the action taken. As parents, you are our greatest ambassadors and we want the best for your children.

Ngā mihi,  
Lloyd Evans, Principal

### Board of Trustees elections

Nominations for the Te Atatu Intermediate Board of Trustees closed last Friday 24th May at 12 noon. We have seven candidates nominated, requiring parents to vote for the five positions available on the Board. Candidate statements and voting papers are now in the process of being sent out to all parents of students currently at TAI, or Year 6 parents of our contributing in zone schools.

All votes must be returned by noon, Friday 7th June. Papers can be returned to the school office, or sent in the return envelopes. If sent via post, please make sure that it is in the post by the 6th June.

All candidate statements can also be viewed on our website. Any questions or queries, please contact our Returning Officer, Linda Squires on [linda.s@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:linda.s@teatatu.school.nz).

### Samoan language

Our school at TAI are hosting Kowhai Intermediate School on Thursday to showcase our talents through song, dance, bible readings, games and of course food.

O le matou a'oga i le TAI o lo'o fa'apitoa i le kolisi a Kowhai Intermediate ile Aso Tofi e fa'aalia a matou taleni e aia i pese, siva, faitauga Tusi, taaloga ma mea'ai. O se valaaulia tatala lenei mo o tatou aiga uma TAI eo mai ma fiafia i le faafiafiaga ia i tatou i le Aso Tofi.

### St John's in school visits

In week 7 (June 10-14) we welcome the ASB St John in Schools Programme, run by a Community Educator. The programme aims to develop confident young Kiwi kids who care for the health and wellbeing of their communities. Each class will have one 1.5 hour session, and we are asking for a gold coin donation for St John. The sessions deliver positive learning experiences to empower children to prevent injuries and respond to emergencies. Students will be learning a range of valuable skills, including first aid and CPR.

If you do not wish for your child to take part in the session, please send a note to your child's classroom teacher.

### Breakfast Club

Every Tuesday to Friday from 8.15 am in the morning, students are able to visit the Food Tech room for breakfast. Anyone is welcome. Toast and cereals are on offer for any student. We don't want anyone to miss out on starting the day with a full stomach.  
Miss Perry and Mrs Brailsford.

### Netball news

A very special "Thank you" to all the parents and coaches who are committing themselves to our school netball teams by coaching and supporting!

There was no netball this week due to strike action. Games for this round will now be played on Monday the 10th of June instead.

### KEY DATES TERM 2

- 27-31 May - Samoan language week
- 30 May - Samoan Celebration day
- 30 May - Boys Waitakere Zone Football
- 6 June - Autumn music show case, 6pm
- 10-14 June - St John's safety class sessions
- 18 June - Netball Waitakere Zone

## Rugby news

On Thursday our under 55 kg team travelled to the Waitemata Rugby Club to compete in the Western Zone Rugby Competition. We played four games finishing second in all four. I was impressed with the progress the team made during the day especially on defence, losing the last game in the final minute to a team who earlier in the day had beat us by 20 points. All games were played with great sportsmanship and all 24 players did their best and were great ambassadors for our school. We would like to thank our supports providing transport, for their positive encouragement and the odd plate of chips. Mr Collins.

Player of the day: Michael Stuart. Try of the day: Team try finished by Stevie Tanenui Brown. Defensive Player of the day: Caleb Murphy.

## Immunisations

We have checked our student management system for any students that may not be immunised, especially with the current spread of measles that are now in Auckland.

If you have had your child immunised against Measles since you handed in your enrolment forms from which we get our information, could you please let the school office know so we can update our records.

## Super Stan - School Production

### THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF SUPER STAN

Rehearsals are now well-underway for this year's production. The students are working hard and are busy learning lines and characters, and having lots of fun along the way. Next term we will start working on the chorus and will start to tie everything together.

We are now ready to start on our costumes and props. This is a big job and we will be relying on help from our wonderful community to design, create and fit costumes and props for each of the characters. If you are interested in being part of this group please contact Lyn Northwood [lyn.n@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:lyn.n@teatatu.school.nz)

## Football news

Last Tuesday 21 May, 13 Year 7/8 girls represented the school at the Zone Football day. We played hard and won three games, which resulted in the team making the final against Glen Eden Intermediate. Even though the girls played really well, unfortunately TAI lost. This means that we were 2nd overall in West Auckland. All the girls were players of the day and represented the school really well. Special thanks to all the parents who came and supported. By Lucy Ellis

## MARINE METRE SQUARED

The GATE science students are participating in a nationwide citizen science project called Marine Metre Squared. On Wednesday the 15th of May at the morning low tide they surveyed our local mudflats at Orangihina, Harbour View to find out about the species that live between the tides.

They worked alongside Dr Mels Barton the coordinator from the Marine Metre Squared project. We also had help from Sophie from Community Waitakere's environmental team and Auckland Zoo's education outreach team led by Frazer Dale. The students have now entered their data onto the national database and we have compared it to the data found by the 2018 GATE class. In Term Four the students will repeat the survey at the site to monitor any changes. A huge thank you to everyone involved with the morning and especially to Parth's Mum for her help.

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