

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tēnā koutou parents and whānau.

We had a very successful athletics day yesterday here at school. Normally we head to Ramlea Park to do our athletics day, however, due to the weather forecast, we decided to do as much as we could at school before the rain came. As typical in Auckland, the forecasted heavy rain never eventuated and we ended up having a great day at school completing all activities. It was great to see parent support and the students participated superbly during the day. The highlight was the final student waka relay, where Takitumu narrowly pipped Tainui for the win, followed by Aotea and Te Arawa. We certainly have some talented athletes.

On a different note, if any year 8 students are wishing to donate their uniform to the school, we do a 2nd hand uniform sale for incoming whanau, which will be 9.30-11.30am on Monday 16th December. Any year 8 students who donate their uniform will be able to attend school in mufti from donation day. Uniform can be donated between Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th December.

Tuesday night saw a very successful 10 year concert band reunion, where current students in the band programmes combined with students from the last 10 years in a mega band of around 100 students. A special thanks to Mr Davenport and Mr Barros for organising an impressive night of music.

Finally, please note that the Whanau hui originally set for tonight, will now be held on Tuesday 10th December. This will be for our current year 7 students and also as an introduction for our 2020 intake.

Ngā mihi

Lloyd Evans, Principal

Feedback from Health/PE survey

Further to the last newsletter, I was going to share some key areas that came through in the comments. The following areas came through in a number of comments.

Dealing with social media/technology - This is a massive, continually growing area where issues of social media can spill over into school. We will be looking at this in 2020 through our class programmes, along with other appropriate uses of technology in general to keep students safe. As a school we will be using Hapara, which is a system where teachers can monitor and set tasks similar to google class. We have some teachers trialling it this year, ready to implement school wide in 2020.

Student wellbeing issues - This message came through quite often also. We do already focus on developing resilience and a growth mindset, but will also include other areas to promote wellbeing and wellness for students. This will also be addressed through our Life Education programme in 2020. This also incorporates addressing any bullying concerns and we will include our anonymous survey to all students.

Prizegiving /End of Year

A reminder of the change to how we will be organising our prize-givings this year. Due to roll growth, we are too big to have a full school prize-giving. Therefore this year, there is a change;

Year 8 Prizegiving - Tuesday 17 December at 1.15pm in the school hall. (Year 7s finish at 12.20pm on this day.)

Year 7 Prizegiving - Wednesday 18 December at 1.15pm in the school hall. (Year 8s will finish for the year at 12.20pm on this day.)

School will finish on Thursday 19 December at 12.20 pm. ONLY YEAR 7S AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.

Year 8 Sweatshirts & Tees

A reminder from Mrs Clarke - Year 8 Graduating sweatshirts / T-shirts payment. All expression of intention to purchase the Year 8 leavers sweatshirt should now be in. A reminder please that all payments for the sweatshirt (\$50) and T-shirt (\$10) must be paid by **FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER** at the latest. There are **3 ways to pay**; Via **Kindo** - this can be accessed via school website; **Cash** - paid either to Ms Clarke -Room 10 or to the office; **School bank account** -School Bank Details:

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

Art Exhibition

Our year 7 students have been busy making **artworks for an exhibition** at AUT University of Technology. The opening will be on Saturday 16th November 3 pm-5 pm with interactive art-making workshops. This exhibition will run from the 16th of November to - 24th of November. AUT, 4th Floor, WM Building, St Paul Street, Auckland CBD.

A list of participating students' names will be sent out prior to the event.

MOTAT @ TAI

The **MOTAT Steam Cell** (<https://www.motat.org.nz/learn/steam-cells>) is going to visit Te Atatu Intermediate in Week 7 of this term (**25th to 29th of November**). Each class will have a 1.5 hour session with MOTAT instructors. The cost per student to take part in the session is \$4.50 (usual price \$10). This can be paid online via KINDO or to the class teacher.

KEY DATES TERM 4

Tue 19 Nov - Waitakere Zone Athletics

Wed 20 Nov - Room 10 to Jump

Mon 25 - Fri 29 Nov - MOTAT @ TAI

Thu 28 Nov - Summer Music Concert

Fri 6 Dec - Year 8 Ball

Tue 10 Dec - Whanau hui night for Yr 7s and Yr 6s coming in 2020
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.