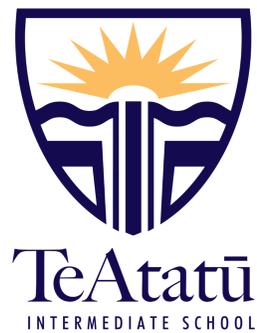


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Te Atatū Intermediate School



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tēnā koutou parents and whānau.

As this is the final newsletter for the 2019 year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents, whanau and friends of the school for your support in what has been a very successful year. As I come to the end of my first year as Principal of Te Atatū Intermediate, I am very proud of the students and the learning achieved across the year. Within all areas of the curriculum, students have excelled in so many ways and it has been a real pleasure to see these successes across many different areas of academics, sport, performance and music.

To our year 8 whanau who are moving on, we wish you all the very best and know that the platform has been set for great success at high school and beyond. We will miss you very much, yet we know that you are all ready for the next stage and challenge. We farewell parents for who this may be the last association you have with Te Atatū Intermediate.

To our returning year 7 whānau, this has been a great year to settle in and our hope is that the students take every opportunity to grow and develop as a new decade arrives.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous year ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

Lloyd Evans,
Principal /Tumuaki

Farewells in 2019

With a new year just around the corner, we have farewells that we sadly must do. At the end of next week we say farewell to the following staff members;

Ryun Madenokoji Sensei - after four years at TAI, we farewell Sensei. His contribution towards the school has been massive and we will all miss him very much. His contribution within Hapori, to the school website and his impressive skills in ICT have been stunning and he leaves a huge gap to fill. Sayonara Sensei - we wish you all the very best for your future with your further studies and eminent move back to Japan.

Mr Mica Prazak - Mr Mica has been teaching in Room 11 this year, and he leaves us to follow his heart to South Africa, where he will be involved in a voluntary charity organisation. His enthusiasm and dedication to his class has been much appreciated throughout the year. I know that he will take many fond memories of New Zealand and especially Te Atatu with him. We wish him safe travels.

Mr Ethan Nisbett - Ethan has been a teacher aide with us this term to help support our students. We have enjoyed having him as part of our school staff and his sporting prowess has been much appreciated by the staff and especially the students.

Prizegiving week 10

Next week, we have separate prize givings for year 7s and 8s. Unfortunately, we are now too big to be all together, yet still wanted students to celebrate the successes over the year. Please note the different dates for each prizegiving.

Year 8 Prizegiving - Tuesday 17 December starting at 1.15pm in the school hall. Year 8s will be able to wear a more formal mufti on this day, as some will have donated uniforms. (Year 7s finish school at 12.20pm on this day)

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

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

Changes in 2020

We have a few personnel and classroom changes in 2020 to make you aware of;

Mr Syd Andrews will be moving from Room 16 into the Technology area as a specialist Technology teacher. He will be teaching ICT, coding and robotics. I have asked Mr Andrews if he could support the emerging area of the Digital Technology Curriculum and he has grudgingly agreed, telling me he will definitely miss his Year 7 students who he is very fond of.

Mr Tony Nemaia also joins us in 2020 in a full time capacity and he will be in Room 2. Mr Andrews Year 7 students will join Mr Nemaia for 2020. **Mr Myan Subrayan** will become the new Room 13 class teacher in Hapori with Mrs Chung.

Mr Matthew Johnson will be teaching in Room 11 next year, taking on Mr Mica's current Year 7 students.

Ms Katie Ross will become our new Performing Arts teacher focusing on the area of Dance and Drama.

Finally, **Mrs Clarke**, along with her Year 7s move classes next door from Room 10 to Room 16, and **Mrs Stoddard** will move from Room 2 to Room 10 with her Year 7 students. All other classes remain the same for 2020.

Year 8 sweatshirts

The sweatshirts and T-shirts have all now arrived and students will be issued them before the end of the week. They are able to wear them from the time of issue and the design was created by TAI students.

A huge thanks to **Ms Ward** and her team for creating the design and **Mrs Clarke** for the organisation.

It would be a good idea to name the sweatshirts/ Tee shirts as over 100 students have purchased them.

Extra Extra

Over the course of the holidays, we will send out to you information around Year 8s starting back in 2020. We have gone with an online stationery this year through **Eeny Meeny** (www.schoolpacks.co.nz) and this will all be in the letter that will arrive mid January. A reminder that Year 8s will start on **Tuesday 4th February, 2020** and will need to meet on the covered court at 8.30 am, ready for the new school year.

KEY DATES TERM 4

Mon 16 Dec - Parakai Pools day

Tue 17 Dec - Year 8 prizegiving (please be seated by 1.05pm.)
Year 7s home at 12.20pm

Wed 18 Dec - Year 8s finish for year at 12.20pm. Year 7 Prizegiving afternoon starts at 1.15pm (please be seated by 1.05 pm.)

Thu 19 Dec - Year 7s finish for year at 12.20pm

***2020 - Year 8s start Tuesday 4 February**