



NEWSLETTER/PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa o Te Atatu Intermediate whanau.

Welcome to our first newsletter for the year. A huge, 'Thank you' parents for the way in which your child has returned to school and adapted to the changes that the Red Light setting entails. Year 7 parents, we have put a short snippet of our welcome whakataua from last week which can be viewed on the website!

It was fantastic to welcome back our Year 8s after the summer break.

Introducing TAI Staff 2022

Room 1: Amorangi Ngata Atkins

Room 2: Matthew Banks

Room 3: Ngaire Smith

Room 4: Tere Tamarua

Room 5: Chris Goold

Room 6: Lyn Northwood

Room 7: Nathan Morkel

Room 8: Peter Goodwin

Room 9: Marie Satele

Room 10: Pamela Stoddard

Room 11: Matthew Johnson

Room 13: Jordan Vale

Room 14: Cheryl McKeown

Room 15: Morgann Price

Room 16: Shel Chung

Art: Cathlin Ward

Science: Amber Aratema

Performing Arts: Tania Kingi

Music: Francisco Barros

Workshop 1:Wood: Bruce Edwards

Workshop 2:Metal: Steve Collins

Creative Media: Michael Davidson

Food Technology: Geraldine Brailsford

Katy Perry

SENCO: Angela Collins

Principal: Lloyd Evans

Deputy Principal: Kelly Clarke

Deputy Principal: Britannia Sio

Support Staff 2022

Office Administrators: Linda Squires, Helen D'Souza (**Wed - Fri**) Kohle Rooney (**Mon /Tue**)

Caretaker: Tony Balogh

Librarian: Karen Dobbs

Teacher Aide: Wendy Pihema

Teacher Aide: Presheen Sukhdoe

Teacher Aide: Sharon Denyer

Teacher Aide: Trudi Hargreaves

Teacher Aide: Jesse Kingi

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Board of Trustees - We are very fortunate to have a committed and stable Board. Our Board members again opted into the Ministry of Education's scheme whereby the MoE allocates funding to schools for curriculum related expenses. Therefore we do not ask parents for a parent donation or school or Technology fees. Activities such as music, netball or after school teams that are selected by students will incur a cost.

Our Board members consist of **Mike Hirst (Chair), Nathan Hooker (Treasurer), Chris Larking, Hayley McNickle, Amy Fraser and Darren White**. Our staff representative is **Tere Tamarua**, who is also an Across Schools Liaison in our Te Atatu Community of Learning/ Kahui Ako.

Red Light Covid system - Under the current red light system, our priority is for the safety of all on site - students and staff. We have a number of plans in place to ensure that this occurs. We are also making sure that student learning is continuing, with routines and procedures to create a normal as possible timetable. As part of this process, the main change for us is that we are **currently operating as 4 Mini-schools (Rooms 1-4 / Rooms 5-8 / Rooms 9-11/16 / Rooms 13-15)**- each with designated teachers attached and designated playground areas that rotate each day. Our aim is to make sure that should Covid transmissions occur at TAI, we can mostly continue with only disruptions to the affected class or Mini school.

Music - Next **Thursday 17th February**, there will be a Music Information Meeting which will be **held online via Google Meet** for parents interested in their child learning an instrument this year. More information will come out next week - look for the 2022 Music Welcome letter next week which will have more information.

Property update - Over the last few months, we have had a number of projects completed within the school. Our new Turf courts outside Room 9 have been completed allowing more capacity for basketball and volleyball. A number of buildings were painted over the holidays and at the end of last year, the covered areas outside of Rooms 6-8 and Science and Art were painted and re-covered. Significant drainage was also carried out, including to our playground. Due to Covid delays, the playground/ fitness equipment will be getting new bark next Wednesday so students will be able to use this from next Thursday. The middle of the year will see extensive renovations to our administration/ sick bays and staffroom areas as well as a full refurbishment of the Science and Art Rooms.

Tuck shop - Unfortunately, as a result of the lockdown last year, our tuck shop providers were unable to continue. Currently we do not have a tuck shop. We are using this time to investigate other options for students to order lunch. We will keep you posted and hope to have something in place soon. In the meantime, students will need to bring their lunch with them, or buy their lunch at the shops on the way to school. Please can **all** students bring a water bottle to school filled with water during the red light setting.

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Uniform - It has been great to see the students in their uniforms. Please could all items of uniform be named, with a room number so we can get lost items back to the owner. All lost property will be kept in Room 9 with Mrs Satele and that is the first port of call for lost items. Black or brown sandals can also be worn during the warmer months.

Finally, newsletters are **fortnightly** on a Thursday, and will be emailed to parents. A small number of hard copy newsletters are also sent to classes for those unable to access email.

Should you not be receiving these newsletters, it will mean that we don't have your correct details. Could you please let the office staff or your child's teacher know so that we can input the correct information in our system.

Kia pai te wiki, Have a fantastic rest of the week!

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal/Tumuaki

Community News

Waitakere Learning Support (Teacher Aide) Programme

Waitakere Improving School Attendance Programme is continuing our "Return to the Workforce" programmes for parents who currently receive the Sole Parent Support benefit.

We are able to employ 12 **Learning Support (Teacher Aides)** to work in one of the following schools: **Henderson Intermediate; Konini Primary; Liston College; Rangeview Intermediate; Te Atatu Intermediate; and Waitakere SDA School.**

The positions are for a **26 week fixed term period** (excluding school holidays) commencing **Monday 14th March 2022**. The projects are partially funded by Work and Income through the Ministry of Development Flexi-Wage Project in the Community. The rate of pay will be \$21.84 per hour (A Grade, Step 1 Teacher Aide Collective Agreement).

Please see below for full information - Applications can be collected from the TAI main office or email margaret@isap.org.nz for more information.

**WAITAKERE LEARNING SUPPORT (TEACHER AIDE) PROGRAMME
AND ENVIROSCHOOLS LEARNING SUPPORT AIDE PROGRAMME**

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We are also able to employ 2 **Enviroschools Learning Support Aides**, one at **Flanshaw Road Primary**, and one at **Konini Primary**.

The 20 hours of work for both programmes is during normal school hours.

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Successful **Learning Support** applicants will develop learning support/ teacher aide skills through working with teachers and students in a classroom, supporting literacy, numeracy and general learning needs; and preparing teaching resources and other duties as requested by the school. A job description and training will be provided by each school.

Successful **Enviroschools Learning Support Aides** will receive training in the Enviroschools kaupapa and related content, including waste, horticulture, gardening and preparing food skills, pests, biodiversity, energy and water conservation through a network of resources as well as from Enviroschools and Auckland Council Sustainable Schools. General Learning Support/Teacher Aide skills will also be developed as an essential part of the role.

PLEASE NOTE: It is mandatory to be double vaccinated against Covid-19 to work in schools and successful applicants will be required to provide proof of vaccinations. Successful applicants must also complete a satisfactory police vet and to be available for interviews during the week Monday 21st – Friday 25th February.

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please collect an information pack and application form from the school offices listed above or email margaret@isap.org.nz for the information.

Please either deliver the completed application to any one of the above schools’ offices or email your application to margaret@isap.org.nz

Applications close Friday 18th February 2022 at 12 noon.

All inquiries to: Margaret Campbell, Manager, Waitakere Improving School Attendance Programme.

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