

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 come to the end of the first term, it's a great time to pause and reflect on the fantastic progress our students have made. The Year 8s have truly been leading the way, showing leadership, determination, and a strong work ethic. Meanwhile, our Year 7s are settling in wonderfully and following the excellent example set by their peers. It's been an exciting start to the year, and we're thrilled to see everyone embracing the opportunities available to them.

Every Monday at assembly, we highlight students who have represented or displayed our core values, and it has been very pleasing to see this in action – as evidenced by our non-uniform day last week, which was a result of the positive learning taking place.

There have been numerous opportunities for growth and development so far, with many more exciting prospects to look forward to in the next term. A highlight this year will be our school-wide production of Moana. Term 2 will be our mahi term as we build towards this amazing show at the end of Term 3.

A huge thank you to all parents who attended the recent student-led conferences. We hope you found the opportunity to witness your child's learning journey so far both valuable and insightful. Our aim is to show where each student is currently at and to help them identify what they would like to achieve over the remainder of the year. It was great to see so many families actively engaged in understanding where their child is now and where they aim to go next. Again, thank you for supporting your child's learning journey - we had a 77% turnout for these conferences.

As we head towards the holidays, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy the Easter break and take the time to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term. A reminder: School resumes for Term 2 on Monday, 28 April.

Ngā hararei koa – Enjoy the holidays!



IMPORTANT NOTES

POSITIVE PUBERTY PLUS

In week 4 of next term, Nest Consulting will visit our school to deliver the 'Positive Puberty Plus' programme. This Puberty Education & Empowerment Programme is designed to be positive, engaging, interactive and informative. A one-hour whānau hui will be held on **15th May at 6:30pm** for those wanting more information. Please click [Join Zoom Meeting](#) For more information please visit the [NEST website](#) where you can view the [Lesson Plan](#) or their [Facebook page](#). If you **do not** wish for your child to participate, please complete this [form](#). Unless we receive your response, your child will be included.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday 5th May 2025

Photolife will be at TAI at the start of Term 2 to take class, individual, and sibling photos. Keep an eye on your emails, as once the photos are taken, a Photo Keycode will be emailed to you. You can use your unique Photo Keycode to view your child's photos at www.photolife.co.nz. Orders placed before the Free Delivery Expiry Date will be bulk printed and delivered to the school for your child to bring home. Be sure to check the Bulk Expiry Date when you go online to view your child's photos. If you would like to request a sibling photo form, please email [Kohle](#) in the office.

ORTHODONTICS

INFORMATION EVENING

When: Tuesday 29th April

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: McIntosh Dental, 43 Lincoln Rd

Cost: Free (free on-site parking)

McIntosh Dental in Henderson is inviting whānau from TAI to their free seminar event on April 29th for parents and caregivers of children aged 5-18 years who have questions or concerns about their child's teeth or orthodontic care.

Presented by their highly experienced dentist Dr Milan Raniga, an accredited Invisalign provider who has treated over 2,500 orthodontic patients. This relaxed and informative evening will cover:

- When and why children might need braces
- Types of orthodontic treatments available (including Invisalign)
- Expected results and treatment timelines
- The cost of treatment and how to get started

This is a unique opportunity for families to gain expert guidance and ask all their orthodontic questions without obligation or pressure. Parents are welcome to attend with or without their children.

Everyone who attends will receive a complimentary orthodontic consultation and x-ray (valued at \$233), redeemable at any of our three practices, McIntosh Dental (Henderson), Fraser Dental (Hobsonville), or Titirangi Village Dental.

Whānau can [RSVP HERE](#) to reserve their free spot.

POKÉMON BRISBANE

Sebastian R14 competed in the Brisbane Pokémon Regional Championship last weekend, placing 4th out of 55 competitors from the Asian Pacific region, which is his best result yet. He is now preparing for the next tournament, where he aims to build on his result and climb even higher. Congratulations, Sebastian!

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Are you ready to make a difference? Train to be a teacher with us in 2026 through a school-based initial teacher education programme.

The Teachers' Institute's Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary, School-based) offers you the chance to gain teacher registration in just one year, while learning hands-on at our school every day. This programme is perfect for anyone considering a career change, returning to work after a break, or even after an OE.

What's more, trainees receive a stipend and pay no tuition fees for the year.

Applications for the 2026 cohort open on 1 April 2025. For more information, visit teachersinstitute.org.nz.

2025 ZESPRI AIMS GAMES

We currently have five students entered across several events, and spots are filling up fast – Mountain Biking is already full! If you're considering entering, please don't delay.

Entries close 28th May, so make sure to act quickly.

If you're keen or have any questions, get in touch with Matua Tony.

[Click here for a full list of sports students can compete in.](#)

Please note: while Te Atatū Intermediate fully supports student participation in AIMS, fees, transport, and accommodation are the responsibility of families. However, we're more than happy to assist with the administration side of entries.



AUTUMN MUSIC SHOWCASE

TE ATATŪ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HALL
THURSDAY 29 MAY
6:30 PM

FEATURING
ADVANCED BAND
BEGINNER BAND
VIOLIN ENSEMBLE
PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
ROCK BANDS

STAFF NEWS

Whoops! Mr. Vale is actually in the Solomon Islands (not Papua New Guinea). He has been keeping everyone at school updated with a special Google Classroom. Here's his latest post:

"Greeeeeeeeetings TAI, I'm sure some of you know, but Auckland City FC are through to the final of the Oceania Champions League! The final game will kick off on Saturday at 7pm NZ time. I know most of you are just scrolling on the Tikky Tokky. Grammy, Snappy, or Bloxing it up with friends, so I'm sure you can pause those things and tune in to watch.

Here are a video and photo of the stadium before the game, [highlights of the game](#), and some pictures at a very nice Chinese restaurant they have here in Honiara. One of our players, Tong Zhou, is Chinese, and the owner of this restaurant invited him and the team to come eat dinner. It was a great experience! There was an automatic Lazy Susan (That's the name of the revolving circle in the middle), very good food, and very good tea!

Just so you know that I'm working very hard in between my training sessions and games, I have included a video of an intense work out at the gym I do often. I hope you enjoy.

Shout outs: Thank you to Eliana, Emma L, Jett, Salman, Cadie, Liam O'Donnell, Griffin, and Amos for sending lovely words of encouragement. Special Shout Out To Jett, Jack, Jude, Violet, Mia, Amos and Kevin for sending a video of them chanting my Auckland City fan song into a camera, and sending me the video!

It was very lovely, and I think I should post it here for everyone to see how great it is? What does everyone think? Okay bye for now,
Mr Jordan Henry Vale."



DANCE & DRAMA WITH WHAEA TANIA

This term in Drama, our unit is inspired by our values – *Whanaungatanga*, *Atawhai*, *Kaitiakitanga*, and *Ako*. Students are exploring these themes through the creation of black and white silent films, drawing inspiration from the classic silent comedian era, such as Charlie Chaplin.

Each group selects one or two key values to focus on, using themes like courage, friendship, justice, or resilience as the foundation for their storylines.

Through this creative process, students develop their ability to collaborate effectively in groups, adapt to a variety of character roles, and bring stories to life without dialogue—all while having plenty of fun along the way!



HARD MATERIALS WITH MR DEMPSEY

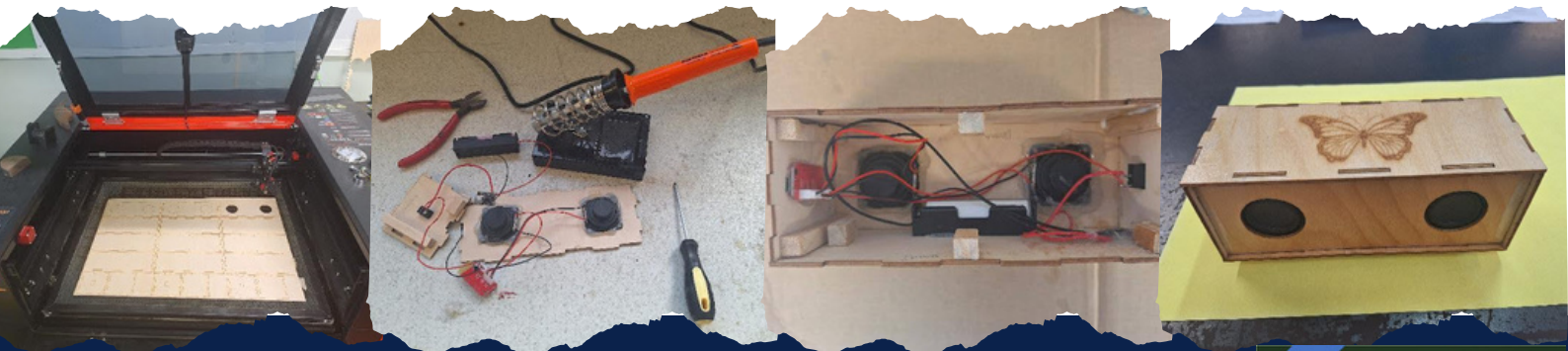
It's been an exciting start to the year in Hard Materials! Students have had the opportunity to work with a brand-new laser cutting machine and learn from our new Technology teacher, who's been guiding them through the ropes.

The big challenge this term? Creating their very own Portable Speaker Project—a hands-on build combining creativity, electronics, and craftsmanship.

Along the way, students have been developing key skills, including:

- Measuring and marking out accurately
- Assembling electronic circuits and soldering
- Manipulating digital files for laser etching
- Using wood glue effectively
- Applying oil finishes to wooden surfaces

Keep an ear out—our first batch of these handcrafted wooden speaker boxes is nearly ready to hit the airwaves!



BEACH CLEAN UP

On 4th May from 10AM - 12PM Earth Action Trust are hosting a beach clean-up, starting from Te Atatū Roosters Rugby League Club.

This family-friendly event is an opportunity to connect, take action, and promote responsible waste disposal in a supportive and empowering environment. This event is organised by Charlotte Mundell, Te Atatū Roosters Rugby League Club along with Earth Action Trust.

Check out <https://earthactiontrust.org.nz/> for more information or [click here to register now for free!](#)



With Term 1 coming to an end, there's so much to celebrate about our amazing tamariki and the awesome opportunities that TAI Hākinakina (Sports) has delivered this term.

But before we dive into the highlights, a massive congratulations to all those who represented TAI over the past two weeks at the Orienteering Zones, Ki-o-Rahi, Auckland Swimming Champs, and the Auckland Regional Orienteering Champs.

A special shoutout to Colin R7 who placed 4th and Eliana R15 who placed 7th—an incredible achievement against top schools like St Kentigern, Glen Eden, Ponsonby, Blockhouse Bay, Baradene, and Northcross (who alone had 130 students in the Sprint Series!).

Reflecting on the massive range of sports we had this term, including Tag, Swimming, Tennis, Cricket Smash, Flag Football and Orienteering:

193 Sports Badges were handed out,

289 students took part in trials,

23 students represented TAI at an Auckland Championship event.

And when we add Netball, Water Polo, and Basketball into the mix, we reach a total of 423 actively engaged sporting moments this term!

A highlight for many has been trialing for Sports Camp 2025, which had a major refresh this year.

Thanks to our amazing Hākinakina Coaches, we're proud to say our tikanga remains strong and our sporting culture is thriving.

We want to acknowledge and thank the incredible people who make all this happen—teachers and staff who give their time freely to guide, support, and cheer our students on:

Ngā mihi Whaea Ngaire, Koka Amorangi, Whaea Stacey, Mr. Vale, Ms. McKeown, Matua Mike, Mrs Aratema, Ms Harrington, Mr Gould, Mr Arjun & Miss K!

Next time you see one of these legends around school, give them a huge high five—they truly deserve it.



Last weekend, Elliot R9, and his teammates on the Auckland Little League Baseball All-Star team travelled to Wellington for a three-game series against the Wellington All-Stars. Auckland came out on top, winning all three games! As a result, Elliot and his team will now go on to represent New Zealand at the Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament in Korea this June. What an incredible achievement – ka rawe, Elliot!

SWIMMING AUCKLAND CHAMPS

By Peyton R8

Earlier this week, three students proudly represented TAI at the Auckland Swimming Champs: Peyton R8 in breaststroke, Matilda R1 in backstroke, and Brayden R6 in freestyle.

It was a fun and exciting day, and all three students were grateful for the opportunity to qualify and take part.

The competition was tough, and while none of our swimmers placed, they each gave it their best and left feeling proud of their efforts. A special shoutout to Peyton, who was thrilled to achieve a new personal best—completing her race in under a minute!

JOIN THE TAI WATER POLO TEAM!

The Western Year 7 & 8 Water Polo League starts next term. Trainings are Monday nights, 5–6pm at West Wave. Games are on Friday afternoons/early evenings at West Wave during Term 2 (continuing into Term 3). For more information and to sign up, [click here](#).

KI O RAHI

By Tupou R11

This week TAI took part in the annual Ki o Rahi tournament hosted by Rutherford College. The day began with a warm and powerful welcome from Rutherford College, who performed a haka and waiata. In response, the visiting schools joined together to sing Te Pou, setting a unified tone for the day.

There were some early nerves when we saw the level of competition from Henderson and Rangeview Intermediates, but our confidence grew as the games went on. Our two teams – Orukuwai and Orangahina finished strong in third and fourth place. Local primary schools also joined in the action with their own competition, it was great to see old friends. Ki o Rahi is a unique and entertaining sport – there really isn't anything else quite like it. It's inclusive, fast-paced, and most importantly, fun!

We're grateful for the opportunity to be part of this event, and for many of our students, it was their first time playing.

FLAG FOOTBALL "GIVE IT A GO"

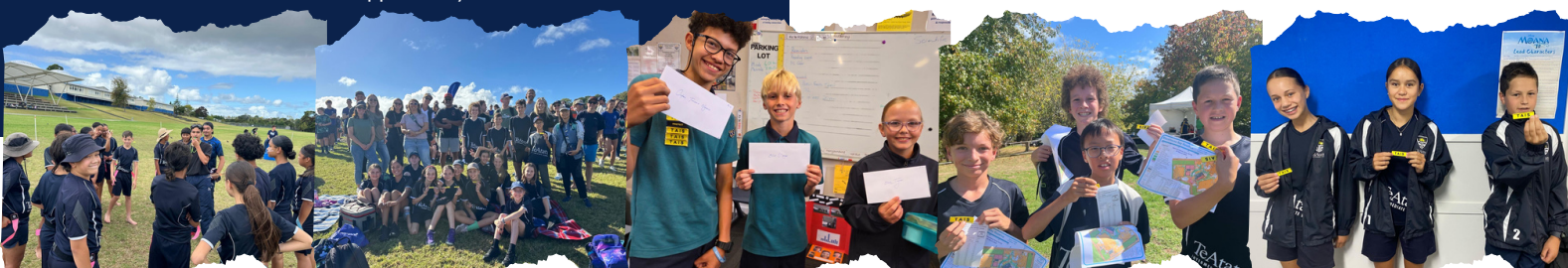
By Davin R9

On Monday the 31st of March a selection of year 7 boys and girls went to the flag football give-it-a-go day at College Rifles Park, Remuera. The day started off with a brief introduction to Flag Football and some housekeeping rules. After that, we cycled through a range of activities including passing, dodging, and blitzing. Then we had lunch and we got a special visit by a current NFL player who plays for the current Superbowl Champs, Philadelphia Eagles. We finished off the day with some games and some photos. I am grateful to Ms. Siō and Kōkā Amorangi for helping with transport and managing everything. It was an awesome experience and opportunity.

ORIENTEERING ZONE DAY

On Friday, 28 March, four teams made up of 24 students represented us at the Orienteering Zone Day held at Blockhouse Bay Reserve. The students had to complete a 2km course as quickly as possible. The course was quite different from the Orienteering Sprint Series, as it was set in the bush, with no buildings to use as reference points. Our students performed extremely well, with our fastest time completing the course in 11:16. Overall, we placed first, with our Year 8 Boys coming third, Year 8 Girls second, Year 7 Girls second, and Year 7 Boys first.

A big thank you again to all the parents who helped with transportation and supported our students during both the Sprint Series and the Zone Day.



SPORTS / HAKINAKINA II

#Creating Healthy Communities

Hi my name is Braxton Gillard and I have just come back from the bmx nationals from Invercargill in the South Island, I got 4th so I am NZ4. Just before the racing there was practice and I had a big crash and injured both of my wrists and thought they were broken but I still raced the next day and got 4th so I am really stoked with it and just want to say thanks to matua Tony for supporting me along the way



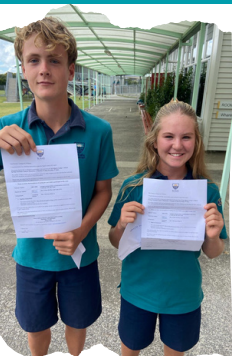
And just recently I had the Auckland Champs at my home track and raced against one of the fastest in New Zealand Reef Hendricks who is NZ3.

I won the NRRS final which is Northern Region so everyone in the Northern Region. and I won the 13 boys final as well, There were 12 races and I won all of them witch is really cool because I got NRRS #1 and 13 #1



SPORTS CAMP '25

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for Sports Camp at Tōtara Springs Christian Camp in term.



Room 1
Kiri
Jonathan
Matilda
Hannah
Alice

Room 2
Luke
Gustavo

Room 3
Johann
Rose

Room 4
Maheu
Leo

Room 5
Quinn
Ashley
Zoe
Harrison
Maia-Jay
Brianna

Room 6
Brayden
Frank
Camilo
Jones
Sophia
Anouk
Amber

Room 7
Mila
Jessica
De Andre
Izabella

Room 8
Sara
Indiana
Oscar
Luke
Peyton

Room 9
Elliot .O
Elliot .B
Kiyona
Cooper
Davin

Room 10
Jahlen-Manaia
Kymarni-Zane
Ava
Bayleigh-Grace
Sharn
Nivaeya
Naomi
Awhina-Lee
Oturu-
Kaanapanapa

Room 11
Breaze
Carrence

Room 12
Bevan

Room 13
Jude
Blake
Caitlin
Luke
Braxton
Hanna

Room 14
Finnegan
Catherine

Room 15
Zarie
Eliana
Ashton

