

# 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**

This week, we welcomed 17 international students from China who are spending two weeks learning alongside us at TAI. Along with our visiting Korean students, it has been wonderful to see the connections being made. This exchange of cultures is already enriching the learning experience for everyone involved.

A huge thank you to all our students, whānau, and staff who got behind this year's Knowledgeathon. The dedication and support from our community have been incredible. Your fundraising efforts will directly support classroom learning and resources across the school. Students are sitting the quiz today, with our prizegiving being held next Friday.

We've also had the pleasure of celebrating some incredible student achievements – Auckland Champs for both our Hockey and Gymnastics teams, standout performances at Sound Canvas by our rock bands, and tonight, our Advanced Band will take the stage at Rutherford College alongside bands from Rutherford, Liston, and St Dominic's Colleges.

Rehearsals are well underway for our school production of Moana Jr. The dedication, energy, and teamwork being shown are phenomenal. We'll be sharing more details in the next newsletter about performance dates and ticket sales.

Finally, we're excited to share that we've received 15 nominations for the upcoming Board of Trustees elections – a fantastic reflection of the strength and diversity in our community. Voting will take place via the Schooled Election Pilot platform, and more information will be sent out shortly. Thank you to everyone who has put their name forward to help shape the future direction of our kura.

Ngā mihi  
Lloyd Evans -Principal /Tumuaki





# IMPORTANT NOTES

## KNOWLEDGEATHON

As mentioned on the previous page, students are sitting the 50 question Knowledge-athon quiz on Aotearoa today. Thank you to all the whānau who have supported this event – 298 students signed up, and so far we've raised over \$17,000! All funds will go directly toward supporting classroom learning and resources across the school.

**Fundraising will remain open until Monday 11th at 12:00 pm.**

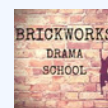
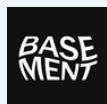
Prizegiving will be held next Friday 15th during Period 4.

Our top individual fundraisers will have first pick from the prize pool, followed by a lucky draw for all students who scored 100%. The top three fundraising classrooms will also receive rewards, from non-uniform days to pizza lunches, movie afternoons, and ice blocks.

A massive thank you to the many generous companies in our community who have donated awesome prizes for our students to choose from, including a Chromebook, sneakers, accommodation in Ohakune, vouchers, and more!

## SIGNUP WINNER!

Congratulations to Elliot B from Room 9, who signed up before Monday 28 July and won himself a brand-new pair of sneakers thanks to our awesome sponsor, Basement NZ. Elliot picked himself a fresh pair of Jordan 1s – nice choice!



## OPEN NIGHT

**TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

We are excited to be hosting our TAI Open Night this coming Tuesday, 12 August. This is a fantastic opportunity for prospective whānau and students to experience Te Atatū Intermediate in action. Students will be assisting in classrooms and showcasing their learning, creativity, and leadership.

Please encourage any whānau of Year 6 students to come along!

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder of our teacher only day this term. On Friday 22nd August - we will be connecting with our local iwi partners Te Kawerau a Maki around culture, place and space, looking at local curriculum and connections to student achievement and learning. A further teacher only day will be held next term (date to be confirmed) in which we will be focusing on curriculum upskilling for our staff around the implementation of the upcoming English revised curriculum and follow up around the implementation of Maths this year.

## TREES FOR SURVIVAL

In September 2024, the Enviro Team received 800 tree saplings from the 'Trees for Survival' programme. Fast forward 11 months, and the saplings were ready to be planted in their forever home. On Wednesday 6 August, eleven students and Mr Johnson travelled to Taupakai to complete the mission. This was the second consecutive year we've planted trees on the same property, and our goal was clear; plant more trees than last year's total of 780. For two and a half hours, students, landowners, and Mr Johnson worked diligently. By the end, they had broken the record: 820 trees planted; mission accomplished! The effort was rewarded with a well-earned feast— sizzling sausages, moreish chocolate-chip cookies, and refreshing ice blocks. Everyone has a fantastic day. Tino pai.



## KBB - PRE FESTIVAL CONCERT

**FRIDAY, 08 AUGUST 6:30 PM**

**@ RUTHERFORD COLLEGE**

**KOHA ENTRY**

The Rutherford College Music Department proudly presents a pre-event to the KBB Festival, featuring performances from: *Rutherford College Concert Band*, *Liston College Concert Band*, *Te Atatū Intermediate Advanced Band*, and *Liston/St Dominic's Jazz Band*.

The KBB Music Festival is a celebration of music performed by some of New Zealand's finest young musicians. The festival attracts talented students from over 50 schools across the greater Auckland region, performing in secondary school orchestras, concert bands, jazz bands, and chamber orchestras. Since its inception in 1983, it has become a highlight of the music calendar. This pre-event offers our Advanced Band members a fantastic opportunity to get a taste of what music could look like if they choose to pursue it next year in college.



## NETBALL WAITĀKERE

Wishing all the best to our eight netball teams who represent TAI every Wednesday afternoon at Te Pai Courts as they head into their semi-finals next week. A special shoutout to our Year 7 team, Te Atatū Tu, who won the opportunity to train with the Northern Mystics at 7am on Monday morning! An early start for the girls, but an unforgettable experience!

