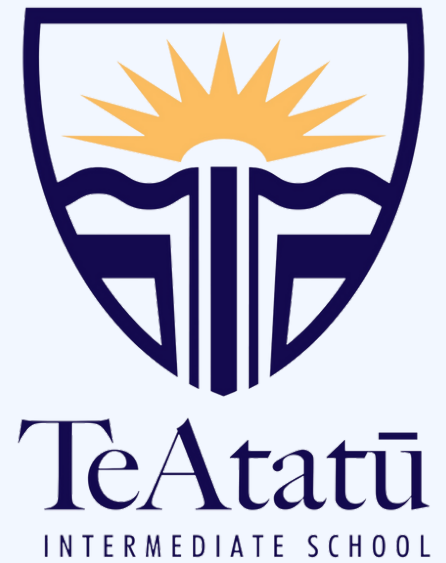


TE ATATŪ INTERMEDIATE

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 conclude the first term of 2024, it's wonderful to reflect on how well the students have settled into the routines and activities offered. This term, we introduced some extra sports into the timetable, and students participated in softball, swimming, orienteering, cricket, ki o rahi, and tennis. Football training is also underway, and we had a successful competition against Rangeview Intermediate in the North/South competition with Rutherford College support. In the music department, the beginner band, advanced band, and drum squad are all up and running, and we're seeing the beginnings of other bands forming. Guitar, violin, and keyboard classes are progressing well, and we're excited to showcase the progress at our Winter concert next term.

We've welcomed Korean short-term students, with more arriving early next term, adding richness to our school's culture. Additionally, a group from Tahiti visited last week to experience New Zealand schools.

This week, we had our student-led conferences, and we appreciate your attendance. We hope you gained insight into your child's learning journey, their goals for the remainder of the year, and how they plan to achieve them. Connecting with the home/school partnership is crucial to supporting each child's success, and we thank you for your involvement.

As we head into the school holiday break, we hope all students have the opportunity to rest and recharge for another busy term. Thank you for your support during Term 1, and we look forward to continuing our journey together next term. **School resumes for Term 2 on Monday, 29 April.**



IMPORTANT NOTES

MOE MAI RA MATUA BLUE

E te Rangatira a Matua Blue moe mai ra i tō moenga roa. Kua hoki atu koe i runga i te karanga o Matāriki ki ringa o te Atua, tatari ai. Aue to mamae e, aue te tangi hotuhotu mōu e te Matua. Kua ngaro tā tātou poutokomanawa, nau te reo kōrero e kawea nei te tikanga mo tā tātou kura takawaenga o Te Atatū. Ki tō whanau pani, anei mātou o te kura takawaenga o Te Atatū e tuku mihi aroha i waenga i tēnei rā pouri. Moe mai ra Matua Blue, akuanei kua kite tātou i a tātou ano.

With all our love we send you on your way Matua Blue the wait with the Lord almighty. Thank you for being our school kaumatua here at Te Atatū Intermediate while ensuring that our tikanga was followed. Supporting us in anyway possible and showing care and aroha to our students. To your whanau we send our sincere condolences during this difficult time. Rest well, Hoia McGregor - Matua Blue, until we meet again.



STAFF FAREWELLS

This term we farewell two much-loved staff members who are leaving TAI at the end of this week;

Nathan Morkel

Nathan "Mr. Maths" Morkel, has been a dedicated teacher at TAI in Room 7 for the past 9 years. During his time here, he has been a strong advocate for improving students' math skills and basic facts knowledge. His passion for math and commitment to student learning have been evident, and many students have benefited from his guidance and support over the years.

As Nathan moves on to his new position as a math specialist at Long Bay College, we wish him all the best. His new role is closer to home, which means he won't have to endure the daily motorway commute. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Nathan for his service to TAI, and we know he will continue to inspire and empower students in his new role. Best wishes, Nathan!

Matthew Banks

Matt began his teaching journey with us in 2022, joining as a beginning teacher in Room 2. Over the past 2 years, he has become a valuable asset to the school. As the youngest staff member, Matt has brought vibrancy and youthful enthusiasm to our team, and he's had plenty of 'mums' on staff to look out for him. During his time at TAI, Matt has grown into an exceptional teacher, and we will miss his humor and presence. We wish him all the best as he embarks on his overseas experience. Bon Voyage, Matt, and may you have safe travels and success in the next stage of your teaching and life journey.

STAFF WELCOMES

With the farewell of staff, we also welcome two new staff members to the TAI whānau;

Claire Defire

Claire is joining our teaching staff as a proud Westie with a passion for mathematics and digital learning. Next term, she will be the teacher in Room 7, and we're excited to have her join the TAI team. We're fortunate to have such a talented teacher like Claire, and we know Room 7 will warmly welcome her as she settles into her role. Additionally, Claire will be using her skills in netball by coaching a year 7 netball team next term.

Nicola Harrington

Nicola is another excellent addition to our teaching team, and we consider ourselves fortunate to have her. Her energy and enthusiasm are remarkable, and she has been contributing greatly to Room 9 during the transition into the TAI team. Nicola's genuine passion lies in igniting curiosity in students' minds and witnessing those 'aha' moments of learning. We eagerly anticipate her transition to Room 2 next term, confident that she will continue the excellent work initiated by Matt.

We look forward to them being part of the TAI whānau. We will organise a chance for whānau of Rooms 2 and 7 to meet the new teacher early next term.



CAMP CAREY PARK

Camp information was sent out at the end of last week with everything you need to know! If you missed it, [please click here](#).

We are in need of more parent helpers. [Please click here if you are able to help!!](#)

JUNIOR SURF LIFESAVING

At the start of the term we had students compete in the Regional and National Junior Surf Lifesaving events. Leilani R5 won a bronze medal in the 6-person Cameron relay at Oceans 24, the National champs where over 700 children competed. She also made multiple finals in both the Regional and National championships. Matilda R1 also shone, achieving a bronze medal in the 3-person Board relay at the Northern Regional champs. Like Leilani, she also made multiple finals in both events. Behind their success was Ocean Michael, Matilda's big brother and former student of TAI, who coached and supported the girls throughout the season and at both events. Congratulations girls, amazing results!



COLOUR RUN PRIZES

A massive thank you to everyone who sponsored us a prize. We couldn't have done it without your support!

16 students were thrilled to head home with their choice of fantastic prizes! The top 8 fundraisers had the privilege of selecting first. After that, every student who raised over \$270 had their name entered into a random draw.



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AWOL Canyoning
CrestClean Commercial
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Zone Bowling
Mr Illingsworth
Parakai Springs
Bounce Avondale
Zainey Whānau
Seiuli Whānau
Quedley Whānau
Allpress Coffee



SPORTS/HAKINAKINA

HE WAKA EKE NOA.

This whakatauki, which directly translates to mean, "we are all in this together", referring to a waka of collective consciousness guiding us on the same journey. Well this is certainly True at TAI.

This term we handed out 325 Hakinakina/Sports Badges a world record at TAI! And we had over 500 students trial for the many hakinakina/Sports teams. However we would have reached the dizzy heights of 300 hundred plus badges if not for our amazing TAI sports community. Without them we would not have the many great moments and memories that playing sport can give us. Here they are receiving a small but appreciative token for their mahi and precious time for our tamariki.

Nga Mihi Whanau!
-Matua Tony

HE WAKA EKE NOA

It has been an absolute pleasure to walk alongside these amazing individuals. They supported the year 7's first day this year and have been entirely responsible to developing and running the sports monitors programme that offers sports gear to students at break times. The programme has been so successful other schools schools have adopted it as a way of keeping their students engaged and active. Tumeke! Sports monitors - so proud for you.



HE WAKA EKE NOA

It takes a village is so true at Te Atatū Intermediate. Thanks to Liam and his whanau, the softball helmets proudly carry our beautiful Te Atatū logo, showcasing our whakapapa and the dawn. Cant thank Liam enough for his Atawhai towards the school. The chocolate hopefully helps with our message Nga Mihi Laim Whanau



KI O RAHI COMP

Frank & Izabella R7

We brought two teams to play Ki o Rahi against Rangeview Intermediate at Rutherford College. Rangeview came out on top, and our teams placed second and third. We were good at scoring points and hitting the pous, but we could have improved by passing the ball around more to give everyone a chance. Playing against Rangeview was a blast, especially as one of their teams was closely matched with us. We're grateful for making the team and for how well we placed.

TENNIS ZONE DAY

Blake R2

18 students represented TAI at the Tennis Zone day. We played doubles playing on the inside courts and singles playing on the outside courts. Teaming up with Alex, we played in four games and managed to win two of them.

This was my first time in this sport, as I usually play squash, so it was an enjoyable experience trying something different. I'm eager to give it another go in the future. I'm thankful for earning a sports badge, adding to the sense of achievement for the day.



YEAH! GIRLS CRICKET

Mila & Mabel R9

It was an exciting day for two teams of Year 7 & 8 girls, competing under the organization of Yeah Girls Cricket. Although three other schools withdrew, leaving only us and Henderson Intermediate, we made the most of it!

The event was filled with fun cricket-themed activities inbetween two official games. Our A team came out winning in both matches, while the B team secured a win in one out of two games.

We measured our throwing distance, batting strength, and the number of times we could bounce a ball on a bat. Plus, we enjoyed a lolly scramble as an extra treat.

Overall, we're grateful for the experience, the guidance from our coaches, and the opportunity to learn more about cricket.



#MOST DESERVED TAI STAFF

TAIs Blues Crew were given a family pass of 5 tickets to the Women's Aupiki Final Saturday between the Blues Wahine and the Chiels Manawa at Eden Park.

After some serious deliberation, they thought that Matua Jeff was most deserved. Well done Matua, we hope you enjoy the game with your whanau.

Plus if you are free on Saturday get to Eden Park and support our amazing wahine!



WE ARE RUTHERFORD

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EXCELLENCE KAIRANGI INTEGRITY PONO RESPECT WHAKAUTE RESPONSIBILITY MANAAKTANGA



NORTH VS SOUTH #CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Earlier in the week TAI set another world record for an event. We moved 90 students from TAI to take part in the North vs South sports initiative by Rutherford College. The students played in a variety of sports. Football, Hockey, Rugby, Basketball and netball.

While a trophy was up for grabs it was a great community event with whanau coming from both North and South of Te Atatū attending the event. The event was fantastic because of the student coaches from Rutherford College who took charge of all the teams and the event. I cannot speak highly enough of the fine young individuals. Hopefully the Rutherford College does a shout for them and names them. Great work student leaders.

With victories in Basketball, Netball and football x 2, Te Atatū were the narrow winners by one point and the first recipients of the North vs South trophy, designed and carved at Rutherford College.

A great day for our community - love the mahi Rutherford College (especially Gillian Bloxham).



Rangeview
Intermediate School

P.A.C.E TERM ONE REVIEWS

"IN MR. BANKS' TABLE TENNIS CLASS, WE COVERED HOLDING THE BAT, SERVING, RETURNING SERVES, PLAYING DOUBLES, AND ADDING SPIN TO THE BALL. I'M FOCUSED ON IMPROVING MY DOUBLES PLAY AND MASTERING SPIN TECHNIQUES.

ONE STANDOUT MEMORY WAS PLAYING WITH LOLLIES ON THE TABLE - HITTING ONE MEANT YOU COULD EAT IT! I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE SKILLS I'VE LEARNED BECAUSE I LOVE PLAYING TABLE TENNIS AT MY FRIEND'S HOUSE, AND NOW I FEEL MORE CONFIDENT PLAYING THE GAME PROPERLY"

MABEL R9

"I DID E-SCRABBLE WITH MR EDWARDS, AND I LEARNED THAT "OXYPHENBUTAZONE" IS A WORD. I WANT TO IMPROVE MY SPELLING SKILLS MORE. ONE MEMORABLE SESSION WAS WHEN SONNY SCORED 1778 POINTS FOR PLACING "OXYPHENBUTAZONE". I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY SCRABBLE, WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN MY GRANDMA"

ZOE R8

"IN THE FINE MOTOR SKILLS PACE WITH MR. VALE, I LEARNED VARIOUS SKILLS INCLUDING PEN SPINNING, MAKING ORIGAMI CRANES, CARD SHUFFLING, AND JUGGLING WITH 2 AND 3 BALLS, AS WELL AS JUGGLING IN PAIRS. I AIM TO IMPROVE MY ABILITIES IN CARD SHUFFLING AND PEN SPINNING. A MEMORABLE MOMENT WAS WHEN ALFIE AND I QUICKLY MASTERED JUGGLING IN PAIRS AND PROGRESSED RAPIDLY. I'M GRATEFUL TO MR. VALE FOR BEING AN EXCELLENT AND KIND TEACHER WHO EXPLAINED THE ACTIVITIES WELL AND MADE THE SKILLS EASY TO UNDERSTAND"

XAVIER R14

"I GOT TO DO LAWN BOWLS WITH WHAEA T AND MISS K OVER AT THE PRINGLE PARK BOWLING CLUB. I HAVE LEARNT HOW TO CURL THE BOWLS AND LEARNING HOW TO PLAY THE GAME. MY SKILLS I COULD IMPROVE ARE ROLLING THE BOWL MORE ACCURATE TO THE JACKPOT. I ENJOYED GOING OUT ONTO THE BIG FIELD AND PLAYING IT BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO ROLL THE BOWL FASTER AND WITH MORE SKILL. I AM GREATFUL FOR THE LAWN BOWL PEOPLE TEACHING US HOW TO PLAY THE GAME AND WHAEA T AND MISS K FOR TAKING US OUT EVERY WEEK"

JETT R13

"I DID GLASS PAINTING WITH MR. MORKEL AND I LEARNED HOW TO PAINT WITH GLASS PAINT. I HOPE TO IMPROVE MY SKILL OF OUTLINING MY PICTURES. I REALLY LIKED CREATING A DIFFICULT DRAWING BECAUSE IT WAS CHALLENGING AND FUN TO BE ABLE TO USE SO MANY COLORS. I'M GRATEFUL THAT I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE ARTWORK THAT I COULD TAKE HOME AND PUT ON MY WINDOWS, AND THAT I MADE FRIENDS DURING THE ACTIVITY"

KENZO R7

"IN WRESTLING WITH MISS M I LEARNED TAKEDOWNS AND OTHER SKILLS LIKE THE WRESTLING BRIDGE. I WANT TO IMPROVE AT GRAPPLING MY OPPONENT AND HOLDING THEM BETWEEN MY HANDS. ONE SESSION WAS PARTICULARLY MEMORABLE; WE LEARNED THE WHEELBARROW TECHNIQUE, WHERE YOU HOLD THEIR LEGS AND MOVE THEM AROUND.

I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE TEACHERS WHO TAKE THE TIME TO DRIVE US IN THE VAN AND MAKE TIME FOR US IN THEIR SCHEDULE"

LEON R9

"IN CARTOGRAPHY, PACE ACTIVITY WITH MATUA MIKE, I'VE LEARNED HOW TO DRAW LAND MASSES AND DETERMINE WHERE TO ADD RIVERS ON MAPS. I AIM TO IMPROVE MY SKILLS IN MAKING MOUNTAINS LOOK BETTER. A MEMORABLE SESSION WAS THE FIRST LESSON WHEN MY TWO FRIENDS AND I CREATED AN UNREALISTIC ALIEN CRASH SITE ISLAND MAP, WHICH WAS A LOT OF FUN. I'M GRATEFUL FOR BEING PART OF THIS PACE AS I GOT TO CREATE COOL MAPS AND LEARN NEW TIPS AND TRICKS TO ENHANCE MY MAP-MAKING SKILLS AND CREATE MY MASTERPIECE"

KANISHK R1

"IN GIRLS CRICKET WITH MATUA TONY, I LEARNED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK WHILE PLAYING CRICKET. I AIM TO IMPROVE MY BATTING SKILLS, PARTICULARLY HITTING THE BALL HARDER AND FURTHER. A FEW WEEKS AGO, THE LESSON WAS PARTICULARLY ENJOYABLE BECAUSE WE PLAYED GAMES WE WOULDN'T TYPICALLY PLAY, AND EVERYONE HAD FUN. I'M GRATEFUL TO THE GIRLS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO COME TO OUR SCHOOL AND TEACH US HOW TO PLAY CRICKET EACH WEEK"

AMELIA R15

"I DID SPORTS OVERLOAD WITH KOKA AMORANGI. I HAD A BLAST LEARNING HOW TO THROW A FOOTBALL AND DIFFERENT ROUTES IN FOOTBALL. NOW, I'M AIMING TO IMPROVE MY ENDURANCE FOR RUNNING AND ENHANCE MY PASSING SKILLS.

ONE HIGHLIGHT WAS OUR FIRST PACE LESSON, WHERE WE PLAYED KI-O-RAHI. IT WAS ENJOYABLE BECAUSE IT WAS FAIR, FAST-PACED, AND ALLOWED US TO COLLABORATE WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

I'M THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN NEW GAMES, SKILLS, AND RULES, AS WELL AS FOR THE CHANCE TO WORK WITH OTHERS AND GET TO KNOW NEW PEOPLE"

LISIA R4

"MY PACE ACTIVITY WAS "BOARD GAMES WITH MRS. NORTHWOOD," I'VE GAINED THE SKILL OF PLAYING VARIOUS BOARD GAMES. I AIM TO DEVELOP MY ABILITIES IN CHESS AND EXPAND MY KNOWLEDGE OF DIFFERENT BOARD GAMES SO THAT I CAN CONFIDENTLY JOIN IN WHENEVER A NEW GAME IS INTRODUCED. ONE MEMORABLE SESSION INVOLVED PLAYING A BOARD GAME WITH FRIENDS WHILE SHARING FUNNY STORIES, MAKING THE EXPERIENCE ENJOYABLE AND MEMORABLE. I'M THANKFUL FOR THIS PACE OPTION AS IT PROVIDES A RELAXING AND ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT WHERE I CAN UNWIND, SOCIALIZE, AND HAVE FUN WITH MY FRIENDS"

LUCA R14

"IN DRAMA GAMES WITH WHAEA AMANDA, I'VE LEARNED IMPROVISATION AND QUICK THINKING SKILLS. I AIM TO DEVELOP MY KNOWLEDGE OF THEATRE LANGUAGE, SUCH AS STAGE LEFT AND STAGE RIGHT. ONE MEMORABLE SESSION WAS PLAYING "THE HOT SEAT" WHERE WE PRETENDED TO BE CELEBRITIES AND OTHERS GUESSED OUR IDENTITY BY ASKING QUESTIONS. I'M GRATEFUL FOR MEETING WONDERFUL PEOPLE THROUGH THIS ACTIVITY"

KORI R8



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STUDENT WORK

"The best part of me" written by Wendy Ewald, adapted by Room 14.



Written by Daisy

*My hair my is hair short dusty blonde but
brunet at the roots
.to me my hair looks uneven like a wisping willow
tree in the wind.
All so my hair is silky and smooth I always wear a
slick back pony tail that way know one knows it is
uneven .
my hair is pin straight with a flick at the end.
sometimes my hair is wild like sand in a desert
blowing in the winter breeze.
At night i brush my hair until there is not a knot
in sit this has been a part
of my night routine for years and it is now a staple
and I would not change that .
i love my haif .*

My hands



Written by Xavier

My hands are an outstanding machine. They're used for so many things in our day to day lives. To start my hands are very polite. The shake hands and wave hello and godbye. In cricket they catch balls at 60 plus ks an hour. In football they reach out far and wide to save the ball from powerful shots. My hands are creased like wll worn leather shoes. They look like cheetahs the way they are littered with freckles. These freckles ar ecommanded byby one, huge birthmark in he centre of my left hand. My right hand is constantly stained with ink from all the writing I do, like right now. These helpful machines are a tanned white. My hands are great.

Eyes



Written by Evie

Beautiful colours of blue, green, gold that shimmer in the sun.
Allows dazzling rays of colour to come to my vision.
lets the light of our luminescent world beam before me.
To see the leafs of the evergreen trees, or the sapphire blue of the ocean. The sun which is as bright as lightning on a stormy night.

Without these shiny orbs, the light of the glistening world would be as black as night.

Eyes



Written by Finn

**MY LEGS ARE A KEY FUNCTION TO TO ME, THAT I NEED TO KEEP MY SELF STANDING AND ENTERTAINED.
WITHOUT MY LEGS I WILL GROW FAT DUE TO THE LACK OF EXERCISE. IT WOULD ALSO BE VERY BORING JUST WATCHING TV AND NOT BE ABLE TO WALK UP TO YOUR FRIENDS AND KICK AROUND A FOOT BALL OR PLAY CATCH.
AND THATS WHY I LIKE MY LEGS**

COMMUNITY NEWS

WRESTLING AT RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

Rutherford College wrestling coach, Petar, is organizing training sessions during the holidays for local school kids. The sessions will be held in the first week on Tuesday and Thursday, and in the second week on Tuesday, all starting at 4pm in the Rutherford College gym. For more details, please reach out to NolaM@rutherford.school.nz.

TE ATATŪ AFC COMMUNITY DAY

Calling all neighbours and friends! Bring your whānau and join us at Te Atatū AFC for a day packed with fun for the whole family! Event Link [click here](#)

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL

FIRST KICKS - GIVE IT A GO - U4-U8 9:30AM

10:30AM ONWARDS - BOOTSWAP, FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES, HUNGERBALL, FOOD TRUCKS

FOOTBALL GAMES TO WATCH

WAITAKERE MINIATURE MAKERS

Do you enjoy crafts? Do you love tiny things? Waitakere Miniature Makers now has a junior member group for 9 - 12 year olds. They meet on the first Sunday of the month from 10am-12pm at the scout den in Tui Glen Reserve. You'll make a small cool project each time and learn new skills. Supervision and materials are included for \$10 a term. Numbers are limited to six junior members. Older members and visitors are also welcome! (Adult club times are 10am-3pm) Email annedunstall@gmail.com to register or for more information.