

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

‘E afua mai i mauga tetele manuia o le nu’u’

From the high mountains are the blessings of the village.

As we begin another busy week, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the recent celebration of Samoan Language Week. It was wonderful to see our students engaging with and learning more about the language and culture of one of the many communities that make up our school whānau.

A big thank you to our whānau for supporting our recent Teacher Only Day. The day provided staff with a valuable opportunity to focus on curriculum implementation, deepen their understanding of structured literacy, and explore practical strategies for use in the classroom. It was also fantastic to have our teacher aides/kaiawhina involved in the learning, helping to build their knowledge and skills alongside our teaching staff.

Our sporting success continues to be a source of pride for our school. A huge congratulations to our Year 7 Girls Football Team, who were recently crowned Auckland Champions. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players and coaches involved. We also wish our Year 7 Boys Football Team all the very best as they compete in the Auckland Championships today. We know they will represent our school with pride.

Last Thursday evening, our Autumn Music Festival provided a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents and celebrate their learning. It was fantastic to see the progress students have made in such a short period of time, and the evening highlighted the many musical opportunities available at our school. Thank you to our music staff, tutors, and whānau for supporting our young performers.

Finally, our Colour Run was an outstanding success and a highlight for many students. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to help throw the colours throughout the event. Your support was greatly appreciated. Judging by the smiles and laughter, it was hard to tell who enjoyed it more—the students or the parents!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our school. Together, we continue to create opportunities for our young people to learn, grow, and thrive.



IMPORTANT NOTES

COLOUR RUN

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Colour Run! It was a wildly successful event, with students completing a 12-station circuit across 5 vibrant colour zones. Thanks to your amazing support, our students raised over \$24,000 toward their upcoming camp expenses. A special shout-out to the parents and whānau who came down to help douse our kids in colour—it was an absolute blast!

TERM 3 CAMP

We know many whānau are eagerly awaiting details for Carey Park Camp, which takes place in September of next term. Full information, permission forms, and parent helper forms will be sent out later this week. The cost of camp this year is \$330 per student (please note there is an additional \$48 fee for students requiring a special diet). For those who did not fundraise or have a remaining balance, this will be added to your Kindo account next week so you can start making instalments that work best for your whānau.

7-9 September

Rooms 2, 3, 5 & 9

9-11 September

Rooms 1, 4, 8 & 12

14-16 September

Rooms 6, 10, 11 & 15

16-18 September

Rooms 7, 13 & 14

2027 ENROLMENTS

If you have another child starting with us next year—or know of any in-zone or out-of-zone families with an upcoming enrolment, please spread the word. Enrolment forms are available on our website.

Our Open Night for new whānau will be on Tuesday 11th August, 6:30 - 8:00 PM - Save the Date!

AUTUMN MUSIC

SHOWCASE REVIEW

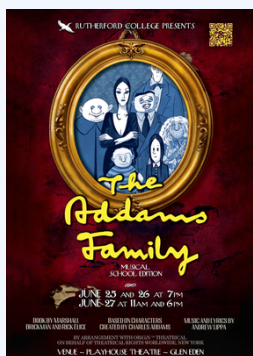
Our annual Autumn Music Showcase held last week had a phenomenal turnout! We had a completely full house, needing to constantly put out extra chairs to accommodate our wonderful whānau. Around 100 students performed, showcasing the exceptional musical talent and passion emerging at TAI. Highlights included our two concert bands (featuring over 70 students), five violin ensembles (with 40 students), and our two rock bands, No Way Out and Volume 11. TAI is privileged to have amazing music tutors—Chad Davenport, Antonina Marriott, Amelia Owen, and John & Izak Kennedy (TAT Muze). Thank you all for nurturing our students' passion, and a huge thanks to our wonderful Music HOD, Bronwyn Chalmers, for another fantastic evening. We look forward to hearing how our musicians grow ahead of the Spring Showcase later this year!

PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

Monday 22nd June

Class and individual photos will be taken next week, in Week 10. If you would like a sibling photograph taken, this online form must be completed prior to photo day. Please note that Photolife is not authorised to take sibling photos without a completed form.

[Click here to complete the form now.](#)



LIFE CHANGERS PROGRAMME

We are excited to host the Life Changers programme for another year at TAI. This wellbeing and resilience initiative supports our ākonga in developing vital life skills like confidence, positive relationships, emotional awareness, and healthy decision-making. Through engaging, interactive sessions, students will reflect on who they are and how to safely navigate the challenges of growing up. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the hauora of our rangatahi as part of our wider health curriculum.

For more information, click here to review the [Life Changers Family Handbook](#).

MITEY IN ACTION

Written by Cali & Kymarni R10

In Room 10, we are a Mitey school, so for Health we use Mitey learning to help us understand wellbeing, friendships, and what it means to feel safe, respected, and valued.

We have been learning about how important it is to create a respectful, caring, and safe classroom. We used a Y-chart to talk about what this looks like, sounds like, and feels like, which helped us understand our expectations and build a strong classroom community.

We have also started our novel study of *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. From just the title of the book, we started thinking about what it might be about and how people can have a big impact on your life, even if you don't always realise it at the time. The novel is helping us think about how life is precious and how feeling safe and supported helps us feel more confident and willing to take risks in our learning and life.

"One person I have realised has had a big impact on my life is my friend Sharn. He does small kind things that make me feel better and supported. He is a kind leader, fair, and someone who tries to do the right thing."

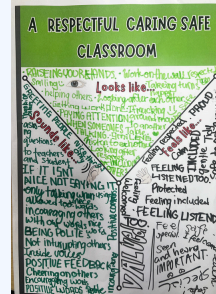
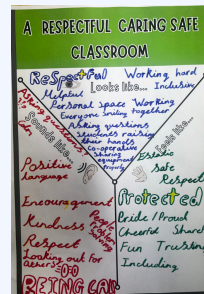
Overall, the novel and our Mitey learning are helping us think about how people and their actions can shape how we feel about ourselves and others, and how even small kind actions can make a big difference.

MITEY PARENTING COURSES

As a proud Mitey school, TAI is pleased to share a fantastic opportunity for our whānau. Mitey is partnering with Renew Your Mind to provide practical, grounded support for parents navigating the realities of raising young people today—from managing social media and screen time to navigating big emotions and busy family lives.

Counsellor and author Shirley Pastroff will facilitate two online Mindful Parenting courses via Zoom later this year:
Kids Parenting Course (tamariki aged 0-10)
Teens Parenting Course (rangatahi aged 11+)

Sessions are live, with recordings available if you miss a night. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).



NORTH VS SOUTH - TAI WINS AGAIN!

A massive thank you to the wonderful students from Rutherford College—many of whom are proud ex-TAI students—who gave up their Wednesday afternoons to coach our athletes in the lead-up to the North vs South Sports Exchange. Your leadership, encouragement, and expertise made a huge difference to our teams.

All that hard work paid off, with TAI securing another consecutive overall tournament win against Rangeview Intermediate! It was an incredible day of friendly rivalry, great sportsmanship, and outstanding performances across all codes.

One of the highlights of the day was the final basketball game, with the crowd creating an electric atmosphere and cheering on both teams. We also loved the special song performance from the Rutherford College students, which added to the fantastic spirit of the event.

A huge thank you to Gill Bloxham for organising another outstanding North vs South Sports Exchange. These events provide such memorable experiences for our students and are a wonderful celebration of our local school community.

Football Boys – Jude R13

"It was really fun to play with everyone and against Rangeview. We played three 40-minute games across the day and won all of them! Because we'd already won the first two games, the last game was a fun one where the coaches got to join in, and we won that too. Jesse R14 was our standout player. He was a star on the field and great at keeping us all hyped. Our coaches, James and Cody, were really nice and made everything fun. I'm grateful we got the chance to play and that Rutherford College organised such an awesome experience."

Netball – Ava R6

"It was really fun, and everyone was supportive—not just during our games but throughout the whole day. It was competitive but fun at the same time. We lost our games to Rangeview, who were a really strong team with an impressive defence, but both teams showed great sportsmanship. Our coaches were cool, and everyone played their best. I was surprised to be picked and really grateful for the opportunity. It was also awesome that our coaches could give back to the school."

Football Girls – Catherine R14

"Overall, it was a really fun experience. Rangeview tried their best, and it was great to get out there and play. In the last game, the coaches even joined in, which made it extra fun. Olivia played in goal with full-sized goals and did an amazing job, especially because she was carrying an injury. I'm really grateful to all the coaches who came in every week to train us."

Flag Football – Niko R14

"Rangeview had a really strong Flag Football team, and every game was close—we only lost by one point each time. Their rusher was super fast and dominated the field with tag pulls. We played well too, gaining possession, running the ball, and making plenty of tags, but Rangeview just managed to edge us out. I'm grateful to our coaches for making training fun, involving everyone, and keeping our spirits positive even though we didn't come away with a win."

Hockey – Johann R3

"It was a really good experience. The competition was tougher this year than last year, but we had a strong team and played really well, winning all three of our games against Rangeview. Our Rutherford College coaches were kind and supportive, helping us improve our knowledge and skills throughout the training sessions. It was especially great that we had a lot of players who hadn't played hockey before, giving them the chance to learn how the game is played. A standout player was Brayden R6, who brought a lot of experience and skill to the team and was a real asset on the field. I'm grateful we had the opportunity to play hockey against another school and for the Rutherford coaches who helped us grow our confidence and understanding of the game."

Basketball – Jones R6

"We won our first two games before narrowly losing the last one in double overtime. We played really well in the first two games and had the chance to try out a few different strategies, but we couldn't quite claw our way back in the final match. One of the best parts of the day was getting along so well with the Rangeview team—we even hung out together between games shooting hoops. Our team communicated well, moved the ball effectively, and everyone played their part. It was great to see Rangeview improve throughout the day too, with some extra support from our coach in the final game. I'm really grateful to all the coaches for the time and effort they put into helping us, because working with students isn't always easy!"



SPORTS CAMP 2026 – GOOD LUCK TEAM TAI!

Excitement is building as we prepare to send 30 of our students to Totara Springs next week for the annual Sports Camp. Representing TAI in Week 9, our students will join teams from 10 schools across the Auckland and Waikato regions to compete in over 40 different sporting codes across four action-packed days.

Alongside traditional ball sports, students will have the opportunity to try a range of unique activities including pétanque, croquet, human foosball, shooting, kayaking, and speed climbing. We are incredibly proud that TAI will be competing in every single code on offer!

Our Sports Camp students have been training hard every Tuesday morning from 7:45–10:05 am, developing their skills, teamwork, and resilience.

They're also busy preparing a team cheer to perform in front of the other schools—a much-loved Sports Camp tradition that is always full of energy and school spirit.

Sports Camp is about so much more than competition. It's an opportunity for our students to challenge themselves, make new friends, and create lifelong memories. We know they will represent TAI with pride, enthusiasm, and our WAKA values.

GIRLS FOOTBALL - ZONES TO CHAMPS!

Our Y7 and Y8 Girls Football teams represented TAI with pride at the West Auckland Zones, with both teams producing outstanding performances.

The Y8s fought hard throughout the tournament, recording three wins, a draw, and a quarter-final appearance before finishing 5th overall.

Catherine R14, was the team's leading goal scorer with five goals.

The Y7s had an incredible tournament, going unbeaten through pool play, winning their semi-final, and holding their nerve in a penalty shootout to claim the West Auckland title. With clean sheets throughout the day and Olivia R5, stepping up to make crucial saves in the final shootout, the girls showed tremendous composure under pressure. Olivia also finished as the team's top scorer with an impressive 10 goals.

Qualifying for the Auckland Championships, the Y7s continued their remarkable run. They topped their pool with a win over Pukekohe Intermediate and a draw against Somerville Intermediate before facing Belmont Intermediate in another tense semi-final.

Once again, the girls kept their cool in a penalty shootout, with Olivia and Emma R12, confidently converting their penalties to secure a place in the final. The championship match against Remuera Intermediate was a fitting finale, with the team producing their best football of the season to claim a 1-0 victory and become Auckland Champions!

Across both tournaments, the Y7 team played nine matches, scoring 19 goals and conceding just one penalty in a shootout—the only goal scored against them all campaign. Their resilience under pressure, teamwork, and determination were outstanding. Some players were new to football, while others brought years of experience, but every single girl embraced one another and embodied the spirit of whanaungatanga. Their commitment, growth, and love of the game made them a truly special team and worthy champions.

A huge thank you to the whānau who came along to support, helped with transport, and kept the teams fuelled with fruit and treats.

Special thanks to Jason for managing and refereeing the Y8 team at Zones, and to Kevin for his invaluable support, guidance, and refereeing for the Y7s across both tournaments.

Congratulations to both teams on an outstanding season—we can't wait to see what next year brings!

NETBALL WAITAKERE ROUNDS 4 & 5 RESULTS

Our netballers have been displaying fantastic teamwork and determination on the courts over the past two weeks, with Rounds 4 and 5 bringing a mix of tight finishes, stellar defensive displays, and dominant wins.

Both Onyx and Opals enjoyed a superb, unbeaten fortnight, showing great composure at both ends of the court to secure back-to-back victories. Pulse was involved in two absolute nail-biters, fighting hard for a well-earned draw before just missing out in an incredibly close battle in their next match. Meanwhile, Marvels showed amazing resilience, bouncing back beautifully from a tough early loss to claim a dominant, shut-out victory in Round 5. Well done to all of our teams for showing such awesome fighting spirit and teamwork right until the final whistle!

Here are the official results from the last two rounds of Wednesday night netball:

TE ATATŪ PULSE

Round 4: Draw 10 – 10 against GEIS 7B
Round 5: Lost 18 – 16 to St Dom's Green

TE ATATŪ ONYX

Round 4: Won 25 – 6 against Rangeview Tui
Round 5: Won 19 – 5 against Avondale Fire

TE ATATŪ TOA

Round 4: Won 13 – 4 against Blockhouse Bay Broncos
Round 5: Lost 4 – 27 to Hoani Tirairaka

TE ATATŪ OPALS

Round 4: Won 20 – 3 against Henderson Opanuku
Round 5: Won 15 – 14 against Rangeview Whero

TE ATATŪ RIVALS

Round 4: Lost 18 – 22 to St Mary's Halos
Round 5: Lost 21 – 9 to Waitakere Storm

TE ATATŪ TOKI

Round 4: Won 19 – 15 against Hobsonville Scorchers
Round 5: Lost 12 – 25 to SPS Hot Shots

TE ATATŪ MARVELS

Round 4: Lost 8 – 4 to GEIS 8G
Round 5: Won 16 – 0 against Rangeview Pango

TE ATATŪ VIPERS

Round 4: Lost 5 – 20 to Green Bay Midcourt Madness
Round 5: Lost 3 – 18 to Swanson Shooters

BASKETBALL: TAI KNIGHTS

Our TAI Knights have continued to face some tough competition in the Henderson Valley Tuesday League, taking on Valley Pink and Thunder Kidz over the past fortnight. Despite the results not quite going our way, the team has shown some fantastic moments on the court, starting both games with energy and determination.

Each week, our players are building their skills, confidence, and understanding of the game while competing against experienced opposition. It takes courage to step onto the court, give your all, and keep coming back each week ready to improve, and our Knights are doing exactly that.

The true measure of a team isn't always found on the scoreboard but in their perseverance, sportsmanship, and willingness to keep striving for their goals. We are proud of the effort and resilience our players continue to show and look forward to seeing their hard work pay off as the season progresses.

Keep working hard, TAI Knights—we're cheering you on every step of the way!



WATER POLO: ROUND 1 RESULTS

Our Water Polo teams are continuing their fantastic form, with both Te Atatū Navy and Te Atatū Teal remaining unbeaten after the opening two rounds of the competition. Combined with their qualifying games, both teams have now recorded an impressive four wins from four matches.

Te Atatū Navy

Round 1: Won 17 – 1 against GEIS Warriors Green

Te Atatū Teal

Round 1: Won 9 – 3 against Pasadena Int

Official scores from Friday's games are still to be confirmed.

Congratulations to Ivy R7 (Navy) and Callum R6 (Teal), who were named Player of the Day for their outstanding performances.

A special mention also goes to Blake R13, who was unable to play for Teal on Friday after progressing to a higher grade. A fantastic achievement and a testament to the hard work and improvement he has shown. Well done, Blake!

BASKETBALL: TAI THUNDER

Our TAI Thunder basketball team is absolutely flying, maintaining their unbeaten streak with two more fantastic performances! Last week, the team put on a dominant display to secure a convincing win over Liston Navy. They backed that up last night with a gritty victory against Liston Maroon. After establishing a strong lead, the Thunder showed incredible composure to hold off a late comeback from the opposition.

Latest Results:

vs Liston Navy: Won 50–30

vs Liston Maroon: Won 29–22

These stellar results have put the TAI Thunder right at the top of the table with just two games left before the semi-finals.

A huge credit goes to Zach R6, Nico R6, Lucas R8, Jones R6, and Fin R8, who gave it absolutely everything on the court for their injured teammates, and their supporters. Keep up the amazing mahi, boys!

TERM 2 SPORT DATES

Monday 15th - 19th June - Sports Camp @ Totara Springs

Tuesday 30th June - Netball Zones

TERM 3 SPORT DATES

Wednesday 22nd July - Hockey Zones

Thursday 23rd July - Rugby League Zones

- Coaches needed - please contact Kōkō

WEB WISE @ TAI: DIGITAL FOOTPRINTS & ONLINE REPUTATION

PROTECTING YOUR FUTURE AND RESPECTING OTHERS

For our Year 7 and 8 students, posting a quick photo or video can feel temporary and harmless. However, every single action they take online contributes to a permanent record that follows them well into the future. This week, we explore how online choices shape a student's digital reputation and how whānau can help them navigate these responsibilities.

DIGITAL FOOTPRINTS: POSTING FOR THE FUTURE

A digital footprint is the trail of data, photos, and comments that a person leaves behind whenever they use the internet.

- Many intermediate students do not realise that the funny video or edgy comment they post today will remain searchable for years to come.
- Future high schools, universities, and potential employers routinely search the internet to assess a young person's character before accepting them or offering them a job.
- Once information is shared on a public platform, it becomes incredibly difficult to permanently erase, meaning a short-sighted choice made at age 12 can have real-world consequences at age 18.

ONLINE REPUTATION: THE POWER OF PERMISSION

An essential part of being a good digital citizen is recognizing that a student's online choices affect the reputation and wellbeing of their peers.

- It is vital for students to understand that they should never post, tag, or forward a photo or video of someone else without obtaining their explicit and enthusiastic permission first.
- What one student genuinely thinks is a funny meme or a harmless joke can actually be deeply embarrassing, humiliating, or a form of cyberbullying to the classmate involved.
- The moment a photo is sent into a group chat, all control over that image is lost because it can be screenshotted, saved, and shared across the entire school community in seconds.

TIPS FOR WHĀNAU

- The "Billboards" Rule: *Encourage your child to pause before hitting send and ask themselves if they would be comfortable seeing that specific photo or comment displayed on a massive billboard right outside the school gates.*
- Google Your Child: *Sit down with your child and search their name online together to see what kind of footprint they are already building, using it as a positive teaching moment.*
- Practice Consent at Home: *Lead by example by always asking your child for their permission before you post a photo of them on your own social media accounts.*

Online Safety Advice: Go to teatatu.onlinesafetyhub.nz/parent-advice and look under the "Digital Wellbeing" and "Online Safety Basics" tiles.

APP SPOTLIGHT: FORTNITE

EXPERT RECOMMENDED AGE: 13+

WHAT IS FORTNITE?

Fortnite is a massively popular, free-to-play battle royale game where 100 players drop onto an island and compete to be the last person or team standing. The game features vibrant, cartoonish graphics, a unique building mechanic, and it updates regularly with new thematic "Battle Passes" that offer fresh in-game rewards.

WHY IS IT RATED 13+?

The Online Safety Hub recommends a minimum age of 13 due to several features integrated within the gaming environment. First, while the violence is highly stylised and contains no blood or gore, the primary gameplay still centers around shooting other players with a wide variety of weaponry. Furthermore, the game features unmonitored voice and text chat channels, which can easily expose intermediate students to mature language, toxic behavior, or unwanted communication from older players. Finally, the heavy integration of limited-time items and seasonal Battle Passes creates intense psychological pressure on young players to keep playing and spend money.

KNOWN RISKS

The open-chat nature of the game means that if settings are not actively managed, your child can easily hear or engage in offensive banter with strangers. Additionally, Fortnite heavily relies on its virtual currency, V-Bucks, to purchase cosmetic skins and seasonal Battle Passes, which can lead to unexpected credit card charges if parental locks are not in place. Whānau should also be aware that the fast-paced, competitive structure of the game is designed to maximise engagement, making it highly addictive and a frequent source of friction when it is time to turn off the screen.

TIPS FOR WHĀNAU

Parents can utilise Fortnite's robust built-in Parental Controls menu to directly disable voice chat or limit it so your child can only speak with approved real-life friends. It is also highly recommended to set up explicit pin-protection on your console or device marketplace to prevent unauthorised V-Bucks purchases when a new Battle Pass drops. Finally, work with your child to establish a clear "end of match" routine rather than cutting them off mid-game, as a single battle royale round typically lasts between 10 to 20 minutes.



- [Click here for the full expert review: teatatu.onlinesafetyhub.nz/parent/reviews/fortnite](https://teatatu.onlinesafetyhub.nz/parent/reviews/fortnite)



COLOUR RUN 2026

AUTUMN SHOWCASE 2026

