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# 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 head towards the holidays, I have been reflecting on the term and the number of activities that have been on and the way in which staff and students have really excelled in a number of areas across a very busy term. Currently, all students are selecting their speakers for the school speech finals and there has been great learning around climate change, global warming and our planet - it's great to hear the ideas and passion of the students for their topics. We look forward to hearing from the finalists, next week.

Our building work is well underway, and we have a tentative finish date of 17 November for all work to be completed - fingers crossed. Currently, the old admin area has been shrink-wrapped, ready for the roofing to begin and demolition has started inside the admin and science/art rooms. Although space is a little tight, programmes are working smoothly with minimal disruption.

Next term is another busy term with a curriculum focused on natural disasters. We will have Blake Virtual Reality visiting, World of Maths, two sports camps, Mathex, P.A.C.E, the traditional winter sports codes zonal days, and our school-wide production of the Lion King Junior in the last week of term 3, amongst other activities through the term.

Finally, school finishes for term 2 next Friday 30 June at 3 pm and will restart after the two-week break on Monday 17 July.



# **IMPORTANT NOTES**

### ADVANCED BAND PERFORMANCE

Written by India Rm10



Advanced Band walked across the road to the library carrying music stands and instruments. To our surprise, the Royal NZ Navy Band was warming up in the hall when we arrived, so we finished setting up the library and went for a quick listen. It was a great learning opportunity to watch them play.

Our performance went great, an audience of parents and visitors listened, smiling.

It was overall a very educational experience, starting with a performance that showed where we could be in the future, and ending with more confidence to play live, publicly.

#### **ART-ON-A-CART**

With the building renovations in the Art and Science block well underway, Whaea Stacey has been enjoying 'rolling' into classrooms. Students this week have been sponging and inkblowing on their mixed media masterpieces.





#### WHĀNAU HUI

Tuesday 27th June, Whaea Tere is hosting our first WHĀNAU HUI - for Māori whānau. 6 pm - Kapa Haka performance & kai. 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm - Hui in Room 4 for a discussion and planning. She will be sending out a letter to all students in Kapa Haka and those who identify as Māori (on their enrollment form) this week.

Whaea is also looking for parent help and support for the Matariki Performance T3 Wk 1 Friday 21st July. Please contact Whaea Tere for confirmation of attendance and more information.

### LION KING PRODUCTION HELP NEEDED!

We are after:

 A builder that can donate their time to building us our flat (backdrop) frames.

Please contact <u>Stacey Yates</u> ASAP if you can help. Thanks!

#### **OFFICE LOCATION**

A reminder that the office is now located through Gate 1, first building on the right. For those that may remember, it is the old dental clinic.

#### **BLAKE NZ VR SESSIONS**

In week 1 of next term, each class will have a Blake VR session in the hall. Wearing a virtual reality headset, students will experience a number of underwater experiences through 360° videos that compare and contrast different marine environments. They will learn what causes ocean damage and what actions can be taken to protect the marine environment. Students will come away from the session with a deeper understanding of kaitiakitanga and practical actions they can take to help protect the environment.

#### **BAKE SALE**

Written by Macy R6 - on behalf of the Kaunihera team

Next Wednesday on the 28th of June, the kaunihera/prefect team will be running a bake sale to fundraise for our group. This money will go towards our uniforms. The kaunihera team (and some staff members) are providing all the food that will be sold that day. Please bring a gold coin on Wednesday the 28th of June so you can purchase some of our delicious baked goods that will be available for sale under the covered courts at lunchtime. Thank you!

#### **BOOK BATTLE COMP**

Last Friday the 'Kids Literature Group' participated in the West Auckland Year 7 and 8 Book Battle Competition at Te Manawa. The competition consisted of 10 rounds of literature based questions. 11 schools and 20 teams took part, and our 'Te Atatu Intermediate A' team of Eli R11, Rosie R16, Joseph R7 and Spencer R7 came 3rd, winning some fabulous book prizes for our school. Well done on this amazing effort!



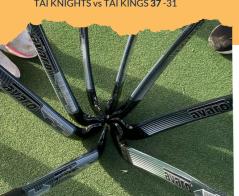


### **SPORTS**

#### NETBALL & BASKETBALL SCORES

TAI TOKI vs KIS TAONGA 10 -22 TAI TOA vs ST DOMS GREEN 19-16 TAI TAHI vs ACG SUNDERLAND 7-9 TAI TAWHAKI vs HENDERSON COBALT 8-8 TAI TU vs WAITAKERE WILDFLOWERS 0-13 TAI RANGIHINA RIVALS vs GEIS 8A 13-43 TAI OPALS vs ST DOMS 8 GOLD 15 -11 TAI TACTIX vs DON BUCK FLAMES 12 -22 TAI MARVELS vs WAIKOWHAI WBD

TAI KNIGHTS vs TAI KINGS 37 - 31



#### WFFK 9

TAI TOKI vs KIS KOTAHITANGA - LBD TAI TOA vs 7A WAITEMATA 3-47 TAI TAHI vs WAITAKERE WILDFLOWERS 14-11 TAI TAWHAKI vs GEIS 7E - LBD TAI TU vs GEIS 7G 5-4 TAI RANGIHINA RIVALS vs MVS COMETS 29 -43 TAI OPALS vs WAIKOWHAI RED 13-33 TAI TACTIX vs WAIKOWHAI ORANGE 16 -10 TAI MARVELS vs HDSN STRAWBERRIES 16-13

TAI KNIGHTS vs WAI WOLFPACK 37 -44 TAI KINGS vs LC GOLD 23-50

#### **HOCKEY STICKS DONATION**

TatSports has very generously donated 8 brand new hockey sticks to our kura! Thank you! This is very helpful with the huge interest in hockey we have had for the zone day next term. In case you don't know who or what TatSport are, they provide sporting opportunities for Te Atatū kids and with this, are able to provide funding for TAT teams; grants, sponsorship and sports equipment.





#### **NETBALL HOODIES**

This season a couple of our Year 8 netball teams were very fortunate to wear their very own TAI netball hoodie. Since the Rangihina and Orangahina have a very special meaning and place in the heart of Te Atatu Peninsula - this is where our netball names have come from - the Ranghina Rivals and the Oranghina Opals. The print was designed by Junior Satele from Kingsland Customz.

The front is our TAI name and the print on the back is the view from Orangahina, the Waitemata Harbour, the Sky Tower, and our Auckland Harbour Bridge with the shadows of netball players. The Rangihina Rivals were sponsored by Bentley Construction with

the purchase of their hoodies and our wonderful Orangahina Opal parents and family bought theirs.

We can never forget to always acknowledge our TAI village for supporting our teams, through coaching, watching every game, and cheering from the sidelines no matter the weather. Both of these teams train every Monday and Tuesday mornings, while other teams train after school. With 9 teams entered in this season's Wednesday night comp, we are always grateful for the effort all our TAI families go through to ensure our teams are at their trainings and games. We all know what the Te Atatu traffic is like after school!

So on behalf of Whaea Ngaire, Mrs. Northwood, Mrs. Aratema, Whaea Amanda, and myself, Mrs. Satele, we would like to say a massive thank you to our umpire queen, Lee, all of our umpires (our past TAI students), our parent coaches, and our family of supporters. Thank you for being part of our TAI Netball village!

#### FLAG FOOTBALL - KOKA AMORANGI

On Thursday the 15th of June, I set off to San Diego with the first-ever women's New Zealand Flag Ferns team. I was also blessed to be named the Co-Captain of the team!

Flag Football is a moderation of American Football. Instead of contact, you wear tags and pull them on defence. You also only have 5 players on the field per team. We played in the Adult Elite Flag Football Championship in San Diego which was our first-ever international competition. Despite not knowing what to expect, we won 1 of our 3 games, losing 2 games to the teams that were in the finals.

It was an amazing experience as we finally got to see how this sport is played outside of New Zealand. I am forever grateful for the opportunity and I'm ready to begin training again soon and trial for the World Cup qualifier later this year. A big mihi to those who have supported me on my haerenga to San Diego. Greatly

appreciated!



### **MATARIKI ART EXHBITION**

#### TE ATATŪ COMMUNITY CENTRE: SATURDAY 1ST JULY - THURSDAY 20TH JULY

Here is a sneak peek of some of the work we will have in the exhibition.



#### **BIRDMAN KITES**

Written by Smrithi - Rm6

Recently in Visual Art class, we were faced with a one-hour challenge of creating a bird-man kite. We researched these and looked at some of the very old examples that are at the Auckland Museum. Māori used kites to connect with their ancestors and the heavens and they are often flown to celebrate Matariki. To construct the kites we used a base of cardboard, which was layered with materials such as hessian sacking and flax. We then decorated them with paua shells, feathers, rope, beads, and other natural-looking materials.

I enjoyed making my kite and I'm sure everyone in my group enjoyed their mahi as well. This was a great experience. You can see some of them in the Matariki Art Exhibition at the community centre during Matariki.



#### **MATARIKI SKIES**

Written by Caitlin- Rm5

We drew our maunga (mountain or mountain range of our choice) on our black paper. Then we looked at the Matariki constellation and other galaxy pictures to inspire our skies. Once we had the drawing mapped out, we selected chalk pastels in warm or cold colours and put it in the sky. We then worked on our maunga with some of the warm or cold colours we used in the sky. After that was done, we put white and light colours into our stars to brighten them and make them more clear. We hope you enjoy looking at some of these beautiful works of art at the Matariki Art Exhibition.





P.A.C.E. TERM 2 STUDENT REVIEWS

#### STEAM CHALLENGES

I really enjoyed having all of the activities and the amount of possibilities for the solution. One of the activities we had is the catapult challenge and the objective is to launch the object as far as possible. The amount of skills I have learned is extremely useful like creativity and cooperation. -l ev R9

#### LION KING PRODUCTION

The Lion King PACE time has been amazing and busy. The students of the cast have been working hard to start perfecting their roles. We are all enjoying acting and singing and are looking forward to performances.

-Keanu R4





#### **PASIFIKA DANCE**

What I did in Pasifika was really cool. We learnt how to do a Fijian dance and a male dance from Tuvalu. Miss K's brothers came and taught us a Tuvaluan male dance. I also learnt that they all have similar dance movements, but one thing that they all have in common, is the values of their culture.

-Caleb R4

#### **CULTURAL CREATIONS**

In PACE this term we designed a cultural artwork to make our school brighter. They combined our own culture with Pacific and

Māori cultural symbols. We drew our symbols into a square composition. Once we had drawn our idea, we traced it onto outdoor mural wood. We started to paint these with warm colours first, then cold colours. I think they are beautiful and I'm really proud of mine. I can't wait to see these on the walls outside.



#### **NETBALL NUTZ**

Whaea Ngaire's PACE option, Netball Nutz, enrichment gave students great enjoyment from start to finish as well as the opportunity to learn something new.

Towards the start of the term, when our enrichment started, we came up with things we wanted to accomplish throughout PACE and I think I can speak for most when I say we definitely accomplished and learned something from it.

Throughout our sessions, we learnt different drills, techniques, passes, and exercises which grew not only our skills but our knowledge too. I found it cool how the skill levels varied in our group because it gave students the opportunity to help each other grow and become better. Personally, game time was my favourite part of all of it but I also liked the session where we focused on shoulder passes because Whaea Ngaire made it a competition: which pair could pass the furthest using a shoulder pass.

- Awarua R16

#### **DRAMA GAMES**

In P.A.C.E Drama Games, we have been learning how to play a variety of Theatre Sports games. Theatre Sports games help us learn skills like storytelling, communication and team building to develop creativity, quick thinking skills and self-confidence.

Some of our favourite games have been Space Jump (where we jump into an existing scene and then change it into a different scene) and Alphabet Game. The first player's sentence/speech of the scene begins with an "A", the second with a "B", and so on through the rest of the alphabet. It has been loads of fun doing active learning related to drama.

#### **DODGEBALL**

Dodgeball this term for P.A.C.E has been very fun. I am always excited for Wednesday so I can play dodgeball. I have learnt to throw the ball fast properly and one of my highlights was getting Mr. Michael out. Overall, I think that dodgeball is the best P.A.C.E activity. -Caleb R7



### **GARDEN TO TABLE**

In Garden To Table with Mrs Stoddard, I learned how to weed a garden and how to identify what is a weed and what isn't. I also learned how to cook quite a few things, like leek and potato soup, and even a stir-fry. I really enjoyed cooking different foods and trying new flavours. I also enjoyed being in the garden and seeing the plants grow from week to week.

-Caitlin R5

With Mr Johnson in Garden to Table, I really enjoyed the fact that all the food we made was grown by us. I learned new ways to chop things in the kitchen and how to harvest leeks. It was really fun and I would recommend it to friends to join in next time.

-Indy R14

#### **TAPLAB**

With the tutors at The Te Atatū Community Centre, we were able to design and print on the 3D printer and make 3D models. It was a great experience, working together with friends to create our models. We learnt how to use a programme on the laptop called Tinkercard, which is how you design things for the 3D printer.

-Cooper R8 & Random R3



#### SIGN LANGUAGE

Sign language with Mrs Chung was really fun and I learnt alot from it! We learnt advanced basics of sign language, things about yourself, like your age, birthday, mood, and more, which can really help for an introduction for yourself in NZSL! I enjoyed the partner practice so you could actually see how a conversation felt in sign language.

-Charlotte R14

# P.A.C.E. TERM 2 STUDENT REVIEWS



#### HIP-HOP TO THE WORLD

I did hip-hop with Matua Tony. I enjoyed the creativity we were given. I also learnt how to self-manage myself and stay on task. - Sacha R11

#### YEARBOOK REVIEW

This term, we had the yearbook as our PACE and had the opportunity to write an article for a special event that happened this term. Miss Price and Mrs McKeown ran this PACE activity. We have learned new things about the school and we have enjoyed working together in groups. We emailed some teachers and students that are related to the event and sent some questions for them to answer. With the answers, each group wrote one article to put in the yearbook. Some groups could do more than one event. These articles would then be put together for the yearbook of 2023. We are so lucky that we are part of this PACE activity.

-Ruqiyah R5

### STAY & PLAY BOARD GAMES

For PACE I did board games with Mr Felix.
I enjoyed relaxing and playing with my friends at the end of the day. I mostly enjoyed learning new board games from other students.

-Lisa R2

#### 3 v 3 BASKETBALL

I think I did well being a good teammate towards others. I was really good at being positive towards others, for example complimenting them when they made a basket. I picked up some new skills that I can use when I play, such as dribbling with my left hand and my left-hand layups.

-Genesis R3

#### **CHESS**

In Chess we learnt different tactics, like how you should always try to take the middle of the board. It's a really fun P.A.C.E and I think everyone should try and learn more Chess.



My PACE is Glass Painting with Mr. Morkel in Room 7. I enjoy it because it is creative and inspiring, unique and different to the other things we always do at school. I've learned to be patient when doing my work. I am able to take our art to our classroom teacher, show the class or we can take it home and paste it on the bedroom mirror.

-Huia R4

#### **FOOTBALL SKILLS**

For PACE I did football skills with Mr Vale. We did lots of skills and learned new things like step overs, juggling, passing etc. I enjoyed putting the things we practised into the games we would play.-Luca R3

I did Football Skills with Mr. Banks. I really enjoyed playing football and doing something fun with my friends. I also learned lots of skills and how to be a good teammate. -Jeremi R13

I did Football Skills with Mr Banks. I enjoyed getting out onto the field and playing football games. I learnt many skills and how to enjoy myself.

-Marley R6

#### **JEWELLERY**

My PACE was Polymer clay earrings with Mrs Perry.
I learnt how to properly assemble a pair of earrings, keychains, and a phone charm. It was really cool how we just got to sit there and make whatever we wanted with the support of an amazing teacher. I even made some new friends on the way.
-Eire R16



#### FLAG FOOTBALL

For PACE I did Flag Football with Koka Amorangi. I enjoyed playing it because I had only heard of it but not played it before. I learnt about the routes that you can run & some of the rules. I played quarterback & runner. -Jack R16

#### **PASIFIKA GROUP**

This term for PACE I was in Pasifika with Mrs Satele. We learned a group dance and to finish it off next week, we will present our dance to the other Pasifika group and enjoy a delicious meal of chop suey and rice. I loved learning the dance with my friends over this term. We have also made tapa designs and I really enjoyed learning about different cultures designs.





#### **TYMS**

I did Acitvate with the guys from TYMS who come into the school to encourage us to play in multiple sports. We learnt sports like Futsal and Volleyball. Basketball was my favourite because I could score really easily but sometimes I would miss. I also learnt how to dribble.

-Khalone R1