

# 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.**

It certainly is nice to get some nice sunny weather - long overdue. I hope you all had a relaxing King's Birthday weekend.

I would like to take the opportunity to honour one of our Te Atatū cluster Principals, Peter Kaiser from Tirimoana Primary School for being awarded a Member of the New Zealand order of Merit for services to education. It is great to see a West Auckland Principal awarded in this manner for many years of service in Te Atatū. I have passed on congratulations to him for his achievement.

Building is now underway with the renovations to the Administration block and the Science and Art block, which began on Tuesday morning. For the next 5 months, the office and sick bay area are now located in the old dental clinic building known as Case Studio just inside Gate 1.

Parking is very limited, so if students are being collected during the day for appointments, please park in the bay across the road from Gate 1. Also, we ask that you please do not drop students off in the morning in the Arohanui car park (Gate 3) as this is very inconvenient for their own students.

Have a great rest of the week!



# IMPORTANT NOTES

## KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

Thank you to everyone for supporting this year's fundraiser. It was very successful, with over \$19,000 raised! These funds will be used to update Chromebooks and provide in-class resources for our students. Last week we held our prize-giving for this event. It was wonderful to celebrate both class and individual success with the following winners:

### CLASS PRIZES

First place - Room 8, \$2481  
Second place - Room 15, \$2105  
Third place - Room 6, \$2040

### INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

First place - Kaleb Room 4, \$1200  
Second place - Max Room 6, \$805  
Third place - Emma Room 15 \$625

### 100% ACHIEVEMENT IN KNOWLEDGE-A-THON QUIZ

Jude R6, Karan R6, Macy R6, Harrison R8, Meelan R8, Ryder R8, Evie R14, James R15, Evie R16.



## LION KING PRODUCTION HELP NEEDED!

We are after:

- A builder that can donate their time to building us our flat (backdrop) frames.
- Sewers to sew simple lava lavas for our chorus.
- A face painter for the show nights to paint a couple of characters.

Please contact [Stacey Yates](#) ASAP if you can help. Thanks!



## TANIWHA BURGERS

Fundraising for Kōkā Amorangi representing NZ Women's Flag Football in the USA later this month.

What is a Taniwha burger? A normal, delicious beef burger BUT on FRIED BREAD!

Limited numbers available. Students are recommended to pre order prior to lunchtime Friday in Rm1 or via email [amorangi.n@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:amorangi.n@teatatu.school.nz). Please note: This is NOT a school fundraiser - all profits go directly to supporting Kōkā and her trip. Cash only.

## INTERNATIONAL WEEK

This week is International Languages Week, and for the first time at TAI, we are celebrating it with tons and tons of fun activities to celebrate the incredible diversity at our school. The biggest activity is happening tomorrow, where we are having a "Cultural Attire" free dress up day. Please come to school tomorrow dressed in your (or someone else's) cultural attire, or wearing your favourite flag around your neck. Be creative! GOLD COIN DONATION with funds going towards our KAI for KIDS (students in need of daily lunches)

## LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Written by Ishwari - Rm7

On Wednesday the 24th of May, 11 prefects accompanied by Mrs Clarke, went down to Massey Rugby Club for a Leadership program. Many other schools also attended. When we had been grouped with a few other schools, we were able to begin our activities. We were privileged to have met Anna Willcox and have her talk to us about relationships, respect, and goals which are key to a great leader. After our session with Anna, we got active outside. We started off by playing Turbo Touch against a few schools. Not everyone enjoyed the game but it was nice to have tried it and helped the best we could. Some other activities we did were relays, Chinese whispers, rock paper scissors and head shoulders, knees and cone.

During these games we had to show lots of leadership skills to help our teammates and win together as a team. My personal favourite was the relays because everyone was cheering each other on and I believe that was what helped us win the races. Overall the whole trip was very informational and inspiring to be involved in and helped us get a better understanding of leadership.



## ENROLMENTS

2024 Enrolments now accepted Please complete forms available on our [website](#).

## HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

During weeks 1-4 of term 3, Te Atatū Intermediate are hosting international students from Korea and China. This will be the third group this year to visit and the opportunity for all students to learn about each other and their culture is a wonderful experience for all. Homestay families are required during these times and if you have a spare room and are keen to welcome an international guest in to your family, please contact; Call: Lake Panorama Student Homestays on 09 836 1277, email:

[host@lpstudenthomestays.co.nz](mailto:host@lpstudenthomestays.co.nz) or visit

[www.lpstudenthomestays.co.nz](http://www.lpstudenthomestays.co.nz)

There is a weekly payment to cover expenses.

## ST JOHN IN SCHOOLS

In week 8 (June 13 -16), we welcome the St John in Schools Programme, run by a Community Educator. The programme aims to develop confident young Kiwi kids who care for the health and wellbeing of their communities. Each class will receive one session as part of their Health and PE programme. The sessions deliver positive learning experiences to empower children to prevent injuries and respond to emergencies. Students will be learning a range of valuable skills, including first aid and CPR.

If you do not wish for your child to take part in the session, please send a note to your child's classroom teacher.

## ADVANCED BAND

We are inviting all parents and whānau to watch the TAI Advanced Band at the Te Atatū Peninsula Community Library on Thursday 15 of June from 12:45 to 1:15pm. Students must wear full uniform on the day.





# SPORTS

## NETBALL & BASKETBALL SCORES

### WEEK 6

TAI TOKI vs GEIS 20-3  
TAI TOA vs ST DOMS 23-3  
TAI TAHI vs HSN 17-5  
TAI TAWHAKI (BYE)  
TAI TU vs GEIS 4-3  
TAI RANGIHINA RIVALS vs HSN 813 20-9  
TAI OPALS vs BB 20-6  
TAI TACTIX vs WAIKOWHAI 16-7  
TAI MARVELS vs GREENBAY 1-19  
  
TAI KNIGHTS vs LC MAROON ??  
TAI KINGS vs THE VALLEY BOYZ OMEGA 40-19

### WEEK 7

TAI TOKI vs GEIS 7A 7-28  
TAI TOA vs BBI 7A 11-19  
TAI TAWHAKI vs MVS STORM 9-5  
TAI TU vs GEIS 7E 1-9  
TAI RANGIHINA RIVALS vs MVS COMETS 34-29  
TAI OPALS vs 8C TE HENGA 10-17  
TAI TACTIX vs HOANI WAITITI 19-9  
TAI MARVELS vs HOLY CROSS FALCONS 4-25  
  
TAI KNIGHTS vs WAI WOLFPACK 29-33  
TAI KINGS vs HSN LEGENDS 28-39



## FOOTBALL ZONE DAY

WRITTEN BY RUBY R6 & EVIE R14

FRIDAY 26TH OF MAY, WHAEA STACEY AND MR BANKS TOOK TWO TEAMS OF GIRLS TO REPRESENT TAI AT PARRS PARK IN A FOOTBALL ZONES DAY. THE YR7S PLAYED FOUR GAMES AND AFTER HAVING TWO EXCITING DRAWS AND TWO HARD FOUGHT, NARROW LOSSES, PLACED SECOND OVERALL. THE YR8S HAD A JAM PACKED DAY. THEY PLAYED SIX GAMES, INCLUDING A DRAW AGAINST THE EVENTUAL WINNERS. THE TEAM MADE IT THROUGH TO THE SEMI FINALS AND PLAYED A TIGHT GAME RESULTING IN PLAYING OFF FOR THIRD PLACE - WHICH WE THEN WON. THE FOOTBALL WAS PLAYED AT A FAST PACE AND WAS SUPER EXCITING WITH EACH TEAM PLAYING AT THEIR STRENGTHS, WHICH MADE THE GAME NON-STOP EXCITEMENT. OVERALL, WE HAD A GREAT DAY AND EVERYONE WAS EXHAUSTED BY THE END OF IT. BIG THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHERS AND TO THE PARENTS WHO TRANSPORTED AND SUPPORTED US THROUGHOUT THE DAY - YOU ARE AWESOME!



## NETBALL ZONES DAY

Written by Genesis & Decon

Thursday 1st June, we had a zone day for netball. We had so much excitement playing out there on Te Pai netball courts. We won most of our games, but unfortunately we didn't come first. The weather wasn't the best during the games, but we still managed to play hard. The boys team came 3rd, the Yr8 girls team came 7th, and the Yr7 girls team came 5th. It was a really enjoyable experience for all.



# STAFF NEWS

FROM MAY 25TH TO 28TH, MICHAEL DAVIDSON (CREATIVE MEDIA TEACHER), WAS IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC INVITATIONAL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT. HE PLAYED FOR THREE TEAMS, INCLUDING ONE REPRESENTING THE PACIFIC IN THE TRI-SERIES COMPETITION.

ALL IN ALL HIS TEAMS WON 6 OF THEIR 18 GAMES (SOME IN DRAMATIC FASHION), WHICH IS PRETTY GOOD CONSIDERING THAT SOME OF THE BEST PLAYERS AND TEAMS IN THE WORLD WERE THERE.

# NGĀ MAHI WHAKAHIRAHIRA O NGĀ ĀKONGA - STUDENTS OUTSTANDING WORK

## NATURE IN THE BALANCE

Written by Daniel Rmó

"Climate change", "Global warming", "Mass extinction", however, you want to look at it, it's a problem. A big one. Billions of tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> is vomited into the atmosphere *annually*! We are literally suffocating our own planet. The sad part is that most aspects of daily living contribute to carbon emissions. Pesticides kill soil, human expansion causes habitat destruction, livestock contributes massively to both CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and habitat loss, and they all contribute to climate change.

First, livestock. Animal domestication has been a part of human life since the beginning of the Holocene, whether it's cats and rabbits or pigs and cows. The meat and dairy industry produces 36% of all global carbon emissions, an unfathomable 13.4 *billion* tonnes annually. But it doesn't end there - forests are often cleared to make way for animal paddocks or plantations, destroying numerous wildlife habitats and ecosystems. This destruction of our natural world will continue as long as the population rises. We must take Action.

But we cannot just kill all livestock and destroy all plantations/farms. The thing is these industries are so ingrained into the global economy that their downfall will have catastrophic consequences. These Corporate Titans offer jobs to millions of people as well as carrying the economies of countless countries. It will take a colossal effort to shift these people and economies to truly get rid of them in a slow process.

Not only is the natural ecosystem being massacred; we are killing our precious fertile land via pesticides. Pesticides were invented during WW2 as a toxic gas to kill people, but now we are killing the microbes in the soil we harvest food from. The soil gets less and less fertile without that microscopic life causing the ground to be pretty much dead. Did I mention that pesticides can linger within the soil for years or even decades?! The damage has been done; soon we will face consequences.

Overfishing. You have probably heard this term before, it is basically taking more than we should and causing an imbalance in the natural ecosystem with overpopulation and threat of extinction. Although there is a legal limit on different species and you can only kill them at a certain size and/or age, these laws are not enforced and most take far more than the legal limit making the laws pointless unless enforced. Some activist groups have campaigned for cameras to be placed on fishing vessels as a way to monitor activity and punish those who disobey.

Trawling is another activity troubling the world's oceans with the destruction of coral reefs. Trawling is dragging a steel net across the ocean floor - tearing up the ground and catching fish before pulling it up and getting rid of all that you do not want - which is often the majority of the catch. Not only is it a vast waste of already dead fish, but it can cause permanent damage to coral reefs. Did I mention that 25% of marine life lives in reefs?! If we do not do something soon we will never be able to reverse the damage.

Indonesia is a nation made up of over 18,000 islands with impenetrable rainforests stretched across the surface. Unfortunately through poaching, habitat destruction, and logging, the rainforest is being destroyed more and more each year. The cornerstone of the Indonesian economy is palm oil, and due to the land required to mass produce this substance, thousands of hectares of jungle have been cleared to make way for palm oil plantations. Many species have already gone extinct because of this industry, but, why, you may ask? Corruption is often the result of avarice, people will always want more.

All of Earth has been through countless geological changes. In fact, the worst mass extinction in the history of the planet was the great death at the end of the Permian. Global temperature rise in turn caused mass Genocide and imbalance; it wiped out 95% of life on Earth. That will be the fate of the earth in less than a century if we do not do something. We are facing a crisis of insane scale with gigantic stakes. Ecological change has already caused imbalance and destruction, and will soon cause extinction. The oceans and the forests are the lungs and body of the Earth, and we are practically forcing a cigarette down their throat. Destroying them in a multitude of ways, this will last until the end of mankind. If we put in our full effort we just might be able to survive.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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**FOOD TASTING** **ETHNIC COSTUME COMPETITION**

**INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENING**

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES FROM STUDENTS PHOTO BOOTH

VARIOUS CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

**6PM - 8.30PM**  
**THURSDAY 8TH JUNE**  
Rutherford College, 18-20 Kotuku Street, Te Atatu Peninsula

TOP PRIZE TO BE WON!

RAFFLE TICKETS

**WITCH INDIA** **Waiakere Indian Association**

**INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY**  
BREATHE - STRETCH - STAY HEALTHY

Join us for a Free Yoga session followed by lunch.

**Sunday 18 June 2023**  
**10:30am to 11:30am**  
Te Pai Centre  
31-35 Te Pai Place, Henderson

**FREE ENTRY**

PLEASE REGISTER AT  
<https://forms.gle/ocTvvGJLmfMJCdYz6>

**Te Atatu TENNIS CLUB**

**QUIZ Night**

FINGER FOOD SUPPLIED, WITH PRIZES, RAFFLES & SILENT AUCTIONS. A GREAT NIGHT OUT! R18 EVENT.

WHERE	WHEN	COST
Te Atatu Tennis Club 572C Te Atatu Rd	<b>17 JUNE</b> SATURDAY 7.00PM	<b>\$20 PP</b> 8 PERSON TEAMS

You can book your table or seats by contacting  
**Dave on 021 119 5843** or email  
[info@teatutennis.co.nz](mailto:info@teatutennis.co.nz)

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**Disney FROZEN JR.**

Playhouse Theatre, Glen Eden  
8th - 15th July 2023

Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez. Book by Jennifer Lee.  
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