

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.

We have come to the midway point of the year, finishing up our first semester. Friday sees the end of another very busy term, particularly the last two weeks.

Our Three Kākāpo, Kea and Tūi camps went exceptionally well, and thankfully the weather was on our side for the most part, which meant we were able to enjoy all the activities on offer outside, including the highlights of the catapult and flying fox. I know there were some very tired campers (and parents/teachers) at the end of each camp, though unfortunately some winter bugs snuck in, alongside the lingering covid, however, feedback has been that the camps were a great success and we hope your child enjoyed their experience.

I would like to particularly thank the parent volunteers who supported at each camp - without your support, we wouldn't be able to run camps - and the standard and calibre of the parents attending was outstanding.

You were all incredibly appreciated, and we hope you enjoyed yourselves too.

A special thanks also to the teachers and students, all students were fantastic on camp and highlighted to me what great kids we have here at TAI - I was super proud of them all.

Finally, I hope you all enjoyed celebrating Matariki, remembering those loved ones that have gone before over the last year, and recognising the year to come and the possibilities on offer - I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for a great semester, I hope all students have a relaxing holiday break, that they recharge, relax and refresh themselves for the coming term. We look forward to seeing everyone safely back at school on **Monday 22nd July for the start of Term 3**, which begins with a mihi whakatau for our Korean visitors who are with us for the first part of the term.

Have a great break!



IMPORTANT NOTES

STAFF NEWS

We welcome back in term 3, Mrs Amber Aratema, our head of science who has spent the first 6 months of 2024 on a prestigious Science Teacher Leadership Programme through the Royal Society of New Zealand. During this time, Amber has been linked in with organisations and programmes to develop the teaching and learning of science for our learners. The great news is that as part of this mahi, she now comes back with an 18 month science focus and direction for our school to raise the profile of science education with our students. We look forward to having her back teaching and utilising the skills she has gained over the last 6 months. Her continuation with the programme continues to the end of 2025 and we look forward to further developing the core area of science for our students.

At the end of this term, we farewell Matua Ryan Croon, who has done a stellar job in teaching our students science in Amber's absence. Having previously taught science at TAI, it has been great to have Ryan back taking the science programme and enthusing students in their learning of science, as well as getting the science badges up and running and monitoring these. We wish Ryan all the best for what comes next and thank him for his mahi.

Koka Amorangi is off to Finland to represent NZ in Flag Football. Please contact her if you would like to support her by ordering a hangi or two!

PHOTOLIFE

Please contact [Kohle](#) in the office if you missed out on ordering your child's class/individual photo. She will be able to send you your individual code to order directly from the Photoife website.



MATARIKI CELEBRATION

The end of last week saw the combined Te Atatū Cluster of schools Matariki celebration, held at the Te Atatū Peninsula Community Centre. As the host school, the organisation towards this event was huge, and to see the joy of each schools performers, the celebration of style in the wearable arts and the amazing art work displayed made it all worthwhile.

All our students involved did an outstanding job, from the performers, to the student helpers and the Kaunihera team, I received many great comments on the politeful attitude of our students. Ka mau te wehi to you all!!, I would especially like to thank Ms Sio, Whaea Tere, Koka Amorangi, Whaea Stacey and Matua Tony for all the incredible back and front of house organisation.

OPEN NIGHT

Our Open Night for current Year 6 students is next month, August 13th from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. We are currently in the process of having our online enrolment form completed for our website. If an enrolment form is needed in the mean time you can find one via our website or by clicking here.



HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

International Students attending Te Atatū Intermediate (Group 1 - Korean) 20 July - 17 August / (Group 2 - Chinese) 5-16 August Students aged 10-12 - 2 Students per family. Can share a bedroom but must have own beds. Due to allergies of students, pet free homes are a must. Payment of \$350 per week per child. If you are keen to host please apply to: www.lpstudenthomestays.co.nz or call 09 836 1277 during business hours for more information.

AOTEA YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to Finn R14 who performed with the Aotea Youth Symphony Orchestra (AYS) at the Sydney Opera House with the Colorado Youth Symphony orchestra on June 22nd. Finn played in the violin section and had raised the money to go through busking and sponsorship by Meraki & Candid. Despite being very rainy on the day of the performance, the orchestra sounded great and it was a fantastic experience for all! Awesome mahi, Finn!



COUNSELLING

School Counsellors are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for any student who would like to access support. To request a session please email your child's class teacher or [Kelly Clarke](#). Everything is kept confidential and private.

WEARABLE ART

TAI showcased two wearable art costumes based on a unit of work they are currently doing in Art class called "Flights of the Feather".

Inspired by the ancient art of birdman kites, we have crafted garments that pay homage to tradition. Birdman kites looked like humans with extended wings. They are not only significant in the celebration of Matariki, but were also used to work out what the gods wanted people to do. They were a way of sending messages to people far away, both to the living and deceased.

Our first piece is a celebration of culture, heritage, and personal identity. These uniquely crafted feathers, each reflect the rich tapestry of our schools cultural make up. Every child in our kura is represented in this garment. Our students designed each feather with the colours, symbols, and stories of their own cultural heritage. From the red, black and white of the Māori flag, to the vibrant hues of Pacific Island motifs and the intricate patterns of indigenous textiles, each feather is a testament to the beauty and diversity of our kura. As you gaze upon the kaleidoscope of cultures and traditions woven into each delicate detail, understand that each feather is a personal expression of identity, a tribute to the ancestors who came before, and a symbol of the connections that bind us all together. Here every student's heritage is celebrated with pride and joy.

Our second piece draws from the rich cultural heritage of New Zealand and its vibrant native birdlife. Where the beauty of nature converges with the spirit of our school shown through the colours.

Here students have drawn inspiration from the Tūī, Kāhu, Kererū, Kea, and Kōtare, creating prints that capture the bird. With delicate precision, each student selected a native New Zealand bird, drawing its likeness onto a foam print plate and then printing onto fabric. They have been arranged to mimic the elegant structure of feathers.

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FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY 13TH JULY
PICK UP 4PM-5PM
RUTHERFORD COLLEGE MARAE
18-20 KOTUKU STREET, TE ATATŪ PENINSULA

PUMPKIN	PORK	FRIED BREAD
POTATO	MUTTON	STUFFING
KUMARA	CHICKEN	STEAMED PUDDING
CABBAGE		WITH CUSTARD

PRE-ORDERS ONLY - PAYMENT DUE - TUESDAY 9TH JULY

ACCOUNT NAME:
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ACCOUNT #:
12-3038-0417905-52

REFERENCE: NAME &
NUMBER OF HANGI ORDERED

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GRATEFUL TO BE
SELECTED IN THE
AOTEAROA FLAG
FESTIVAL THAT ARE
HEADING OFF TO
FINLAND FOR THE FLAG
FOOTBALL WORLD CUP
IN AUGUST

THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING MY
HAERENGA TO FINLAND!

SPORTS/HAKINAKINA

What a great term! TAI represented in over 6 zone days this term. From all those who went to camp it was a huge success with many wonderful stories about the level of engagement and risk taking place. While I heard many great stories, the one that warmed my heart the most was the one connected to archery. A student enjoyed the activity so much the student returned home to share the experience and now owns an archery set and is looking to join a club - LOVE Camp and everything it can be!

-Matua Tony

NETBALL ZONE DAY

Written by Simone & Decon R12

It was a very cold, wet, and rainy day, which made the court very slippery. The competition was tough, as the other teams were really tall and talented. Although we didn't get the results we wanted, we played our best and had fun. The Year 8 girls team came 4th overall, and the Year 7 girls team finished in the top 6. We are grateful for the chance to play and compete against amazing top school teams.

GYMNASTICS WINNER

Congratulations to Scarlett R14 for winning her division at the Gymnastics Zones. Nice work Scarlett! Auckland Champs is next for her!

RUNNING CLUB

With Cross Country in Term 3, we are happy to announce the start of the TAI Whakaomaoma (running) Club. It will kick off the first Wednesday back at 7:30am to 8:30am. A notice will come home on the first Monday for all those interested. However, if your child is interested in making the cross-country team, find a friend and start training these holidays. A massive shout out to Mrs Harrington (Room 2) for this initiative.



RUGBY LEAGUE

Is there anyone in our community able to help out with rugby league next term?
If so please contact Matua Tony

BASKETBALL SEASON

I played for the Knights team. We had a good, tough season. Our first game was against the A team, the Vikings, and they smoked us, but we learned a lot. A big thanks to our great coach, who really helped us this season by teaching us new skills. We ended up coming 4th overall. We're looking forward to the next season.

-Leon R3

I played for the Kings. It was really fun and entertaining, and it was my first time playing competitive basketball. All of the other teams were really good, and the games were challenging, but we learned a lot about the sport and teamwork. We played well as a team. The results weren't what we would have liked, but we're excited for another season.

-John R3

SPORTS CAMP

Some of our students have been trialing for the Sports Academy. A team of at least 30 students will be heading to Totara Spings in week 9 of next term to compete against other schools from across Auckland. Matua Tony will be in touch with you via email if your child has been selected,

IMPORTANT SPORT DATES TERM THREE

WEEK 1
HOCKEY ZONE DAY
FUSE CUP (E-SPORTS)

WEEK 5
NFL FLAG FOOTBALL
REGIONALS
CROSS COUNTRY ZONE DAY

WEEK 6
GYMNASTICS

WEEK 9
SPORTS CAMP



CAMP - STUDENT VOICE



I am disappointed that it is over, and I have to admit that I was a bit nervous about being away from home, but I did it anyway and I strongly recommend camp to anyone. It is an amazing opportunity. I don't regret it and I think that everyone would enjoy it, if they just gave it a go. I had a lot of time to think this over on the bus ride back. It was a great learning experience, a chance to hang out with my friends, and also to eat good food without having to do any chores. I'd like to thank the camp, the teachers for making this happen, the parent helpers who took their time out of their schedule and also the kids for giving it a go.

- Tilly R7

My favourite part about camp was the Burma Trail, At Kakapo camp, our parents went all out! They wore masks, played crazy sound effects, and their 'jump-out scares' were sensational! They were almost better than going to Spookers, and they really scared us all!

I would definitely recommend camp because it's great. You will get out of your comfort zone and have a blast. Thank you to all the chefs and parents for helping us have an amazing camp.

- Luke R8

The things that I really enjoyed at camp were the activities, getting to tell jokes, having a very fun disco, and rainbow tag. You should go to camp because you can learn many things, you can experience trying to be independent from your family, and you can make new friends.

- Salman R5

We all had so much fun at camp and loved every minute! My favourite part was the scrumptious food. The parents did a fantastic job serving us amazing, delicious food. They looked cute when they wore those funny hair nets and always had a beautiful smile on their face. It brightened up everyone's day when they called out for seconds.

I highly recommend going to this camp, and I would 100% go back, especially because of the food!!

- Ryder R8

What I enjoyed most about camp was hanging out with my friends in the cabins, it felt like a sleepover with all the Room 13 girls.

I would recommend others to go to camp because it's a fun experience to do with your friends and you get to make new friends and talk to new people. I'm grateful to all the parents who came to camp this year for looking after us and supervising us during our activities.

- Halomitra R13

I had a very good time at camp because of all the activities and the fun games we played and meeting new people and making new friends. The first night was okay but the colour run was my favourite activity to play at camp. And 1 on 1ing my friends and doing the dunk competition and the jumping pillow. The food was good, my favourite was the mince and cheese pies and the hot dogs on Tuesday lunch.

- Kayzarn R7

My favourite part about camp was the activities. I loved how they thought of entertaining activities for everyone to enjoy. I would recommend others to go to camp for the experience and memories, and also to get out of their comfort zone to try something new. I was very grateful for the time and effort put into camp and the food was delicious.

- Ella R4

The Flying Fox.

A hurricane flew down my spine as I was being clipped in because the instructor didn't look very sure about clipping me in. Before I knew it, I had stepped out of the tower and I was soaring, like an eagle. By far my favourite activity!

- Sophia R7

I most enjoyed the flying fox and bouncy pillow, I also enjoyed being able to try out things that I don't usually do. I would recommend others to go to camp because it's a great experience, and you could learn something new about yourself. I was grateful for all the food, we got to eat multiple times a day, and we weren't left hungry. If I could improve one thing it would probably be for kids to get to choose their activities or be able to try all of them, I noticed that a lot of people were sad because of activities they couldn't do but wanted to try.

- Poppy R1

I enjoy the slingshot most because of the adrenaline you get when you swing from the top waving at the people below. You feel weightless like you could keep swinging forever.

I would recommend people go to camp because of the friendly environment the students and teachers make and how much fun you will have with your friends you will make cool memories and get opportunities to try things you haven't tried before.

I'm grateful for all the time everyone has put into this camp doing all the stuff we don't want to do.

- Cape R6

What I enjoyed about camp was the wonderful food and the swing shot. I would recommend it to every person who wants to try something new. I am grateful for the weather not being too bad and for my friends that came to camp with me.

- Jackson R10

Camp was an awesome experience. I got to do so many amazing activities and meet lots of new people. I do recommend bringing gumboots though, because you are definitely going to get muddy! Carey Park is the best place to go on camp.

- Brianna R5

I enjoyed the activities like swing shot and archery, I loved spending time with my friends also and the food was great. I would recommend others to go to camp because You can step out of your comfort zone, try new activities and hang with your friends I am grateful for the opportunity to go to camp, I am grateful for all the parents who went out of their schedule to come to camp and teachers and all the activities that we got to do on camp.

- Amber R6

I enjoyed going to camp because we had something to do every day. I would recommend going to camp because it is fun and enjoyable. I am grateful for the parent helpers that came to camp because they were kind and helpful.

- Connor R10

What I enjoyed most was the activities that were there, they were really fun. I do recommend others to go to camp because of the experience and the fun you will have. I was grateful for the chefs who made the food and the parents & teachers for letting us have fun.

- Kale R4



KAKAPO CAMP

KEA CAMP





TUI CAMP