

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

Talofa lava – la manuia le vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa!

Happy Samoan Language Week!

The theme for this week is la malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã, which translates to "A well-grounded self is a successful self." It has been pleasing to see students embodying this saying throughout the week and striving to be the best versions of themselves.

After a well-deserved holiday weekend, we are now well and truly into the second half of the term. Our Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups are preparing for the annual Matariki Schools Celebration, hosted this year by Matipo Primary. The event will take place at the Te Atatū Peninsula Community Centre on Thursday, 19 June. TAI will be joining the Te Atatū cluster of schools, and our performances will be held in the afternoon.

Alongside our cultural performances, there will also be an exhibition of artwork and wearable art. Students have been working hard to create these pieces, and we look forward to showcasing their efforts.

In the final week of this term, our Sports Campers will be competing against nine other schools at Totara Springs, Matamata, in a week of sporting events. We are sending two teams, and both students and teachers have been working diligently in preparation. Students will depart on the morning of Monday, 23 June, and return on the afternoon of Friday, 27 June.

End-of-term reports will be sent to parents on the last day of the term – 27 June. These comprehensive reports will outline your child's achievements across the first half of the year.

Reports will be emailed to parents, so please ensure that your email address is up to date. If there have been any changes, kindly inform the office at office@teatatu.school.nz.

Ngā mihi

Lloyd Evans -Principal /Tumuaki



IMPORTANT NOTES

BOARD NEWS -

ELECTIONS THIS YEAR

Board elections will be held this September. Our election will be managed by Schooled. Again, this [link](#) has more information about parent representation on school boards.

From the School Board Elections website;

'What does it mean to be on a school board?'

Our communities need great boards to help build great schools!

The board has overall responsibility and accountability for the school/kura.

School board's legal responsibilities are determined by the Education and Training Act 2020. The Act sets out boards' four primary objectives. These are ensuring student achievement for all of its students, including for those of differing needs, making sure the school is a safe place for all, and giving effect to the Treaty of Waitangi.

As part of its focus on these four objectives, boards' responsibilities include:

- Setting the strategic direction for the school
- Protecting the school's values
- Monitoring and evaluating student learning outcomes
- Approving policies
- Financial stewardship
- Building community engagement and support

It's important to note that the board does NOT get involved in the day-to-day running of the school.'

If you are interested in standing for election, please keep an eye on our website and newsletter for important dates, or contact [Lloyd Evans](#) for any questions. In our next newsletter, we will have the timeline for the election.

STARSHIP BIG BAKE OFF

Friday 13th June

Bakers wanted!

Students can sign up in the Food Tech Room. Then bring your baking on Friday. All items \$1 \$2 or \$3. Donations also via Kindo!



AUTUMN SHOWCASE REVIEW

Last Thursday was our annual Autumn showcase, featuring the entire music department. The evening was performed to a full house of enthusiastic whānau and friends, and it received a lot of positive feedback. Several parents commented on the progress the Advanced Band has made in just one year. Our students were both excited and anxious to perform in front of a large audience. The music room and staff room were packed with the cacophony of instruments warming up. Some students had to overcome extreme nerves and trust that the rest of the group would support them.

The evening featured a real smorgasbord of talent, with 111 students participating in one of our three violin ensembles: "The Whole Notes," "The Crescendos," or "The Prestos." Additionally, students performed in the Beginner and Advanced Bands, one of TAI's Rock Bands: "Lost in Time" or "Beats Per Minute," or the Percussion Group. Some students participated in more than one group. The evening also showcased some duos and a piano solo. It is wonderful to see so many students taking advantage of the amazing tutors we have available at TAI and how much they can achieve in such a short space of time. Let's not forget the benefits music can have in other areas of their schooling. It can improve memory and concentration, enhance critical thinking skills, and increase self-esteem. Additionally, music education fosters creativity, teamwork, and a sense of achievement. The evening certainly showcased their accomplishments! - HOD music, Bronwyn Chalmers

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TEACHER? - HERE'S HOW YOU CAN

Are you ready to make a difference? Train to be a teacher with us in 2026 through a school-based initial teacher education programme. The Teachers' Institute's Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary, School-based) offers you the chance to gain teacher registration in just one year, while learning hands-on at our school every day. This programme is perfect for anyone considering a career change, returning to work after a break, or even after an OE. What's more, trainees receive a stipend and pay no tuition fees for the year. Applications for the 2026 cohort are open now. [Click here for more information.](#)

TE ATATŪ MATARIKI FESTIVAL

Come along and enjoy performances from all of our local kura. Free Entry!



KNOWLEDGE-ATHON

Early next term we will be running a school 'Knowledge-athon' fundraiser. As part of our initial set-up we are now looking for prizes! If anyone in our community has any contacts or may be able to help us out by gifting a prize, we would love to hear from you! Please email [Ms Rooney](#) in the office. Thank you to the local businesses who have reached out already!



40-HOUR CHALLENGE

Claire & Rachel R6

The 40-hour challenge takes place from the Friday 13th of June to the Sunday the 15th of June. Your child will be out of your hair for 40 hours! For your child to sign up for the challenge, go to [fundraise.worldvision.org.nz](#) and press sign up now. Make sure to add yourself to the TAI team! Also use your school email. If every child in the school raises two dollars, the school will fundraise more than \$800. This money goes towards starving families in the Solomon Islands, giving them resources for today and a future for tomorrow. Forty hours? Challenge excepted!



Ngā mihi to our leaders

"It is in the character of growth that we should learn from both pleasant and unpleasant experiences." – Nelson Mandela

Mandela embodied leadership through resilience and personal growth, believing in the power of education, reflection, and forgiveness to foster leadership in others. Good leaders don't just direct – they develop. They encourage others to grow, take initiative, and lead themselves. They mentor, give constructive feedback, and celebrate progress. This newsletter is clearly all about leadership and the incredible impact it has in our kura. With Whaea Nicola sadly away with the dreaded lurgy, I had the opportunity to step in and take the Cross Country team. It gave me a firsthand look at the amazing work Whaea Nicola has done. TAI was represented by 40 students – all keen to compete and represent their school. When I first started at TAI, we took just 4 students. To now see so many of our tamariki willingly stepping into what is considered one of the most gruelling events is simply inspiring. Ka rawe, Whaea Nicola.

Speaking of inspiring – at the recent Rugby Zones (where we played 4 games and won 1), I witnessed true leadership in action. Sharn R10 rallied his team with positivity and focus, game after game. I was so impressed that I awarded him one of our Special Captains badges – a rare recognition. In my time at TAI, I've only given out two of these. Your whānau, both past and present, should be very proud of you, Sharn.

And this weekend, we have 30 students heading off to compete in the Auckland Schools Rogaine Championships 2025. Thanks to the incredible work of Karla Morrison, these students are going somewhere no TAI students have gone before. This is more than a competition – it's an opportunity for personal growth and self-discovery. Thank you, Karla, for making this possible. A teacher. A student. A parent. It truly takes a village, and our TAI community thanks every one of you.

-Matua Tony

NORTH VS SOUTH COMPETITION

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A huge thank you to Gillian from Rutherford College for organising such a meaningful event. While the games were competitive and exciting, it was the strong sense of whanaungatanga that stood out most. Each year, Rutherford College students volunteer to coach our teams at both schools. This tuakana teina approach, where older students support younger ones, not only builds leadership but also strengthens the bonds between our schools.

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GIRLS FOOTBALL

Kiyona R9 & Nivaeya R10

We played three games, we drew the first, won the second, and lost the third. Because of the draw, we had a penalty shootout to decide the result. After six shots each, Rangeview had the last kick – and Nivaeya blocked it, winning the competition for us! We had great communication, fair subbing, and supported each other on and off the field. There were no standout players – everyone did their job well. We're grateful to have had the opportunity to play against Rangeview, to be humble in our win, and to have such a cooperative team. Thanks to our coaches too!

TAG

Kymarni - Zane & Sharn R10

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HOCKEY

Camilo & Brayden R6, Hannah R1

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BOYS FOOTBALL

Gustavo R2

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BASKETBALL

D'Andre R7 & Luke R8

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CROSS COUNTRY ZONES

Anouk R6

Around 40 students represented TAI at Crum Park yesterday for Cross Country. It was super rainy and muddy, and we had to run 3km. The course was really slippery with lots of changes in direction, up, down, even sideways. It was such a fun experience. One of the best parts was Matua Tony cheering us on. He was loud, funny, and kept everyone going. It was also awesome to see TAI students supporting each other from the sidelines, with some even helping others across the finish line. There were heaps of other schools involved too. A big congratulations to Kiri R1, who placed in the top 10 for Year 7 girls, Johann R3 and Elliot O R9, who placed for Year 7 boys, and Gustavo R2, who placed for Year 8 boys. They will all be heading off to the Auckland Champs to compete.

RUGBY ZONES

Sharn R10

We came 5th overall. It was a tough competition – we got smoked in our first game against Glen Eden, who are always a strong team. It was a bit of a downer, but we treated it as a warm-up. We went into our second game against Kelston with more focus – the score stayed 3-all for most of the game, and we tried to hype each other up, but Kelston pulled ahead and won by two points. Overall, we won one of our games, which placed us 5th. Even though we felt we could've done better, it's pushed us to come back even stronger next year.





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#Creating Healthy Communities



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ŌRUKUWAI ONYX	VS GLEN EDEN INT W 17 - 11	POSTPONED
RANGIHINA RIVALS	VS KELSTON INT L 10 - 6	POSTPONED
TE ATATŪ TAHI	VS RANGEVIEW INT W 11 - 10	POSTPONED
TE ATATŪ TOA	VS GLEN EDEN INT W 10 - 1	POSTPONED
TE ATATŪ TOKI	VS HENDERSON INT L 11 - 24	POSTPONED
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