



NEWSLETTER / PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL



We are now into the 2nd half of term 1 and routines are becoming well established within classrooms. Last week we had the Education Review Office (ERO) in to review how we operate as a school in all areas including teaching and learning, governance and management, systems and processes as the main focal areas. Full results won't be known for at least 8 weeks, but the findings from the team were that we as a school have good systems in place for all of the above areas and it was nice to know

from an outside review team, that the direction that we are heading in is the right direction. It was also great to have robust discussions with the ERO team around student learning and achievement at TAI. I will share the full findings with you when they are published.

COVID-19

As this virus becomes a global pandemic, we are getting regular correspondence from the Ministry of Education, or the Auckland Regional Health Board. At this stage, the focus is around maintaining regular hygiene practices, and to stay home if unwell. Key hygiene practices are the regular washing of hands for at least 20 seconds and drying thoroughly and use of hand sanitisers. They are also encouraging covering your mouth and nose with a tissue, your sleeve or elbow when you cough or sneeze - basic common sense hygiene practices.

OUR BIG BACKYARD

It has been great to get underway this week with our class trips down to Orangihina/ Harbourview for the the practical science activities linked in with Wild About Te Atatu. It has been interesting to note that the lack of rain has impacted on the stream in terms of water testing, however, students have been able to identify local species of birds, have been tracking pests and predators with the tracking tunnels and learning about the uniqueness of the wetlands area. Thank you to all parents who have accompanied classes to help with the correct student ratios. This programme runs through the next two weeks.

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SKATEBOARDING

For the next 5 weeks, we are fortunate to have Amber from Sport Waitakere, who will be taking one of our Physical Education sessions, working with students on a practical skateboard programme.

Week 1 - skateboard dynamics, safety equipment, helmet chat

Week 2 - turning, reminding about safety equipment and how important it is, different techniques

Week 3 - physical dynamics of skateboarding, explaining which muscles are used during skateboarding, muscle memory, demonstrate tic tacs

Week 4 - enforcing correct techniques, revisit and rename muscles used, reinforce techniques, spend time with students one on one.

Week 5 - caring for skateboards, what causes skateboard damage, demonstrate manual techniques, explain moving manuals

PHOTOS

Class Photos and individual photos will be taken on **Tuesday March 31, 2020**. **Pre-paid** envelopes have been sent home with each student. Costs of the photos are printed on the pre-paid envelopes. If you wish to place an order - please put the exact sum of money in the envelopes and hand in to the class teacher. You can also pay directly to Photolife if you wish. Details on the envelopes.

Have you moved recently? Or changed your telephone number?

Can you please let the office have your new contact details asap so we can update our records? It's difficult for us to contact you if your child is sick or injured and needs to see the doctor urgently.

WHAT'S COMING UP

March 9 - 27 - Protecting our Big Backyard

March 10/12 - Zonal Softball days

March 19/20 - Polyfest - Rooms 4/8 /Kapa Haka/ Pasifika group.

March 24 - T20 zone day

March 25 - World of Maths at TAI

Nga mihi nui

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