

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.

KO TE WAO NUI Ā TIRIWA TE NGĀHERE
KO TE WAI Ō PAREIRA TE AWA
KO TE WAITEMATĀ TE MOANA
KO ŌRANGIHINA TE ROHE
KO TAINUI TE WAKA
KO TE KAWERAU Ā MAKI TE IWI
KO TE KURA TAKAWAENGA O TE ATATŪ TĒNEI



MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau

We are now at the end of Week 8, with just one week remaining until the Easter and term break. In line with our commitment to protecting our students' digital journey through our partnership with Linewize, we're introducing a new section in our newsletter. Each week, we'll highlight helpful articles from our Online Safety Hub, sharing practical tips and tools to support our community.

We also thank all whānau who attended our recent Te Kawerau ā Maki presentation evening. We value the connections that were strengthened and the opportunity to share our story within our place and space. We acknowledge that a wero was presented during the patai and are committed to working through this together in a collaborative and respectful way with the support of Te Kawerau a Maki.

We would like to extend a special congratulations to our PE specialist teacher, Whaea Vania Clark, who is getting married this weekend. With an outdoor celebration planned, we hope the weather clears to allow for a memorable and joyful day. All the best for your special day Vania!

Finally, as we approach the end of the term, this is a reminder that school will finish for Term 1 at 3:00 pm on Thursday 2 April for the Easter and term break. This is also the postponed date for our WAKA Wars due to yesterday's terrible weather.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 20 April for the start of Term 2.

Have a great week!



IMPORTANT NOTES

KINDO SHOP UPDATE

KINDO is our preferred way to manage school payments at Te Atatū Intermediate. It's a simple, one-stop shop to pay for extra-curricular activities, order free hygiene products, or organise student lunches.

Fresh lunches from Pita Pit, Subway, and Sushi are available on alternating days. Please remember to place your orders by 8:30 am on the day. If you haven't set up an account yet, [click here to get started](#).

We've also recently updated our school shop with some helpful new sections:

- **Uniform:** Through our partnership with KidsCan, whānau can now order free school sneakers and black socks (limit of one pair per student). Please note: Any order placed this term won't arrive until next term.
- **Health:** We now stock free nit treatments and combs, alongside sanitary items like regular pads and U by Kotex sample packs (which include a reusable pouch and helpful info).
- **'Every Help Counts':** For those in a position to give back, you can now make a small donation (from \$5) via KINDO. These optional contributions directly support our students, ensuring everyone has the chance to participate in sports, music, camps, and school events.

This generosity reflects two of our core values, whanaungatanga and atawhai, as we work together to support every learner.

KIDSCAN FOOD PROGRAMME

Volunteers are still needed to help prepare and serve breakfast and hot lunches starting next term. If you or a family member can help, [please get in touch with Kohe in the office](#).

GARDEN TO TABLE

We're also looking for volunteers to help students in the school garden on Mon/Tues/Fri at lunch (1:00-1:45 pm). [Please contact Mrs Stoddard if you're interested](#).

A FORTNIGHT OF GIVING

It has been a busy and heart-warming fortnight of fundraising at Te Atatū Intermediate. Last Friday, we celebrated World Down Syndrome Day, led by Emma (R9). It was wonderful to see our school community celebrating diversity by rocking colourful, mismatched, and unique socks!



This Wednesday, the energy continued as Whaea Ngaire led our 'Go Green for Mitey' day. Mitey, a [Sir John Kirwan Foundation](#) initiative, supports the teaching of emotional wellbeing and mental health through everyday learning. It helps our students understand their feelings, build healthy relationships, and develop resilience.



Our students looked fantastic in both their vibrant socks and green outfits. A huge thank you to everyone who donated a gold coin; all proceeds will be gifted to these respective charities.

REMINDER WAKA WARS

Due to yesterday's terrible weather, we have made the decision to postpone our Waka Wars event. This will now take place this coming Thursday, which is also the last day of Term 1. We are looking forward to a fantastic day to wrap up the term! For more details on the event, please refer to our previous newsletter or check our school website and Facebook page.

NEW MURALS INSTALLED

We are thrilled to share that the vibrant artworks created last year by artist Kairau "Haser" Bradley and a team of approximately 30 students have now been installed in our hall. These murals are deeply "place-based" and specific to our kura, featuring imagery that reflects our unique environment: the balance of male and female, the Kuaka and Mātātā, and the beautiful dawn and waters surrounding Te Atatū Peninsula. A massive thank you to Chris Burton and Toi Te Atatū for the funding and support that made this project possible. These pieces are a wonderful addition to our school, capturing the heart of our community.

AFTER-SCHOOL MATHS SUPPORT

Starting in Week 2 of next term, Ms. Harrington will be hosting a weekly Maths drop-in session from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm. These sessions are designed to provide extra support in a relaxed environment. Each week will be concept-based, focusing on a specific area such as fractions, decimals, or algebra. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to strengthen their skills and build confidence in their learning. Keep an eye out for more detailed information early next term.



MUSIC AT TAI

Our music programme is off to a fantastic start! Both our Beginner and Advanced Concert Bands have officially kicked off, and the energy in the music room is wonderful to see. We are also thrilled to announce that our two rock bands for 2026 have been formed.

Congratulations to the members of "Broken Frequency": Johann R3 on drums, Chloe R3 and Kelsie R3 on guitar, Isla R12 on bass, Ava R6 on vocals, and Fred R2 on keyboard.

Our second band (name to come!) features Arvin R15 and Joel R14 on keyboard, Mila R2 on drums, Jack R13 and Hugo R3 on guitar, and Naomi R10 on vocals.

TAI has a proud history at the annual Rockshop Bandquest, and we look forward to watching these talented groups develop and grow throughout the year.



What a brilliant start to the year! With 850 sign up's across seven different codes for Term 1 and over a thousand already for eight different codes next term, the sporting spirit at TAI is stronger than ever.

As we move into the next season, we want to acknowledge all the students who put themselves forward.

To those selected:

Represent our kura with pride, stay focused, and continue to work hard.

To those who missed out this time:

Keep your heads up. This is just the beginning of the year, and more opportunities are on the way. Use this as a chance to seek feedback, practice, and show your resilience - your time will come!

We couldn't provide these experiences without our amazing community. Thank you to the parents for your ongoing support and to the staff and volunteers who give so much of their time.

We are still looking for coaches and managers for our netball teams - if you can support us in any way, we would love to hear from you.

[CLICK HERE - Volunteer Parent Coach Sign Up Form](#)



UPCOMING TRIALS & COMPS

The groundwork for next term is already in full swing for Hockey, Football, Netball, Basketball, and Flag Football.

NETBALL (AFTERSCHOOL LEAGUE)

We've just wrapped up two weeks of trials and are excited to be putting forward five Y8 teams and four Y7 teams for the upcoming season. A huge thank you to our referees and to Whaea Ngaire, Whaea Vania, and Miss Kalolo for their help with selections.

FOOTBALL ZONES

Trials for girls and Year 8 boys are already underway. Year 7 boys, keep an eye out for your trial dates early next term.

BASKETBALL (AFTERSCHOOL LEAGUE)

Basketball trials for the night league kick off next week!

IRON UP FLAG FOOTBALL COMP

Good luck to the 20 students heading out to the Iron Up Sport competition on April 18th and 19th during the holidays.

SPORTS CAMP SELECTION

TERM 2, WEEK 9

TŌTARA SPRINGS, MATAMATA

Over two trial dates, 74 dedicated students arrived at 7:45 am for rigorous fitness testing and drills. With only 30 spots available for the trip to Tōtara Springs, our biggest sport event of the year, the competition was fierce!

Congratulations to the following squad:

Kiri R1	Elliot B R9
Hannah R2	Sharn R10
Johann R3	Awhina-Lee R10
Rose R3	Kymarni-Zane R10
Leo R4	Reanna R12
DeOndre R4	Blake R13
Billy R5	Jack R R13
Aria R5	Jude R13
Brayden R6	Jesse R14
Jones R6	Aria R14
Alice R6	Coco R14
Ava R6	Catherine R14
Eli R7	Mason R15
Jessica R7	Eliana R15
Carter-Rose R7	Zarie R15

KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

18-19 APRIL

Iron up Flag Football @ Te Atatū South Park

22 APRIL

Waitākere Netball Year 7 Grading @ Te Pai Courts

29 APRIL

Waitākere Netball Year 8 Grading @ Te Pai Courts

6 MAY

Waitākere Netball Rounds Begin @ Te Pai Courts

13 MAY

Ki o Rahi Comp @ Rutherford College

19 MAY

Rugby Zones @ Avondale Racecourse

22 MAY

North v South Day @ Rutherford College

26 MAY

Girls Football Zones @ Tahurangi Park

28 MAY

Boys Football Zones @ Tahurangi Park

4 JUNE (TBC)

Netball Zones @ Te Pai Courts

15-19 JUNE

Sports Camp @ Tōtara Springs, Matamata

2 JULY (TBC)

Basketball Zones @ Eventfinda Stadium

We are still waiting on confirmation from other sports codes for dates.



BOYS SOFTBALL AUCKLAND CHAMPS

Our Year 8 Boys are the Auckland Champions!

The Year 8 Boys team had an outstanding day at Rosedale, competing against eight top schools from across Auckland. The competition was a step up from Zones, featuring many familiar faces from local baseball and softball leagues. The pitcher's reliable performance kept the pressure on, while the rest of the team delivered a powerful batting lineup and clinical fielding, showing exactly what can be achieved when every player steps up. After missing out on the opportunity last year, the boys were grateful to compete and thrilled to come home as overall Auckland Champions.

INTER-CLASS T-BALL

Congratulations to Room 6, our 2026 T-Ball Champions.

After a series of pool games and a 6-1 win in the final against Room 9, they have proven themselves the best in the school. The team is now preparing to take on the staff in a highly anticipated match next week.

SWIMMING AUCKLAND CHAMPS

At West Wave this Wednesday, Rosa R6 and Brayden R6 competed in the Auckland Champs. In a highly competitive field, Rosa secured third place in both the Freestyle and Backstroke, while Brayden delivered a strong performance against the region's fastest swimmers.

BASKETBALL: TAI THUNDER

What a start to the season for TAI Thunder! The team has been playing with incredible heart and cohesion. In Week 7, they took a decisive 47-19 win against ACG, and they followed that up last night with a spectacular come-from-behind victory against Waitakere Mana, finishing 33-24. It's awesome seeing how well the team is working together on the court, their communication and support for one another are truly paying off. We look forward to seeing this momentum continue!



ORIENTEERING ZONES

Twenty-two TAI students competed at Monte Cecilia Park against seven other schools. Individual highlights included course wins for Jones (R6) and Leo (R4), who took the fastest overall times of the day. The Year 7 Boys and Year 8 Girls were overall category winners, while the Year 8 Boys and Year 7 Girls finished second. An amazing effort by everyone!

We are still awaiting confirmation fo how many students will be attending Auckland Champs next term.

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOCKEY PROGRAMME



HAVE A GO HOCKEY EXTENSION PROGRAMME

CREATING A CLEAR PATHWAY TO CLUB HOCKEY

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- » Free school holiday hockey sessions
- » Delivered prior to 2026 club season
- » 6 programme hours at your local turf
- » Located at Waitakere Hockey Club
- » April 7-9 & April 14-16
- » 11AM-12PM @ Waitakere Trust Turf

WHAT YOU GET

- » Free hockey stick + ball
- » Fun & beginner-friendly sessions
- » Delivered by experienced coaches
- » Limited to 100 kids (register early)

REGISTER NOW — LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE
Proudly funded by Auckland Hockey



WEB WISE @ TAI: CREATING A FAMILY TECH AGREEMENT

DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE YOU AND YOUR CHILD AREN'T QUITE ON THE SAME PAGE WHEN IT COMES TO SCREEN TIME OR ONLINE USE?

A Family Tech Agreement is a great way to set clear expectations and remove the guesswork. It's a simple agreement that outlines what is okay, what isn't, and what happens if expectations aren't met, helping create consistency for everyone at home.

WHY USE ONE?

These agreements are recommended by digital wellbeing experts because they:

- Encourage open conversations about online behaviour
- Support students to make good choices in a safe environment
- Give parents a clear, fair framework to refer back to

TAILORING IT TO YOUR CHILD

Every family is different, and expectations will look different depending on your child's age and stage:

- **Ages 9–11:** Peer influence starts to grow, so clear boundaries help guide safe choices around gaming and social media.
- **Ages 12–14:** This age group often seeks more independence. A tech agreement helps you stay firm but fair, gradually allowing more freedom while keeping safety front of mind.

The Online Safety Hub also includes guidance for younger children and older teens, along with a ready-to-use Family Tech Agreement template. [Click here to download the template.](#)

THE "BEDROOM RULE"

One of the simplest and most effective strategies is keeping devices out of bedrooms.

We recommend devices are used in shared family spaces during the day and charged overnight in a central area (like the kitchen).

This supports:

- Better sleep habits
- Reduced online risk
- Healthier screen routines

HOLIDAY READY: MANAGING SCREEN TIME

With the upcoming break, it's natural for screen time to increase. A helpful approach is to focus on quality over quantity using the ABC approach:

- **Access:** Know what your child is accessing and when
- **Boundaries:** Set clear expectations before the holidays begin
- **Communication:** Keep conversations open and ongoing

Keeping the "Bedroom Rule" in place over the holidays is an easy win for the whole family.

APP SPOTLIGHT

ROBLOX
Expert Recommended Age: 13+

WHAT IS ROBLOX?
Roblox is an online platform where users play and create "experiences." While the app is free, it uses a virtual currency called Robux for in-game purchases and customising player avatars. Though it launched in 2006, its popularity exploded recently, becoming a primary social hub for students to play and chat with friends.

KNOWN RISKS

Risk Category	0 - LOW	5 - HIGH
Privacy and Security	1	5
Adult Content	1	5
Online Bullying	1	5
Deception	1	5
Violence	1	5
Predators	1	5
Gambling	1	5
Costs	1	5
Screen Time	1	5

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