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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 has been great to have some fine, settled weather this week, which has enabled all our winter sports programmes to get well underway and allowed our sports zone days to be completed. Teams are currently working towards the annual North/South competition, supported by the staff and students of Rutherford College. This event pits TAI against Rangeview Intermediate in a variety of sports and challenges. Pride is definitely on the line, as we are the defending champions from last year!

Last week, we had fantastic support from all staff and students for Pink Shirt Day. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated a gold coin towards the Mental Health Foundation. We regularly reinforce our messaging to students about being upstanders—people who do the right thing when they see something that isn't right. Again, this ties back to our four core WAKA values: whanaungatanga, atawhai, kaitiakitanga, and ako.

We look forward to supporting International Languages Week from the 9th to the 13th of June, during which students will have the opportunity to share their cultures and customs. This has become a regular highlight of the year, with students proudly wearing their traditional cultural dress.

Finally, we are very fortunate at Te Atatū Intermediate School to be governed by an incredible Board. Our Board members are Nathan Hooker (Presiding Member/Chair), Nick Smale (Treasurer), Mike Hirst, Siobhan Daly, Christine Coste, and Darren White. Board elections will be held this September. If you are interested in standing for election, please keep an eye on our website and newsletter for important dates. Our election will be managed by Schooled. In the meantime, please see this [link](#) for more information about parent representation on school boards

Ngā mihi

Lloyd Evans -Principal /Tumuaki



IMPORTANT NOTES

PHOTOLIFE KEYCODE

Photolife has emailed all caregivers a unique keycode to view and purchase your child's class and individual photos. You can enter it at www.photolife.co.nz. Orders placed before the Free Delivery Expiry Date will be printed in bulk and sent to the school for your child to bring home. If you have not received an email from Photolife, please contact [Ms. Rooney](#) in the office.

PINK SHIRT DAY

TAI proudly raised over \$350 for Pink Shirt Day, supporting the movement to create a kinder, more inclusive Aotearoa — where everyone feels safe, valued, and unafraid to be themselves. Thank you to everyone who contributed and stood up to say "Bullying Stops Here!"

CYBER TALKS WITH CONSTABLE JUDE

Constable Jude is currently hosting interactive sessions with individual Y7 & Y8 groups or workshops that educate students about online safety, digital literacy, and responsible online behaviour. These talks aim to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly. Raising awareness about online safety issues and promoting responsible online behaviour. Decreasing the risk of cyberbullying, online scams, and other online threats.

ART MĀTĀTĀ

In Art students have been creating a mixed media collage. They have learnt to collage, stencil, stamp, sponge, ink blow, stain, and compose. The works are beautiful and have been super fun to make!

P.A.C.E. TERM TWO

Our diverse P.A.C.E. programme offers students a wide range of opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills, and collaborate with others every Friday afternoon. Options for Term 2 include Table Tennis, Chess, Cross Country, Props Creation, Drama Games, Crochet, Robotics, STEM, Spanish, Māori, Sign Language, and more! Ask your child what they're participating in.



AUTUMN MUSIC SHOWCASE

The many talented musicians of TAI have been busy practising and preparing to take the stage for our annual Autumn Showcase next Thursday evening. This event is a celebration of student talent and creativity, and we're excited to share their hard work with whānau and peers. This is a free event open to everyone, even if your child is not performing—come along and enjoy an evening of great music and support our awesome students!



MOANA JR

Rehearsals and preparation for our Term 3 production of Moana Jr are in full swing! Choir and dance ensembles have begun practices with Mrs. Chalmers and Whaea Tania, while behind the scenes, the magic is also coming together—backdrops are being undercoated, and fabric is being cut and sewn with the help of Whaea Stacey and Whaea Marilee.



Make sure you mark your calendars for the final week of Term 3—Moana Jr hits the stage from September 16–18! You won't want to miss seeing all the hard work and talent come to life. Tickets will go on sale next term.



We are also on the lookout for costume donations! If you have any white pea/puletasi, shorts or shirts, or shell necklaces that you no longer need, we would love to give them a new life as part of our production. Thank you for your support—let the journey begin!



WĀNANGA AT TE AROHA PĀ

Written By Cohen & Tupou R11

Fifty students from Rooms 10 and 11 recently travelled to Te Aroha Pā Marae on the Kaipara Coast for a wānanga – a short educational stay on a marae. The day before our stay, while at school, we were placed into groups to help prepare all the food for our hāngī – peeling potatoes and kūmara, tearing bread for the stuffing, and cracking dozens of eggs. We were welcomed with a pōwhiri and then shared kai with the tangata whenua to make it noa. After setting up our beds, we visited the hāngī pit while the Matua prepared it. We took part in a tā moko activity with Matua Malcolm, where we used ink and bent forks/nails to tā moko pieces of cork – a very cool experience! Sleeping all together in the marae was a challenge, especially with the late-night chatter and snoring, but it was all part of the experience. The hāngī turned out delicious, especially the fried bread that our group made! The next morning, we were up before sunrise, tidied up, had breakfast, and headed off to Parakai Hot Springs. On the way, we spotted some of the leftover set from the new Minecraft movie – very cool to see! Parakai was quiet, with our school being the only group there (thanks, rainy weather!) We returned to school around 2pm – tired, happy, and ready for a warm sleep in our own beds. We're so grateful for the opportunity to experience the marae, its tikanga, and all the learning that came with it.

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WĀNANGA



STUDENT VOICE: PUBERTY PLUS PROGRAMME



Nest Consulting were at TAI this week to deliver the 'Positive Puberty Plus' programme.

This Puberty Education & Empowerment Programme is designed to be positive, engaging, interactive and informative.

For more information, please visit the [NEST website](#) to view the [Lesson Plan](#) or their [Facebook page](#).

Something I learnt during Puberty Plus is that when you hit puberty, every day will be an emotional rollercoaster with your ups and downs. I also learnt a few ways to control those emotions, like breathing or doing a different activity. The games and the group work helped me learn best during the lessons, as those are interactive. The girl only session was my favourite part of the day. The instructor, Lucie, made me feel more comfortable; she was very kind, calming and encouraging. I feel slightly more confident knowing that everyone goes through puberty. - Elliana R7

I thought the Puberty Plus lessons were interesting when she would take out all these body part plushies with faces. It helped some people to concentrate more and made it less awkward when they had a face rather than just having the body part by itself. The trainer, Lucie, helped me to feel confident. She was calm and kept on subject, even if we were loud. She would try to get us to laugh at her jokes. She told us that we would always have at least one person we could trust to ask for help. And gave us a lot of advice about what we could do when certain things happen, which was really helpful. The funnest part of the lesson was the little quiz at the end, which asked us a bunch of questions about what we had been talking about, etc. Glow up guide, mood swings and roundabouts, and the Science of You. My group didn't win, but it was still really fun racing to see who could get the most points, and the winners got little smiley faces, really bouncy stress balls. Overall, the whole puberty plus day was helpful and told me what I was gonna go through, and was really fun, so i'm thankful that Lucie came to our school to teach us. - Matteo R7

Something that I found new and interesting was that you should change your pillowcase every 3 weeks, because your natural oils build up on it and it can cause pimples and unhealthy skin. I personally never knew that so I'm definitely going to be changing it every once in a while now. I learnt the best with the quizzes, they made me think back through all the learning I've done throughout the day and put it to use. As a group, we all had to work together to answer questions which I liked. - Lawrence R2

It was a pretty fun day, even though lots of students were feeling pretty nervous about it beforehand! We learnt about male & female hormones, the different oils our bodies produce during puberty, which can cause pimples - which you never want to pop! We also did a roleplay on consent, where we learnt that it is a clear no to consent if the person you are asking is showing signs of drowsiness or confusion. I think it's important for kids our age to learn about this stuff so we're aware of it when it happens to us! - Kenzo R7

Something new I learnt from the Puberty Plus program is how the male body works and why you should always ask for consent. - Kei R7

I learned that boys and girls go through puberty roughly around the same time, girls are 8 - 16 and boys are 9 - 16. The lesson made me feel confident about the changes that boys go through, because now I know what to expect. Group work really helped me to learn because everyone had interesting ideas to share, and we all learnt something new. My favourite part of Puberty Plus was the roleplay about consent, it was funny and interesting. I got up and acted as Jeff with my special pen, and got to keep it at the end. - Eli R1

I learnt about human anatomy and how females and males go through puberty differently. The average age we start to go through puberty is 8 to 9, depending on our gender, and this will continue until we are about sixteen years old. We do this all because the human race needs to reproduce to stay alive. - De'Andre R7

After learning about puberty and that we all go through it, it made me feel a little better to know that I'm not the only one. The group work we did together along with the videos, helped me to learn. The quiz at the end was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed it! - Gautam R1

I learnt so many things about puberty! I learnt the different parts of my brain and how to take care of and provide for my body. An interesting thing I learnt is that one of the first things you might notice during puberty is that your body shape starts to change. Boys will go through a growth spurt and become taller during puberty, as well as become more muscular. You might have food cravings as your body adapts to all the changes. If when I grow up I start to feel unsure about what I'm going through, I will remember what I learnt during Puberty Plus. - Te Ao Marama R7

The most interesting part of the day for me was when we had the girls-only talk. This was educational and helpful for young girls like me, learning about our body parts. The cute, soft plushies of different body parts helped students to enjoy learning about puberty. It was fun because of the little laughs that we had together with Lucie. She helped me feel more confident because she would tell us information calmly and reassuringly. Giving us different tips and also some hotline numbers, and trusted people we can talk to. Her lessons were fun and interactive, and she gave everyone a go at doing things! - Kelly R7

One thing I learned is that everyone goes through puberty at different ages, and it's different for boys and girls. The instructor explained everything really well. She made it feel like a safe, comfortable space to learn in so now I feel more confident with puberty. I liked the end of it, we had the quiz, she told us to pick a number, and then it gave us a question that was worth an amount of points, I think that was the part I participated in the most out of everything. The points were a good idea because it made people not feel so awkward about answering the questions she asked. - Poppy R1

Something I learned from the puberty lessons was about the male and female reproductive systems. By making our hands into triangles and putting our thumbs on our belly button, we learnt where the female reproductive system is placed. - Luke R2

These lessons made me feel more confident knowing that every woman, not just me, goes through it. - Jess R7

Puberty is an important topic for people my age because it is something that everyone goes through. Being reminded that I have parents who will always be there for me, to listen and help me through puberty, helped me feel more confident, too. - Addi R7

At the puberty talk, I learnt not to be embarrassed because everyone goes through it and it's all totally normal! I feel more confident with these changes after the instructor explained to us that there is a way to track your period. - Ivy R7

SPORTS / HAKINAKINA

With all the TAI Winter Sports in full swing—including netball, water polo, basketball, and now winter orienteering—it's fantastic to see such strong student participation. Following the success at the recent Auckland Champs, we're thrilled to have 16 students signed up for Event #2 of the North West Rogaine Series, and 22 for Event #3. The first event kicks off this weekend in Woodhill Forest—good luck to all our competitors!

Looking ahead to next week, we have another exciting sporting tradition: the annual North vs South Sports Exchange. This event is more than just competition—it's a celebration of community and sport. Students will compete in basketball, hockey, football, tag, and netball against Rangeview Intermediate at Rutherford College.

A huge thank you to Gillian at Rutherford College for organizing such a meaningful event. While the sporting challenges are important, it's the sense of whanaungatanga that stands out the most. Each year, Rutherford College sends a group of students to coach our teams. This tuakana-teina approach—where older students support younger ones—not only nurtures leadership but also builds strong connections between schools. For many of our students, seeing a familiar older face at college can make a big difference in their transition. And for us, it's a joy to see our former students again and witness how much they've grown.

-Matua Tony

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A FORTNIGHT OF FOOTBALL AT TAI

-Caris & Sophie R3, Mr. Vale

ST DOMS GIRLS GAME

Our Year 8 girls took to the field last week in a spirited practice match against St Doms, ending in a thrilling 2-2 draw.

St Doms opened the scoring, but TAI responded in spectacular fashion with a stunning solo goal from Nivaeya R10, who dribbled from her own half and coolly slotted the ball into the net. Momentum swung in our favour soon after, with Sara R8 cleverly toe-poking the ball through the keeper's legs, finishing off a sharp pass from Alice R1. With TAI leading 2-1, St Doms managed to equalise in the final minute, rounding off an exciting back-and-forth match. Zoe R5 and Sophie R3 were rock solid at the back, holding the defensive line with confidence and composure. Ashley R5 was relentless in midfield, showing great vision, work rate, and determination throughout the game. Making her debut for the team, Catherine R14, a talented Year 7 student, slotted in seamlessly and impressed with her calm play and smart positioning.

Coach Mr Vale praised the team, saying, "The girls did really well for our first game against another school. They showed persistence, and their hard work in training could be seen on the pitch. I think we deserved the win, but St Doms did well to pull one back in the end."

ZONE DAYS

It was a big week for football at Te Atatū Intermediate, with both our girls' and boys' teams competing in their respective Zone Days at Crum Park — the girls on Tuesday and the boys on Thursday.

On Tuesday, our two girls' teams (Year 7 and Year 8) represented TAI with pride and determination. The Year 8s played incredibly well, earning wins against Glen Eden, Kelston, and Glenavon before a narrow penalty shootout loss to St Dominic's in the quarter-finals. They finished strong with a 3-0 win over Rangeview, placing third overall. Our Year 7 girls also came third, showing great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day.

On Thursday, it was the boys' turn. Two teams of 14 players competed, with 12 schools in the Year 7 division and 14 in the Year 8s. The Year 8 boys made it to the semi-finals, narrowly losing 2-1 to Glen Eden, but bounced back to claim third place with a 1-0 win over Green Bay — thanks to a goal from Gustavo R2.

A shoutout to Leon R9, who scored six goals during the tournament!

Our Year 7 boys were outstanding. After a 0-0 semi-final draw with Blockhouse Bay, they won on penalties with Jesse R14 scoring the decider. The final was another tight 0-0 match against Glen Eden, and once again, our team kept their cool in the shootout — with Isaiah R2 scoring the winning penalty.

Their win means they now qualify for the Auckland Champs later this term!

Ka rawe to all our TAI footballers!!

ORIENTEERING AUCKLAND CHAMPS

-Indi R8

Last week, 24 students represented TAI at the Auckland Orienteering Championships held at Moire Park in Massey.

The event kicked off with a few nerves, but once the race began, it turned into a lot of fun. Our students qualified for the Champs based on their strong performances at the Zone Day last term. The Auckland course was longer, but with more visible targets, which made it feel a bit easier to navigate.

There were significantly more participants at this event compared to our previous one, making it an exciting and competitive day. Orienteering is not only a physical challenge but also a great way to test your navigation skills and push yourself to improve each time.

A big thank you to the awesome parent helpers who supported us and made it possible for our students to attend.

PUNI REO POITARWHITI

-Breeze & Ja'vaeh R10

Two of our teams recently took part in the Puni Reo Poitarwhiti, and both teams won their pools in the Intermediate division!

(Auckland's inaugural netball event where every participant, from umpires to players, announcers, and coaches, only speak in te reo Māori on and off the court.)

It was an awesome event with heaps of schools from all over the motu.

The entire competition was run in full te reo Māori, with penalties given for speaking English.

This was definitely a challenge for some of our players, but with great support from Breeze and Saige, we were able to step up.

It was a tough and fun competition, and a great experience to be able to speak Māori while playing sport. We were proud to be one of only a few schools there who don't run a full immersion programme, so representing our kura and doing well in a reo Māori setting felt extra special.

To help with refereeing and communication, lots of sign language was also used throughout the games. Huge thanks to our awesome teams and to Whaea Ngaire for organising and supporting us. Ka mau te wehi!

netball WAITAKERE Punereio Poitarwhiti	GAME ONE	GAME TWO
TE KAWARAU Ā MAKI MARVELS	VS WAIKŌWHAI INT W 19 - 4	VS BLOCKHOUSE BAY INT W 15 - 5
ORANGIHINA OPALS	VS GLEN EDEN INT L 14 - 19	VS SWANSON SCHOOL L 18 - 14
ŌRUKUWAI ONYX	VS GLEN EDEN INT W 20 - 9	VS GREEN BAY SCHOOL W 24 - 12
RANGIHINA RIVALS	VS ST DOM'S W 26 - 5	VS HENDERSON INT W 27 - 6
TE ATATŪ TAHI	VS HOANI TIRAIRAKA L 4 - 11	VS ST DOM'S W 24 - 3
TE ATATŪ TOA	VS HENDERSON INT W 18 - 2	VS ST DOM'S W 8 - 2
TE ATATŪ TOKI	VS WAIKŌWHAI INT L 5 - 18	VS ST DOM'S W 19 - 14
TE ATATŪ TU	VS ST DOM'S L 2 - 8	VS WAITAKERE SPARKS L 6 - 10




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COMMUNITY NEWS

TE ATATŪ ROOSTERS

Our local, TAT Roosters, are needing more U13 girls to fill their team. If your daughter is interested, message them via their social media accounts for more information.

Attention!!!! Our U13s Kōtiro are **URGENTLY** looking for more players **NOW** to fill their team 🙏 They have the heart, support and determination to make a great season full of triumph, learnings, fun and friendships **100**



If you are keen to join a great team, important kaupapa for our kōtiro, then please message us ASAP!

Nga mihi nui e te whānau, We would love to see our kōtiro flourish so contact us now if your keen!
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FADED BARBERS

A new barber is opening it's doors! We're bringing fresh fades, clean cuts, and a laid-back local vibe to TAT North. Free sausage sizzle & food on their opening day to celebrate.



OPENING DAY
SATURDAY 24TH MAY
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