

# 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.*



### KAUNIHERA 2024

Jake, R2, Xavier R14, Kori R8, Zion R12, Leon R3 (Deputy Head Prefect), Eva R3, Éire R9, Madeline R11, Evie R7, Evie R14  
Eva R2, Mia R15, Anna R6 (Deputy Head Prefect), Sharlott R6, Rania R11, Hazel R5, Jala R9 (absent: Jeremi R13)  
Genesis R12 (Head Prefect) & Evie R5 (Head Prefect)

## MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI

### Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau.

Another busy week at TAI has come to an end, and once again, a lot has been going on! We've had the Rising Stars Tuatara Basketball group in for PE sessions with all classes. It's been impressive to see ex Tall Black Rob Loe, who's nearly 7 feet tall, demonstrating his slam dunking ability, leaving our students in awe. Congratulations to the students who participated in the Waitākere sports zone competitions this past week, including swimming, tag, and orienteering, competing against local Waitakere Intermediate schools. A big thank you to the parents who supported and helped transport students to these events.

The return of the sun this week has been wonderful, but as the autumn weather cools and mornings get colder, we're noticing more lost property. Please ensure that all sweatshirts, jackets, and hats are labeled with a room number, as this makes it easier to return any misplaced items. The first place to check for lost clothing items is Room 15, upstairs in the Hapori two-storey block.

Next week, we have our fundraising Colour Run scheduled for Thursday. More information is available in the newsletter, and we're thrilled with the response so far, as our goal is for every child to attend the upcoming camps at Carey Park next term during weeks 8 and 9. Lastly, we're looking forward to seeing you all at our student-led conferences on the 8th and 9th of April. Further details are provided below as well.



# IMPORTANT NOTES

## PAID UNION MEETING (PUM)

**1:30 PM THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**  
As part of NZEI Te Riu Roa (Primary Teacher Union), the collective agreement for Primary teachers allows for up to two paid union meetings per year. Although there are three venues that teachers are able to attend, all of these meetings take place during school hours. Legally, teachers are entitled to attend for up to two hours (one-hour meeting/one-hour travel time). Te Atatu Intermediate School has a high number of NZEI Te Riu Roa members, and in order to minimize disruption for students and whanau, all our teacher members will join the West Auckland meeting on Thursday, 28th March at 1:30 pm (the day before Good Friday and the Easter break).

**Therefore, on this day, we will hold our fundraising color run in the morning, and at 12:30 pm, if students are able to head home for the long Easter weekend, that would be appreciated.**

This will then allow the union teacher members to attend their meeting in the afternoon. Should students need to stay on at school till 3 pm, we will have a small number of non-union staff to supervise the students. If your child will need to stay on at school, **please complete this form** so we can assure staff coverage.

Thank you, parents, for your support with this; we want to minimize disruption as much as possible for the students in their program.

## VACCINATIONS TALK

This upcoming Wednesday, the public health nurse will visit TAI to discuss students upcoming Boostrix and HPV vaccinations. Permission forms will be given to them to take home, and we need all forms signed and returned, regardless of whether they've already had their vaccination or are not permitted to receive one.

## COLOUR RUN - ONLINE FUNDRAISER

TAI's color run is happening this upcoming Thursday! We need parents to assist in supervising students during the run and also to help with throwing dye. If you're available to help, please send me an email. For more details about the event and the fundraiser, please see page 5.

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCE

In week 11 of this term, we'll be hosting our Student Led Conferences. They will run on:

- Monday, 8th April from 1:40 pm to 7:00 pm (*school finishes at 12:50 pm on this day*).
- Tuesday, 9th April from 3:20 pm to 6:00 pm.

For more information about the conferences and instructions on how to book, please see page 6.

## LINEWIZE - FAMILY ZONE

On our [website](#) there is a button on the top right called **Family Zone**. In the last newsletter, we mentioned that the parent app, Qustodio, was available. There are also parent support areas around digital technology as well in the toolbar, particularly Parent Advice and Online Safety Tech. There are some great articles, support and help for parents navigating the online world with their children.

This week the spotlight is on-screen time - [please click here for tips and support](#).

## TAI SCHOOL POLICIES - SCHOOLDOCS

Te Atatū Intermediate is a SchoolDocs school - all TAI policies and procedures can be viewed here - [Policies and Procedures](#)

## LOCKDOWN

To ensure our school remains safe, we're committed to responding swiftly and securely to various emergency situations. We collaborate with Harrison Tew®, an independent company specializing in emergency management planning for schools. Their procedures have been successfully implemented in numerous schools across New Zealand.

As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain our emergency procedures, specialized training sessions are being conducted with our senior leadership and staff by Harrison Tew®. Additionally, students will receive age-appropriate information on how to respond in emergencies, either from their teachers or directly from Harrison Tew®.

To practice our response to a lockdown scenario, we'll be conducting a **lockdown exercise on the morning of Tuesday, 26th March**, with the guidance and support of Harrison Tew®. During this exercise, you'll receive a notification from the school. **It's crucial that your emergency contact details are up-to-date and accurate.** The notification will clarify that this is only an exercise and will instruct you to find updated information on the school website.

In the event of a real emergency, if you become aware of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, we kindly ask that you refrain from attending the school or calling, as we may not be able to respond. Your presence or contact could hinder our efforts or those of emergency services in managing the situation.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in ensuring the safety of our school community.



## CAMP CAREY PARK

This year we are heading to Carey Park Camp, Henderson Valley.

### CAMP 1

Tui syndicate (rooms 6, 7, 13, 14, 15) - Monday 17 - 19 June

### CAMP 2

Kakapo syndicate (rooms 3, 4, 5, 8, 12) - Wednesday 19 - 21 June

### CAMP 3

Kea syndicate (rooms 1, 2, 9, 10, 11) - Monday 24 June - Wednesday 26 June

We will be sending out more information regarding camp before the end of term.

## WHERE IS MRS ARATEMA?

You might be wondering where Mrs Aratema is? She has been awarded a scholarship in the Science Teaching Leadership Programme with the Royal Society Te Apārangi. Participating in this programme will allow TAI to further enhance its science programme and lift the engagement of science across the whole school. Mrs Aratema's research includes researching our very own ecologically significant wetland, Orangihina (Harbourview), and teaching students how they can take action as kaitiaki to protect it. "The Science Teaching Leadership Programme will allow Amber to engage her school community in learning more about the natural world around them, the Nature of Science and mātauranga Māori from the connections and experiences she will gain through her placement 'Te Taiao: Pūtaiao in Action in Te Atatū Peninsula.'" Mrs Aratema will return to Te Atatū Intermediate in term 3.

For more information [please click here](#).

# POLYFEST '24

ON WEDNESDAY OUR TWO TIKANAGA CLASSES, ROOMS 3 & 12 ATTENDED THE 49TH ASB POLYFEST SHOW.



"THE MARIST & WAIŌREA KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCES WERE IMPRESSIVE. THE FOOD WAS TASTY, BUT A BIT PRICED FOR US STUDENTS. I RECKON IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THE WHOLE SCHOOL COULD GO ON A TRIP LIKE THIS IN THE FUTURE, CONSIDERING THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATING. IT WAS NEAT TO SEE AROHANUI STUDENTS PERFORMING TOO" - JAZZ R12

SEEING WAIŌREA PERFORM WAS AWESOME BECAUSE IT'S THE HIGH SCHOOL A LOT OF US WILL BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR. THE OTAI WAS DELICIOUS, AS WERE THE WATERMELON AND ICE CREAM. WE SCORED FREE HATS, GLASSES, BAGS, STICKERS, PENS, NOTEBOOKS - SO MUCH STUFF! THERE WERE VARIOUS CHALLENGES SET UP AROUND THE PLACE, LIKE HOLDING WEAVE BASKETS WITH COCONUTS IN THEM TO SEE HOW LONG YOU COULD HOLD THEM. ANOTHER CHALLENGE WAS TO SEE HOW HIGH YOU COULD JUMP; ONE GUY WON 91 FLAGS BECAUSE HE JUMPED THE HIGHEST! THE FIREFIGHTERS HAD A POT BURSTING WITH FLAMES AND TAUGHT PEOPLE HOW TO PUT IT OUT" - KAIA & EVA R3



"MY FAVORITE PART WAS ME AND LEON GETTING A FREE HAIRCUT AND SOME STUDENTS GOT BRAIDS FROM THE LEARNERS AT MY CUT ACADEMY. OUR CUTS COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER, BUT IT'S ALRIGHT BECAUSE THEY'RE STILL LEARNING. THE FOOD AND PERFORMANCES WERE COOL, ESPECIALLY ON THE MAORI STAGE. THE WATERMELON AND ICE CREAM WERE THE HIGHLIGHTS IN TERMS OF FOOD." - SIAH R3



"I REALLY ENJOYED THE DANCERS, ALTHOUGH WE ONLY CAUGHT THE MAORI STAGE PERFORMANCES. THE DONUTS WERE AMAZING, AND IT WAS FUN TO WATCH MY FRIENDS GET THEIR HAIR BRAIDED, EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T THINK MY MUM WOULD LET ME. WE RECEIVED A BUNCH OF FREE STUFF, WHICH WAS AWESOME. THE NZ POLICE WERE ALSO THERE; WE EVEN GOT TO SIT IN THE POLICE CAR AND SPEAK INTO THE CAR SPEAKER" - GRACE R12



"IT WAS COOL TO EXPERIENCE THE VARIETY OF FOOD SMELLS AND WATCH THE PERFORMANCES, BUT THE WEATHER WAS REALLY HOT. WITH THE HELP OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS, WE HAD THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE EVERYWHERE AROUND THE EVENT. WE HAD A BLAST MAKING BEAUTIFUL LEIS; WE GOT TO CHOOSE OUR OWN COLORS AND MAKE THEM OURSELVES. I WOULD LOVE TO GO AGAIN" - RYLEIGH R3



# SPORTS/HAKINAKINA

Wow, the last two weeks at TAI have been absolutely hectic with sports events! Our teams have been involved in three Zones events: swimming, TAG, and orienteering. Although the results were mixed, with one event achieving its best-ever results, all our competitors returned to school with high spirits, proud to have represented their school.

It's been fantastic to see our students receiving their Zones sports badges at the end of the day, a moment they've truly cherished.

A huge shoutout goes to our coaches, managers, and parents who tirelessly support our tamariki at these events. Your dedication ensures our students don't miss out on valuable experiences that could shape their futures. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Our tamariki continue to inspire us with their willingness to try new things. Over the next few days, we're running tennis trails on our makeshift tennis court on the astro turf. Around 40 students bravely gave it a go, some even holding a racket for the very first time, borrowed from a friend. Their enthusiasm is truly contagious, and we hope it never fades.

Lastly, a message to our beloved WAKA Aotea and Blues (both united by the beautiful color Blue). The Mighty Blues are taking on the Crusaders at Eden Park. We're all hoping for a win, finally breaking the Crusaders' streak at the home of rugby after ten long years. So, if you're looking for something to do this Saturday night, head to Eden Park and boost your hauora with a Blues victory! If not, I might find myself wearing Crusaders Red on Monday due to a standing bet with Mr. Johnston, which won't be good for my hauora.

Thank you for all your questions and queries. I'll always do my best to answer them.

-Matua Tony



## TAG ZONE DAY

"On Tuesday four teams of TAI students played in the Tag zone day at Moire Park. The boys did good, although there is work to be done with our play making. We won 2 games against Glen Eden & Blockhouse Bay & lost 2 games against both the Henderson teams. The A team placed 9th overall. We're grateful to have been able to attend the day & experience tournament tag with our friends."

- Decon, Jackson & Joseph Anthony R12

"Tag was a fun and interesting day! The year 7's all felt well connected with their friends while others got to know each other better as the day went on. The competition was tough with our two girls teams placing 10th & 11th. It was great to see how every TAI team supported each other while we played our games. We're grateful to have been able to be a part of it & for being selected to represent TAI"

- Sharlott & Amber R6

## ORIENTEERING ZONE DAY

Yesterday we went to an orienteering zone day at Monte Cecilia park. The sun was shining which was an immediate improvement from last year. It was extremely organised and a calm environment settling our nerves. We arrived an hour early so Whaea Stacey took the opportunity to take us through the sculpture garden around Pah Homestead which was right beside the course. We then got to go inside the homestead which is an art gallery. This was cool!

When we came out it was time for us to race. We did a few stretches then lined up. The officials told us what to do and how to hold our map facing North which was in the direction of the sun. We set off in our TAI teams eg yr 7 girls, yr 7 boys, yr 8 girls and yr 8 boys. We all had a different trail map so split off in different directions. We ran up and down hills, through forests and past sculptures and dogs out for a walk. We all did super well and ended on good times!

We came back to school and had an ice block and received our zone day badge. Our Year 8 girls came first place with the rest of our teams coming second! Awesome results!!

-Hazel R5

## SWIMMING ZONE DAY

Last Thursday, 27 students represented TAI at the Swimming zone day held at West Wave pools. This is the most we have ever sent! It was really fun day with strong competition! Matilda R1, Amber R6, Leilani R5 & Salman R5 all made it through to the finals. Finals were really hard & a good challenge against other strong swimmers. Leilani got a personal best of 36 seconds in the 50m freestyle! We're grateful for having the opportunity to go and participate in the zone day and that enough students represented TAI this time to be able to participate in all the events, like the freestyle relays & mixed medleys.

-Leilani & Zoe R5



## IMPORTANT SPORT DATES TERM ONE

WEEK 9  
TENNIS ZONE DAY

WEEK 10  
KI O RAHI  
GIRLS CRICKET ZONE DAY

(HOLIDAYS)  
FLAG FOOTBALL COMPETITION

# COLOUR RUN - ONLINE FUNDRAISER

TAI's COLOUR RUN IS NEXT THURSDAY AT 10:30 AM

We are hosting our first Colour Run fundraiser to raise funds to support our students.

Funds raised will go towards each individual child- to offset the cost of their own camp experience.

If a student fundraises beyond their individual camp expenses, the surplus will be directed towards assisting another child who may face financial constraints to participate in the Carey Park Camp experience.

**IF YOU ARE YET TO SET UP YOUR CHILD/REN'S FUNDRAISING PAGE YOU STILL HAVE TIME! [PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)**

There is a \$5 fee to participate in this event, covering the expense of the powder, which can be made via your KINDO account.

[please click here if you are yet to set up a KINDO account](#)

*Please note: your child does not need to be participating in the fundraiser to join in on the fun!*

Participating students can come to school in non-uniform although they should be old clothes (preferably white) they do not mind getting dirty/stained.

While only adults will be throwing colour and aiming at torsos, some powder may come into contact with skin. For safety, students can choose to wear glasses or goggles as eye protection.

For original information [please click here](#)

**WE NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS**  
**IF YOU'RE ABLE TO HELP THROW SOME COLOUR AT OUR STUDENTS ON THE DAY PLEASE EMAIL [KOHLE ROONEY!](#)**

## Healthy Habits BINGO

Every completed BINGO card goes into a prize draw!

CREATING HEALTHY HABITS

You don't need to be fundraising to participate.

Write your name on your completed form and hand it in to your teacher by NEXT MONDAY

Go for a walk around your community	do 3 of your favourite exercises	eat 3 pieces of fruit or vegetables today	complete 50 star jumps
drink at least 5 cups of water	play outside for 60mins or more	hold a plank for as long as possible	Practice mindfulness for 15 minutes
try a new fruit or vegetable	jog in one place for one minute	one whole evening with no device	Have a dance party for 15 minutes
run 1 lap of the field	play one of the outdoor games at break time with your friends	visit a beach or park and pick up rubbish	complete 10 burpees



### HEALTHY HABITS BINGO

Students were given a BINGO card to complete over the week, finishing this coming Monday.

Students do not need to be fundraising to participate & every completed card goes into a prize draw!

Help your child complete theirs over the weekend.

- Go for a walk around your community
- Do 3 of your favourite exercises
- Eat 3 pieces of fruit or vegetables today
- Complete 50 star jumps
- Drink at least 5 cups of water
- Play outside for 60mins or more
- Hold a plank for as long as possible
- Practice mindfulness for 15 minutes
- Try a new fruit or vegetable
- Jog in one place for one minute
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- Complete 10 burpees

# STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

**IN WEEK 11 OF THIS TERM WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR STUDENT LED CONFERENCES.**

**THE CONFERENCES WILL RUN ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 1:40 PM-7:00 PM, WITH SCHOOL FINISHING AT 12:50 PM ON THIS DAY  
AND TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 3.20 PM-6:00 PM.**

These conferences are an important way in which we can support learning. They help our students to understand where they are at in their learning, where they need to go next, and how they will get there.

At Te Atatū Intermediate school:

*Up to three conferences occur at once within 30 minutes and the format of the conference is as follows:*

*Introduction and welcome from the teacher.*

*Students and parents are set up at a station within the classroom where the student shares their learning with their parents.*

*The teacher will, over the course of the half-hour, sit with each group to discuss the student's learning and answer any questions that you may have.*

*Once students have completed their conference with the parent(s) and the teacher, the conference concludes.*

*There will be a 10 minute period before the next conference begins. This can be used if there is anything that you wish to discuss privately with the teacher, alternatively, a meeting can be organised for another time.*

## **TO BOOK A STUDENT LED CONFERENCE, PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROCESS BELOW:**

*Login to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)*

*Click on 'Make a booking'.*

*Enter the event code **53kbx***

*Step 1: Enter your details*

*Step 2: Choose up to 3 teachers that you would like to see (class teacher, technology and specialist teachers).*

*Step 3: Choose the times that suit you best. Please note that if you plan to see more than one teacher you will need to select consecutive times.*

*Spec & Tech teachers have an open door during this time, with no booking time necessary. If you do wish to see them we kindly ask that you make time to visit them before your scheduled class teacher booking.*

*Click 'finish' when done- an email confirming your bookings will be sent to you.*

If there are any issues with booking conferences, such as the unavailability of a device, please send a note to your child's class teacher detailing the teachers you would like to see and your preferred times. They will make a booking for you.

We look forward to seeing you soon and sharing your child's learning with you.

### **CLASS TEACHERS**

Room 1- Matua Mike

Room 2- Matthew Banks

Room 3- Kōkā Amorangi

Room 4- Whaea Tere

Room 5- Chris Goold

Room 6- Lyn Northwood

Room 7- Nathan Morkel

Room 8- Amanda Lake

Room 9- Shel Chung

Room 10- Pamela Stoddard

Room 11- Matthew Johnson (*on Jury service 8th and 9th April. Available Wednesday 3rd April 9am - 5pm*)

Room 12- Whaea Ngaire

Room 13- Jordan Vale

Room 14- Cheryl McKeown

Room 15- Whaea Sabine

### **SPECIALIST TEACHERS**

Visual Art- Whaea Stacey

Science- Ryan Croon

Health and Physical Education- Matua Tony

Music- Bronwyn Chalmers

Dance and Drama- Tania Kingi

SENCO- Britannia Siō (year 7) and Kelly Clarke (year 8)

### **TECHNOLOGY**

Hard Materials Workshop 1 - David Gall

Coding & Robotics Workshop 2 Metal- Michael Davidson

Creative Media- Whaea Deb

Food Technology- Katy Perry