

TE ATATŪ INTERMEDIATE

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MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau.

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through Term 1. This week marks the start of our zonal sports competitions, where our students compete against other Waitākere Intermediate schools in softball for both boys and girls. In the upcoming weeks, we'll also have zonals for Tag and Swimming. Speaking of swimming, our orienteering team (featured above) braved the horrendous Monday afternoon downpour and has been enjoying the sport, which is new for many of them.

Our music program is finalizing the beginner Year 7 band, and we're looking forward to them getting up and running. Year 8s are well underway. Our art groups have created some beautiful art boards for our rotunda/fale, transforming that space into a work of art. PACE has kicked off on Wednesday afternoons, offering students a wide variety of physical, artistic, cultural, and educational opportunities. There's certainly a lot happening around the school to get involved in.

Learning within homeroom classrooms focuses on core areas such as English, mathematics, social science, and languages. You may be aware that the government regulatory requirement is for all students to participate in an average of one hour a day of reading, writing, and mathematics. Within our program, we integrate where possible, ensuring that these skills are not confined to core subjects but also applied in areas like science, social science, art, and food technology, along with other specialist and technology subjects. In fact, these are often the practical applications of reading, writing, and mathematics in action. For us, it's business as usual with the hour-a-day approach.



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.

MATHS BUDDY

Last newsletter the link didn't seem to work for the instructions on parental access for Maths Buddy. This has hopefully been fixed and you can now **find them here**.

COLOUR RUN - ONLINE FUNDRAISER

TAI are running a 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 please click here**.

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



SCIENCE GATE: KAWAKAWA

In the Science Gate, students have been delving into the wonders of our native kawakawa. This week, they actively engaged in creating kawakawa tea and a refreshing kawakawa soda. Additionally, each student received a kawakawa seedling to nurture independently. In the upcoming week, the focus will shift to crafting kawakawa balm. Exciting times ahead as the exploration of the magic of kawakawa continues!



TAI'S LARGEST PUMPKINS OF THE SEASON!

Written by Mila R10

Room 10 students have been measuring giant pumpkins using string to calculate their weight using an online calculator. Each week the students have been going out to the garden to measure and calculate the size and weight of their Bohemia pumpkins. Hello After weeks, Room 10 had two out of five ready to harvest. Prisha from Room ten said " I enjoyed measuring the pumpkins as they grew." The students were ready to see results from their hard work. Amazingly, the largest pumpkin was reaching mid-forties in kilograms.

Finally, Mrs Stoddard cut up the pumpkin and put all the students' effort to good use by turning it into delicious fritters. I'm sure everyone had fun and learnt something new. What will the school grow next?!

LINEWIZE

At TAI, we use Linewize to support monitoring and filtering safety for online use of devices. There is also the opportunity for parents, through the Family Zone link on the website, to join Qustodio - a parental digital wellbeing app. There is also a number of support articles for parents around digital safety. I will highlight some of these areas in the next few newsletters. In the meantime, **please click here** to find out more about Qustodio.

ATAWHAI NON-UNIFORM DAY

A massive thank you to our TAI whānau for the generous donations that have come in today for our Atawhai Non-Uniform day fundraising for the Clark whānau! We have raised over \$1500 so far!! If you forgot to send your child with a gold coin today or would like to give a little extra, you can donate via your KINDO account by **clicking here**. All proceeds raised will directly benefit the Clark whānau.



TAI FALE

Students from P.A.C.E Term 4 last year initiated the project of enhancing our fale with cultural designs. The first of these designs on panels have now been attached, and the transformation is already impressive! It's well on its way to becoming a beacon of creativity and inspiration within the Kura and we're excited for the learning space to become a source of pride for our tamariki. This project will continue during P.A.C.E sessions throughout 2024 until the fale is completed.

SPORTS/HAKINAKINA



What a fortnight it's been, focused on building healthier communities!

The week started with the Tuatara 'Rising Stars' basketball program, set to run over the next few weeks.

Mr. Banks sifted through numerous students eager to represent TAI in swimming in the zone day next week.

Twenty-two students attended a session about the upcoming 'Bellas on Mountain Bikes' program designed for young wahine.

Additionally, we had two softball zonedays for our tane and wahine, who admirably met all expectations during a sports day representing TAI. They played hard, played fair, gave their best, showed respect whether winning or losing, and elevated their game. Although we didn't secure a spot in any of the semi-final stages, we couldn't be prouder of our students.

The last two Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays saw Whaea Ngaire working with a whopping 90-100 students, either keen on playing netball or trying it out for the first time (gotta love first-time players!). She hopes to have teams finalised in the next week so please keep an eye on email's for team information & KINDO for fees.

However, we are in dire need of coaches—urgently! It's disheartening to think we may have to turn away students due to a shortage of adults, coaches, or managers for all our teams. We appeal to our community to lend a hand, supporting us in supporting our tamariki. We are here to back you up. Please contact Matua Tony or Whaea Ngaire if you can help!



GIRLS SOFTBALL ZONEDAY

Written by Evie R5

TUATARA 'RISING STARS'

Written by Monica, Ryder, Lois & Dayton R8

TAI is lucky to have Coach Rob & Coach Chanel from Tuatara 'Rising Stars' Basketball programme come out for this week & next to teach all classes some Basketball skills. We have learnt how to dribble, shoot, and hold the ball properly, including different types of dribbling, understanding where to stand and shoot from, and familiarizing ourselves with the rules. It was awesome to receive guidance from professionals.



We played a game called Golden Child, which added an element of fun. In this game, two teams were formed; one team ran around the court trying to make it to the other side, while the opposing team focused on shooting. Once a goal was scored, the person running had to freeze, and the next person would start.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and appreciated the opportunity to gain additional basketball skills. Basketball is a popular sport among students at Tai, and many of them enjoyed participating in the program.

On Tuesday 5th of March the two girls softball teams travelled to Brains Park to compete in the Western zoneday competition. We had an extremely fun time despite the rain pouring down during the games. In the first few games both teams were getting a feel for the game and just experimenting with how we play as a team. The Year 8 team improved a lot over the day and by our final match against Henderson Intermediate, we were all having heaps of fun and finding ourselves feeling the passion towards softball. Although we missed out on going further to the semi-finals we all came back to school proud of what we had presented that day. Overall we had an incredible time and worked as a team to accomplish a win during the tournament!

BOYS SOFTBALL ZONEDAY

Written by Leon R1

Yesterday, 25 tane arrived early at school to don their sports jackets and catch our ride to Brains Park, representing TAI in the boys' softball zoneday. Both the Yr 7 and Yr 8 teams were a mix of students who already knew the game and those trying it for the first time. It was an awesome day, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to play some softball.

The Yr 8 team participated in four games overall. We faced defeats against Glen Eden and Kelston in our first and last games, but we secured a win against Kelston in our second game and had a draw against Avondale. The match against Avondale was particularly memorable for both sides.



IMPORTANT SPORT DATES TERM ONE

WEEK 7

SWIMMING ZONE DAY
YEAR 8 - BASKETBALL TRIALS

WEEK 9

TENNIS ZONE DAY

WEEK 8

TAG ZONE DAY
ORIENTEERING ZONE DAY
YEAR 7 - BASKETBALL TRIALS

WEEK 10

KI O RAHI
GIRLS CRICKET ZONE DAY

(HOLIDAYS)

FLAG FOOTBALL COMPETITION



SPEC & TECH - TERM ONE



Creative Media

In Creative Media this term, students are learning about a range of visual communication outcomes. Students started their Creative Media learning by looking at how type can naturally occur in our environment. Students enjoyed exploring our kura and photographing different letters in our environment. Students then moved into collaborating with peers in their class to invent everyday objects with advancements to make their day to day lives easier. Students produced a Poster advertisement to promote their invention. They learnt typographic techniques, the conventions of posters and discussed what makes a poster effective, eye-catching and easy to read from a distance. For the next few weeks, 3D packaging design is our focus. Students are designing a 3D chocolate box that will contain 3 handmade chocolates. Students are working to a brief and designing concepts, refining their ideas and coming up with a final solution to their packaging design. The last project for the term will be based on stop motion animation which many are looking forward to.



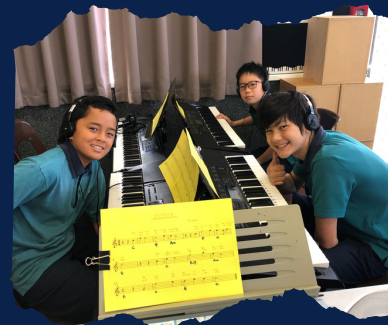
FOOD TECH

Our focus in Food Technology this term is recipes used by Celebrity Chefs - from NZ and internationally. Akonga will learn skills such as chopping, frying, boiling, measuring, and baking to prepare and cook meals and/or lunchbox foods.

Recipes this term include dumplings, spaghetti carbonara, biscuits, muffins and pizza. We also have a technology focus, for this term, it is evaluating our food - assessing our product in terms of technological attributes and whether it fits a purpose.

Music

During this term, TAI students have been putting together a number of skills in music. First we need rhythm to play together so we have been working on some body percussion and bucket drumming. Listening is one of the best skills we can cross over to other areas but mostly we have been identifying genres in music. Alongside that has been some great ukulele strumming, a bit of melody on the keyboard as we try to play a bit of Six 60's "Pepeha." On the computer we've had a little introduction to piecing loops together to create our own piece of music. A great medley of skills all round.



Dance & Drama

In Drama this term, our students are creating their own black and white silent movies in groups based from the Te Atatu Intermediate school WAKA values Whanaungatanga, Atawhai, Kaitiakitanga, Ako. Students also regularly participate in drama games where they learn about character improvisation. A current favorite game is 'Zombie'.

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ADVANCED PERFORMANCE TRAINING

These courses are designed for those students who want to take their education in the Performing Arts further. If you want to audition with success then these are the courses for you. You will train in a fun and challenging environment with performers who are like-minded. No previous experience is necessary but would be an advantage.

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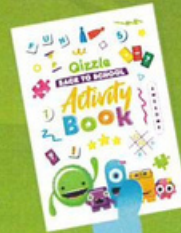
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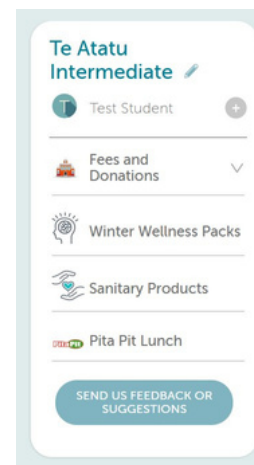
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