

# 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**

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope all students had a wonderful and relaxing holiday and are feeling refreshed for the new term. Term 2 promises to be busy, with our syndicate camps to Carey Park in weeks 8 and 9, and the Matariki Celebration of Te Atatū schools event at the Te Atatū Community Centre in late June.

As the weather changes and it gets colder, students should remember to carry a rain jacket in their bag, especially since rain tends to fall right around 3pm when students are leaving.

Term 2 also marks the enforcement of the government's cell phone in schools policy, where phones must be put away for the day. At TAI, we've long had a policy of storing phones in a lock box or safe within the classroom. We've updated our policy to include all devices, including smart watches. Please see the updated policy below.

On a personal note, I'll be away from school for the next two weeks recovering from a shoulder operation. During my absence, Kelly Clarke and Britannia Sio, my two Deputy Principals, will lead the school.

I'm excited for another term of positive learning and activities planned for the students ahead. Let's make it a great one!



# IMPORTANT NOTES

## CAMP INFORMATION HUI

Thursday 23 May at 6.30pm

If you would like more information about Carey Park Camp, please come along to our information hui in the hall on Thursday 23 May. It would be greatly appreciated if our wonderful parents that will be attending camp could attend this hui.

We are still looking for more parent helpers for each of our camps. If you are able to help us out, [please fill out this form](#).

If you have yet to complete your child's permission form, [please click here](#).

\*The below camp checklist can be found on our website or [by clicking here](#).

### CAMP CAREY CHECKLIST

BEDDING	CLOTHING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SLEEPING BAG</li><li>PILEIN</li><li>SINGLE FITTED SHEET TO COVER MATTRESS</li><li>EXTRA BLANKET</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>WATERPROOF JACKET</li><li>1 WOOLLEN JERSEY OR POLAR FLEECE TOP</li><li>2 PAIRS OF OUTDOOR/RUNNING SHOES (ONE PAIR MUST BE WATERPROOF)</li><li>JAMBALS FOR THE SHOWER</li><li>SOCKS 1/2</li><li>SWIMWEAR (FOR EACH DAY)</li><li>THERMALS</li><li>2 PAIRS OF SHORTS</li><li>2 PAIRS OF TROUSERS (LONG LEGS AND ONE PAIR FOR SWIMWEAR)</li><li>3 T-SHIRTS</li><li>SWEATSHORT</li><li>SPYKISS</li><li>SUNSHINE TOGS</li><li>WETSUIT (IF YOU HAVE ONE OR CAN BORROW ONE)</li></ul>
PERSONAL ITEMS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 TOWELS</li><li>FACE CLEANSER</li><li>TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, SHAMPOO</li><li>HAIR BRUSH/COMB, HAIR TIES</li><li>PERSONAL MEDICATION - TO BE DETAILLED ON THE MEDICAL FORM (SEE WEBSITE FOR CLAMP LOGS)</li></ul>	
MISCELLANEOUS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DRYPACK/SCHOOL BAG</li><li>WATERBOTTLES (ONE FOR THE FIRST DAY)</li><li>DRINK BOTTLE - BANNED</li><li>PLASTIC BAGS FOR DIRTY AND WET GEAR</li><li>FOODS WITH SPICED DIFFICULTIES</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HAT AND SUNSCREEN</li><li>INSECT REPELLENT</li><li>A BOOK/PLAYING CARDS</li></ul>

DO NOT BRING:  
ANY MONEY OR VALUABLES  
CELL PHONES OR ANY OTHER SERVICES (E.G. BATTERY CHARGING, MUSIC, INTERNET)  
REPELLENT OR ANY VALUABLES.

## PHOTOLIFE

This Monday we have our class & individual photos. Forms for sibling photo requests were sent home last term. If you missed this and would still like to order one please send a signed note with your child on Monday stating the following:  
Family Name  
Name of children and room number, starting with the oldest child first.

## LOST PROPERTY

Friendly reminder to please ensure all your child's uniform is clearly named. Any lost property can be located in Room 15, Hapori.

## REPORTS

This year we are sending out all reports electronically. Our mid-term reports will be sent out on the last day of this term. Please contact the [office](#) if you need to update your email details. If you require a hard copy, please let your class teacher know.

## BOT

**Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative**  
An email was sent home yesterday afternoon regarding a casual vacancy that has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. If you missed this, you can find it on [our website here](#).

## AIMS GAMES 2024

**September 7th - 13th**  
While the school no longer sends teams to AIMS, choosing instead to send students to Sports Camp, the school is more than happy to support individual entries. In recent years we have supported athletes independently entering BMX, gymnastics, swimming and cross country.

If you're child is interested in entering a sport please contact [Matua Tony](#)  
Please note you will responsible for:  
1 - Paying for the event entry fee  
2 - Accommodation  
3 - Accompanying your child to the event  
4 - Managing student behaviour that is in keeping with our school values.  
Entries close June 5th 2024.

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

**Friday 31st May**  
The Ministry of Education has given schools two teacher only days during 2023 in order to support implementation of the New Zealand Curriculum refresh. From the Ministry site; 'In 2024, these teacher-only days will be held between 27 May and 7 June, and 21 October and 15 November.'  
As a Kāhui Ako / Community of Learning - all Te Atatū cluster schools will hold the designated teacher only day on Friday 31st May. This date is also listed on our website. A Google form will be sent out closer to the time if your child is needed to present at school on this day.



## POKEMON INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

At the end of last term, Sebastian R7 travelled to London to participate in the Pokemon Europe International Championship. This was the largest Play! Pokemon event to date joined by 3500 competitors. With 199 players in his Trading Card Game Junior division, from 26 different countries, after 8 rounds, 11 hours of battling, Sebastian placed 9th in his division! Awesome work, Sebastian!



# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Monday 6 May - School Photos  
Wednesday 8 May - GATE Science Trip  
Wednesday 15 May - Orienteering Auckland Champs  
Monday 20 - Friday 24 May - Life Education  
Tuesday 21 May - Girls Football Zoneday  
Thursday 23 May - Boys Football Zoneday  
Friday 24 May - Puni Reo Netball Competition  
Tuesday 28 May - Rugby Zoneday  
Friday 31 May - Teacher Only Day  
Monday 3 June - King's Birthday  
Thursday 6 June - Chess Tournament  
Thursday 6 June - Autumn Music Showcase

Friday 7 June - Table Tennis Zoneday  
Tuesday 14 June - Bake it Better for Starship  
Monday 17 - 19 June - Tui syndicate camp  
Wednesday 19 - 21 June - Kakapo syndicate camp  
Monday 24 - 26 June - Kea syndicate camp  
Thursday 27 June - Matariki Kahui Ako celebration at community centre  
Friday 28 June - Matariki  
Saturday 29 - Sunday 30 June - 40 hour Challenge (40hr famine)  
Tuesday 2 July - Netball Zoneday  
Friday 5 July - Reports go home  
Friday 5 July - Last Day of Term Two

# CELLPHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

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At Te Atatū Intermediate School, our approach to cellphones and other personal digital devices supports student engagement and achievement. Personal digital devices include cellphones, which we manage according to government regulations, and other devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartwatches. Devices that are part of a school-approved Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme have separate conditions for use.

Te Atatū Intermediate School does not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to school.

### CELLPHONE REGULATIONS

To comply with government regulations, we ensure students do not use cellphones during school hours, including break times. Parents/Caregivers can request an exemption from the school if required. We allow exemptions for students to use cellphones if they are required for:

- a specific educational purpose approved by a teacher
- health needs (e.g. to monitor insulin levels)
- disability or learning support needs
- a special circumstance approved by the principal.

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child during school hours, they should call the office. Smartwatches should not be used to communicate with parents/caregivers during school time.

Rules about cellphones and other personal digital devices made by the board are a school bylaw. The board consults with the school community when making or amending bylaws. We discuss school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed.

### DEVICE REQUIREMENTS AT SCHOOL

The school promotes safe and responsible use of digital technology. Students are required to comply with our digital technology policies and procedures if devices are brought to school. See [Digital Technology and Online Safety](#).

If students bring personal digital devices (including cellphones) to school, the following requirements apply:

- Personal digital devices may not be taken on EOTC events.
- Students must hand in their device to their class teacher at the beginning of the day, to be locked safely away. They can collect the device at the end of the day.

Inappropriate use

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:

- using a device when not allowed
- any sort of bullying, including online bullying
- sending or sharing inappropriate content
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device is managed according to the relevant school policy or procedure:

- [Behaviour Management](#)
- [Responding to Digital Incidents](#)
- [Surrender and Retention of Personal Digital Devices](#)

If a student uses a personal digital device inappropriately (including using a cellphone when it is not allowed) the student must hand it to a staff member immediately when asked. If possible, the student should lock their device before handing it to staff. The device will be kept in the office and can be collected by the student at the end of the day.

Please note, all policies can be viewed at the following; SchoolDocs - Policies and Procedures [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)

Community username: teatatu      Community password: harbourview

1. Go to [schooldocs.co.nz](http://schooldocs.co.nz)
2. Click Search for your school.
3. Start typing the school's name and select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter your community username and password.