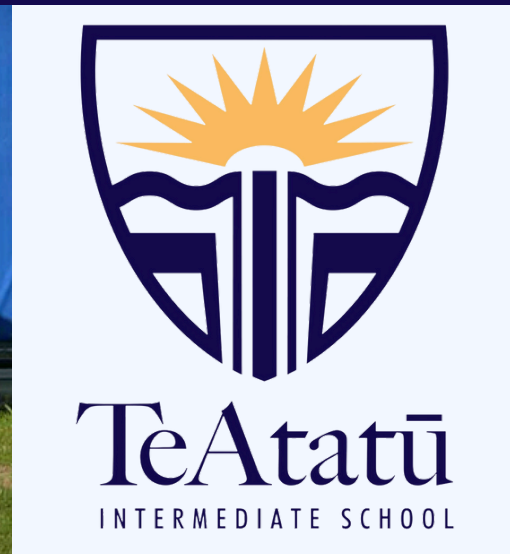


# TE ATATŪ INTERMEDIATE

## *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**

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to share feedback through our recent community consultation. We are very appreciative of the positive response and encouragement around our strategic direction, which was overwhelmingly supportive. Individual suggestions for improvement will be reviewed carefully as we continue to strengthen our planning and practice.

One key theme that emerged from the feedback was communication. We acknowledge this as an important area for growth and will be reviewing how we can communicate more clearly and effectively with our community moving forward. Your insights are invaluable, and we genuinely appreciate the time and thought that went into your responses.

A reminder that our upcoming Teacher Only Day will focus on the revised English curriculum. With the Ministry of Education's updates released just two weeks ago, our staff will be spending the day unpacking the new curriculum in full - exploring how it applies to teaching and learning at the intermediate level. We will also continue our work around Structured Literacy, which has been increasingly embedded across the primary sector this year. The pace of curriculum change has been constant, with little lead in time which has caused frustrations in the education sector. This professional learning will help ensure TAI is working through the changes and we will continue to be consistent in progression for the needs of our learners.

Finally, A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Athletics Day, whānau, staff, and students alike. This year our focus was on participation, involvement, and sportsmanship, celebrating both competitive and non-competitive achievements. It was fantastic to see so many students giving their best effort, encouraging each other, and embodying our school values throughout the day.

Ngā mihi  
Lloyd Evans -Principal /Tumuaki



# IMPORTANT NOTES I

## FLAG FOOTBALL - 2<sup>ND</sup> IN AOTEAROA!!

Wow, what a week! Our flag football team had the ultimate adventure – an all-expenses-paid trip by the NFL to Wellington To battle it out in the NFL Flag U/12 NZ National Championships against 9 other schools from all over the country.

The tournament kicked off with 4 regular games, and guess what? We crushed them all!

Four wins, zero touchdowns against us. Our defense was like an unbreakable wall, and that gave our offense the freedom to go wild!

Next up: Quarterfinals. We faced Saint Bernard's and smashed it with a strong 13-0 victory! Reid pulled off an insane play – an interception that turned into a touchdown out of nowhere! Then Sharn zoomed down the entire field for another epic touchdown.

The Semi-Finals were intense. The top 4 teams were in, and the nerves were real. For the first time all day, we had to fight from behind against a tough Waihi team. It was 7-7 at full time, so... sudden death! One play to score.

Elliot R9 spotted a tiny gap and popped the ball to Sharn R10 – touchdown! Our defense held strong and stopped Waihi cold. Final score: 8-7. Talk about a nail-biter! Then came the Grand Final against Hutt Intermediate. They were sharp and super well-drilled. We gave it everything, but they took the win 28-0. Still, we finished as the second-best team in all of Aotearoa!

Huge shout-out to Koka for coaching and Ms. Sio for managing the team, and all the parents who cheered us on. Well done, team! You're legends!

## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF DEDICATION

This month we celebrated a massive milestone for two very special people at TAI. Linda Squires and Karen Dobbs (front page) each marked their 30th anniversary of working at our school!

Linda has spent her whole career in the office, keeping everything running smoothly and bringing her calm capability, knowledge, and dedication every day – even after those long Auckland commutes. Karen has worked alongside students supporting their learning needs and as our librarian, sharing her care, patience, and love of reading with generations of tamariki. We are so grateful to both Linda and Karen for their incredible contributions, hard work, and the heart they bring to TAI.

Congratulations on this remarkable milestone!



## SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Thursday, 13th November**

Next Thursday, our talented musical students will host their Spring Music Festival, featuring our beginner and advanced bands, violin groups, rock bands and students who take private instrument lessons at school. The students have worked incredibly hard this year and are excited to showcase their progress and achievements! Everyone is welcome to join us in the school hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

## END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVINGS

Our end-of-year prizegivings will be held on the last two days of school.

**Year 8 Prizegiving – Monday 15th December**

- Year 7 students will have a half day, finishing at 12:00 pm.
- Year 8 prizegiving will begin at 1:00 pm.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, Year 8 students will be dismissed for the final time, marking the end of their time at TAI.

**Year 7 Prizegiving – Tuesday 16th December**

- Prizegiving will start at 10:00 am.
- Once the ceremony is finished, Year 7 students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm for the end of the school year.

Whānau are warmly invited to attend and celebrate our students' academic, sporting, and cultural achievements. Families will be notified by email if their child is receiving an award this year.

## TAI ART ACROSS AKL

Our students' amazing artwork is being showcased across two exciting Auckland events!

**Auckland Middle Schools Art Exhibition at Silo Park**

Over 50 TAI students have work featured. This exhibition finishes this weekend, so don't miss it!

**NZ Sculpture OnShore Schools Exhibition**

20 talented students will have their pieces displayed at Ō Peretu Fort Takapuna from 8-23 November. Explore over 100 sculptures, garden art, an indoor gallery, and the Schools Exhibition in the underground fort.

If you visit Sculpture OnShore, please vote for our Te Atatū Intermediate display to show your support for our students' creativity!

# TE KAHU O TE RĒHIA

## EVENT INFORMATION

**WHEN:** Saturday 8th of November  
**WHERE:** Rangereview Intermediate  
**PARKING:** On school grounds via Catch Ave "No parking on Kahu PT"

## ENTRY

ETFOG members  
 Student (5-18) - \$2  
 Adult - \$5  
 Family Pass (2x Adults and 12 Kids) - \$30  
 Under 5s - Free

## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

8:30am	Te Kapa Haka o Te Atātū   Te Atātū Primary
9:00am	Manukau Primary
9:30am	Te Kapa Haka o Te Atātū   Rangereview Primary
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## HE KŌrero TĀPiri:

This year, the kōrero is proudly hosted by Rangereview Intermediate. Celebrate and support the kōrero and all that have worked in honour of Whānau and Haka. Celebrating the art and essence of Kapa Haka. Your entry will be available online, so keep some photos to help define your identity and yourself in this vibrant celebration of Te Atātū.

## TE KAHU O TE RĒHIA

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

This is TAI's fourth year participating in this community-wide event, which this year, brings together 11 primary and intermediate schools from across the Te Atātū area. This year's festival is being hosted by Rangereview Intermediate.

Te Kapa Haka o Te Atātū has shown incredible dedication, practising for two hours every Thursday evening. Our rōpū has been fortunate to be guided by Matua Wiremu and Whaea Samara, with support from Koka Amorangi and Whaea Ngaire. Our group of 40 performers will be led by Kaitātaki Wāhine, Breaze, and Kaitātaki Tane, Carmine (both from Room 11). **Te Kapa Haka o Te Atātū will perform at 2:35pm.**

We are very proud of their hard mahi and can't wait to see them take the stage.

## WAKA WARS

**Thursday 20th November**

Our Kaunihera will be hosting our annual Waka Wars Day. This event celebrates participation and teamwork through our waka values: Whanaungatanga, Atawhai, Kaitiakitanga, and Ako. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their waka colours.

*Please note: No paint and no jeans.* Students should also remember bring sunscreen, a hat, and a water bottle.

# IMPORTANT NOTES II

## MEASLES INFORMATION

Although we currently have no cases in our school or community, the recent news about measles cases may have caused concern. To confirm, while we currently have no confirmed measles cases in our school, we want to share the official guidance from Health New Zealand / Te Whatu Ora so you know exactly what to expect.

### Key Health Guidance

All students should continue to attend school regardless of their vaccination status.

If a case is confirmed,

- Public Health will check the school roll against the Aotearoa Immunisation Register. Only unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts of the confirmed case may be asked by Public Health to stay home (quarantine).
- Public Health officials will contact those affected directly with specific instructions.
- Fully vaccinated students and staff will be able to return to school once their status is confirmed by Public Health.

### Resources and Next Steps

We encourage you to use the official Health New Zealand resources below to check your family's status and book a free vaccine if needed:

- Check your or your child's vaccination status: [My Health Record – Health New Zealand](#)
- Book a free measles: [Book My Vaccine – Health New Zealand](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any immediate concerns.

## LIBRARY BOOKS – END OF YEAR RETURNS

Our school library is preparing for its end-of-year stocktake and we currently have 115 overdue books. Students who have overdue books have been notified this week, so please check in with your child and return any library books as soon as possible. Replacement fees have been added to your child's KINDO account, however these fees will be removed once the book is returned. If a book has been lost or cannot be found, the replacement cost will vary depending on the book. These fees help us maintain and replace our library resources so all students can continue to enjoy a well-stocked library. If you have located the book, please ask your child to return it to Mrs Dobbs in the library. You are also welcome to purchase a replacement copy yourself if you find it at a more affordable price—just bring the replacement book to the school. Thank you for your support in keeping our library resources in great condition for all students.

## TAT STREET CLEAN-UP

Join us for a community street clean-up around Jack Pringle Park and surrounding streets on Sunday 9th November, meeting at 10:00 am at 4 Pringle Road, Te Atatū Peninsula.

All cleaning tools will be provided. This event, run by Charlotte Mundell and Earth Action Trust, is a great way to get some light exercise, meet new people, and make a positive impact on our local environment. [You can register by clicking here.](#)

## KAUNIHERA 2026

This year, we had an impressive 78 enthusiastic Year 7 students put their names forward to be part of the Kaunihera for 2026. Our Kaunihera are the student leaders of our kura, who lead by example and demonstrate the Te Atatū way through service to their peers, school, and wider community. Next week marks the beginning of Step 2 in the selection process. Candidates will take part in interviews with senior teachers over the next two weeks. From these interviews, 20 students will be selected to form the 2026 Kaunihera team. Those students will then have the option to put themselves forward for Head Prefect. Head Prefect candidates will be interviewed by Mr Evans, Ms Siō, and Mrs Clarke, before delivering a presentation to the student body on Friday 5th December. Followed by a school-wide vote of both students and staff. Our Head Prefects for 2026 will be officially announced at the Year 7 Prizegiving. We are incredibly proud of all students who have shown leadership, courage, and commitment by putting themselves forward this year.

## LION'S INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

For over three decades, Lions have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. This year, they asked students to create a poster that speaks of the amazing things we can achieve when we come together. To envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one! Here are the interpretations from 9 talented TAI students, each offering their unique vision for "Together As One."

Left to Right: Aanya R2, Madison R5, Meliz R4, Jessie R1, Ruby R3, Nich R9, Aneeka R6, Rita R4, Aalia R5. Missing, Cape R6

## BLUES CREW COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

Our Blues Crew, a group of 14 Year 7 & 8 students—are running a community food drive throughout November. Their goal is to collect non-perishable food items from our school and wider Te Atatū community. All donations will be passed on to the Auckland Blues, who will then distribute them to foodbanks across Tāmaki Makaurau.

To encourage some friendly competition, we are running a class challenge:

The class who brings in the most items will win a Pizza & Ice Block Party!

### Where to Donate:

Donation boxes will be placed in every classroom.

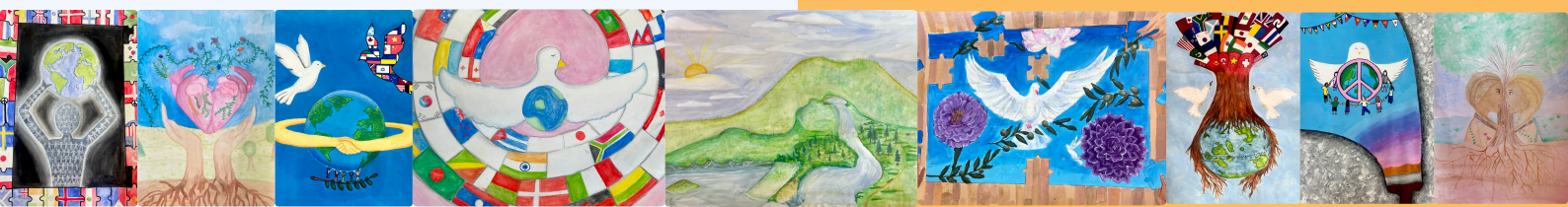
You'll also find community drop-off boxes at:

TAI Community Library, Fuze Café, Mr Illingsworth, Ray White, Fresh Beer Brew, and Sugar Grill.

### Suggested Items:

Canned/tinned foods, rice, pasta, cereals, toiletries, and festive treats for the holiday season.

Donations will be collected on Wednesday 4th December, giving us the whole month to do our best. Thank you for supporting our students as they give back to our community.





# Public transport services for 2026

Kiaora,

With the end of the school year approaching, we want to reach out to schools and parents with information about public transport in readiness for 2026. The beginning of the school year, from the second week of February through until Easter, see a sharp increase in demand on Auckland's roads and public transport as schools and universities commence and people return to work from summer holidays. There will be more people than usual on the roads and using public transport services, especially during peak hours. Each year, Auckland Transport reviews the performance of the network from February to April of the previous year, including school bus services and other popular services. We have already reached out to schools across Auckland asking for roll changes to plan ahead. Here are three things parents and students can do to help ease the impact on school journeys during this busy time:

- **Ensure student's HOP cards are topped up.** Children ages 5 to 15 are eligible for a child concession giving them 40% off travel by bus, train or ferry when using their registered AT HOP card. For information on how to set up concessions search 'AT HOP card' online.
- **Encourage students to tag on and off each school bus trip.** It is important that everyone tags onboard so we can get accurate information about how many students are onboard each bus. This information is used to make informed adjustments to school bus timetables and bus sizes.
- **Plan ahead for the busy season.** If school buses are not an option for students, they can use urban bus services. You can use AT Journey Planner to find the service that will work best for them. Please know that public transport services will be busier than usual, so it's important to allow enough time for them to arrive early to get their bus, train or ferry in case there are queues.

If you have any questions about public transport services, you can call **09 366 6400** or email **info@at.govt.nz**. Have a great end of the year and summer break, Auckland Transport

