

# 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.**

This week we are halfway through term 4, hard to believe how fast the year has gone! There is still a lot happening over the last 5 weeks of the term. On the next page, you will see some of the main save dates for the remaining weeks of the year.

We have had another busy week with students representing the school in touch, student artwork displayed in the Silo in town, and last week we farewelled our Korean visitors, who have enriched our school over the last 4 weeks. Last week, I also had the pleasure of attending the Rutherford College senior prizegiving and was thrilled to see so many ex-TAI students going on to do so well at the college - it was a great evening of celebration of the mahi achieved this year.



# IMPORTANT NOTES

## HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP FOR THE REST OF THE TERM

- 13 November** - Teacher Only Day
- 14-17 November** - Girls Self Defence sessions
- 17 November** - Kakapo market day
- 20-21 November** - Flag Football nationals
- 23 November** - Year 8 orientation to Rutherford College
- 23 November** - Advanced band playing at Teacher Graduation ceremony
- 24 November** - Kea market day
- 1 December** - Tui market day
- 2 December** - Te Atatū Santa Parade
- 7 December** - Year 8 Graduation Ball
- 13 December** - Parakai Pools
- 14 December** - Year 8 Prizegiving at 1pm (Year 7s go home at 12pm)
- 15 December** - Year 7s only at school: Y7 Prizegiving at 10am
- School finishes for the year at 12pm.

## YEAR 8 GRADUATION

Our Year 8 Graduation Ball is on Thursday 7th December from 6:00 pm. If your child would like to attend, please fill out [this permission form](#). Cash payment can be made directly to Whaea Tere. If you have any questions, please contact [Whaea Tere](#).



## TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder that Monday 13th November, TAI has our MoE designated Teacher Only Day. On this day teachers are combining with Peninsula Primary teachers, working with our shared facilitator around the curriculum refresh changes and planning for this implementation.

## BUS CHANGES FOR TE ATATŪ STARTING 13 NOVEMBER

From the 12 November, bus services change with the new Te Atatū Interchange system opening. Please see the AT site for what this means for any students who have been catching the 131 bus from Henderson to Te Atatū Peninsula - the service is still available but the number of the service and frequency of buses has changed. [Click here for how the changes may affect you.](#)

## TAPLAB

Some great collaboration between TAI and TAPLab. [Click here to see the article in the latest Trusts Newsletter.](#)

## WHĀNAU ORA PACKS

Whānau Ora have supplied TAI with 150 Whare Ora packs & 150 Tinana Ora packs. The Whare pack contains house cleaning products, while the Tinana pack contains health care products. If you & your whanau would like to receive these packs, [please click here](#).

## YR8 LEAVERS CLOTHING

A friendly reminder that if you ordered any TAI '2023 leavers' clothing, that the payment can be made directly via your KINDO account. Payment must be made by Friday 24th November. If you have any issues, please contact [Kelly Clarke](#).

## GIRLS' SELF DEFENCE

In week 6 (November 14 - 17) our Year 8 girls have the opportunity to take part in a Girls' Self Defence Project course run by Kia Haumarū - Personal Safety Education. The course is open to all girls and gender diverse students in Year 8. The facilitator is a qualified and experienced Personal Safety Educator and has run several successful courses at TAI in previous years. She will help the students to learn ways of dealing with unsafe people, situations, and threats to their safety- such as dealing with stranger attacks, being followed, and issues relating to cyber safety. The course will emphasise how students can 'think' their way out of a threatening situation and how important it is to tell a safe adult if something happens. If you would prefer for your child to not participate, please send a note or email to their classroom teacher.

## LIBRARY BOOKS RETURN

A friendly reminder to **return all borrowed library books by Friday November 24th**. This helps us maintain a well-stocked library for everyone to enjoy. Books can be dropped off in the designated bins at the library entrance. If you have overdue books, please return them promptly. If a book is lost or damaged, contact our library staff. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Mrs Mckeown](#) or [Mrs Dobbs](#).



## FLAG FOOTBALL

On Tuesday 21st of November, 10 students from TAI will be heading to Wellington to play in the first-ever NFL Flag Football National Championship, held in Upper Hutt, Wellington. Students have been working hard over the past month preparing for this competition. A big thank you to NZ Flag Football representatives Taylor and Courtney Leauanae who have come in to help assist with coaching.

## STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Matthew Banks R2 & Morgann Price R15 for completing their two years provisional teaching registration! In 2024 they will be fully qualified!



Koka Amorangi is back after representing New Zealand in the IFAF Asia-Oceania Flag Football Championships hosted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She had 3 pools round games against Malaysia, the Philippines, and India, winning 2/3 of the games. In their quarterfinals, against Thailand, the game was delayed at half-time due to the lightning and thunder being too close. It was then postponed to the next day, which they won, 53-20. A tough semi-final, losing against Japan who are the 6th top team in the world. We placed 3rd overall beating Malaysia 20-7 in front of their home crowd.



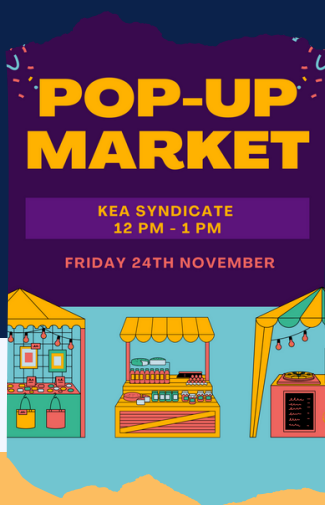
# MARKET DAY

This term, our overriding theme is Future Possibilities. We are exploring aspects of entrepreneurship, careers, and financial literacy. These themes are woven across the curriculum. A big drive for this unit are our market days. Each syndicate will host a market day over the course of three weeks. The first market is next week, Friday 17th November, and is being hosted by Kākāpō syndicate. Kea syndicate follow on Friday 24th November, and Tūi close us out with their market on Friday 1st December. Each market runs from 12:00pm-1:00pm.

Students across the school are working hard, designing, and creating products or services. They are learning how to use spreadsheets to record their budgets, expenditure, and income. Many are working out start-up costs, with all members contributing to a fund from which their items or ingredients will be purchased. Others are tracking individual spending through the collection of receipts. They are all hoping to turn a profit so that their expenses can be covered before being rewarded with some sort of class activity - it all depends on how much each class makes. 10% of profits will be donated back to the school where they will be used to contribute to the funding of the new multi-purpose court being constructed behind the library.

Thank you to the many whānau that are already involved in supporting their children as they develop and make their products. Your help is invaluable. We would like to warmly invite our school whānau and community to come to any or all of our upcoming markets days. Hopefully, your children have already told you about them - you may have even received a letter from their group already.

Here's hoping for great weather and successful stalls on each of these days.



# SPORTS

## TOUCH RUGBY ZONE DAY

On Tuesday this week, TAI sent 3 Year 8 teams to the West Auckland Touch Rugby Zone. Our Year 8 girls team captained by Kiana from Hapori, the Year 8 boys team captained by Sam from Rm 16 and the Year 8 mixed team captained by Taj Rm4. Our playing pools were stacked with the competition from Henderson Int, Glen Eden Int & Kelston Int teams. Our boys' team and mixed team played with grit and determination which was reflected in the final scores. Despite not placing, scores from both teams were only one- or two-point losses to our main competitors. Our success story came from our Year 8 girls' team. They made it through to the semi-finals for either 3rd or 4th place against Henderson Int. It was a nail biter game - they scored and at the end of full time, drew at 3 all. It then had to go into golden point and a drop off. The girls played as best as they could while dropping off players one by one, when finally, Henderson Int scored. The final score being 4-3 to Henderson Int. Our girls' team were exhausted by the end of it. Our two Year 7s that made it into the team, Eva Rm 2 and Jazzmine Rm 3, were outstanding. And our Year 7 boys, Saimone Rm9, Zion, Jackson, Deacon Rm 3 and Mika Rm 15, showed our sporting talent is in good hands for 2024. As always, we need to thank some special people - Whaea Ngaire and Matua Tony for coaching our teams and Claire Wihongi who looked after our boys team on the day. As coaches we are always in awe of the talent our kids have and play with, especially against our heavy hitter schools - you are all TUMEKE !!!





# SPRING MUSIC SHOWCASE

On Thursday 26th October, TAI had our annual Spring Music Showcase. It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy musical performances from the many ensembles we have available to our students. This year, in particular, we have noticed an increase in interest in learning the violin, and our Year 7 students demonstrated great progress.

Our concert bands exhibited impressive enthusiasm in their performances. The Year 7 band had shown great improvement since their earlier performance at the start of the year and we look forward to watching their skills and confidence grow as Year 8s. The Year 8 band enjoyed playing together for one of their last times. They are now preparing for their final performances together at multiple end-of-year celebrations.

The highlight of the show was watching our rock bands: Pyramid Scheme, Heat Pump, and Sunday Ice Cream (also known as, Anna's Band). They performed two songs each. Pyramid Scheme and Heat Pump are our two amazing bands who took out first and second place at Bandquest 2023.

