



NEWSLETTER / PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL



Afio Mai, susu mai ma tala mai Aoao ile tatou Aoga o Te Atatu Intermediate. O le vaiaso leni , o le vaiaso e fa’amanatuina o Le Gagana Samoa . O le Atutu mo leni tausaga “Tapena Sou Oso Mo Lau Malaga”. O se mea taua e fa’atinoina o le Tautua ma le fa’aaloalo i totonu o matou aoga, aemaise le fa’asoaina o le meaalofa o le malaga i tatou olaga. O a tatou tamaiti a’oga maua le avanoa e faia ai lea mea i totonu o le tatou aoga e ala i pesega, siva, fa’afiafiaga ae maise le faamanatuina o latou lava gagana.

Welcome to Te Atatu Intermediate this week. We are celebrating Samoan Language week and acknowledging the theme of “tapena sou oso mo lau malaga”. It is part of our school values to always honour, respect and share the gift of our life’s journey with others. Our students have the opportunity to do this within our school through song, dance, art and especially celebrating their own language. (With thanks to Mrs Satele)

It’s nice to be back into what I’m calling our new normal. I’m returning to our usual newsletter format as we get back into our routines and our new normal. Last week we averaged 90% of students returning and it was great to see everyone again. We are continuing to have an 8.55am start in the morning and will continue the staggered end of day from 2.50pm till the end of the term.

Term 2/3 Information

Now that we are back at school, we have been picking up where we left off prior to lockdown, completing tasks whilst under lockdown learning and working through our normal term 2 programme of what we had planned. At the end of this term, a modified report will be sent home. This will be different from our usual mid year report and will have curriculum levels and effort grades for the disrupted year to date. **Week 3 of term 3**, we will have what we are calling **Learning Conferences**, where parents, teacher and child will discuss learning areas. This year, these will be individual meetings with the teacher as opposed to our normal student led conferences. This will allow for a more 1-1 approach for parents, so that key learning information can be shared. More information will come out around these Learning Conferences later this term.

For your information also, our annual **Open Night will be in August**. This is slightly later than normal.

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Sport

Unfortunately, as you may have heard on the news, the **AIMS Games tournament** in September that we had planned for teams/ individuals to attend, has been cancelled for 2020. It normally attracts around 11,000 students and 7,000 parents and coaches from around NZ and the Pacific, so it is understandable that they have done this. We understand that there will be a number of disappointed students, as this is a much loved, and looked forward to opportunity for the students.

All **Waitakere /Auckland Zone** sport has also been cancelled during term 2, and we hope this will re-start again next term. Understandably, this has majorly impacted a lot of our winter sports codes and we hope to still provide opportunities to develop our athletes, even though this may be within our own school.

Finally, a message from our Netball teachers committee;

Kia Ora Whānau

*Due to the uncertainty of this year's netball season, our school Netball Committee feel that it is in the best interest of the school community to **not** enter the 2020 Wednesday evening school competition. We are however, organising a 'Plan B' which will offer our players a netball experience 2020. Once this is finalised we will let you know the ideas we have developed.*

All those who have paid fees already will be reimbursed.

Kiwi kids

This year at TAI we are trialling '**Kiwi Competitions**' in English, Mathematics and Science. These annual, online competitions come from the University of Canterbury, and are designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The tests have been designed by New Zealand teachers and are more aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum. Curriculum leaders will be selecting students to sit these tests in early term 3. Please note: This year we will not be taking part in ICAS tests. Last year we experienced a great deal of difficulty with their online test platform. The test conditions were not easy for students and we didn't feel the outcome necessarily reflected student ability accurately.

Photos

Photo Life, who were scheduled to come during Term 1, will be returning on **June 9** to take all class and Individual photographs. Originally, forms were given out with information around payment. If you still require an envelope, your child can collect one from the school office. Photo Life will be following specific health and safety Covid protocols when taking photos.

Camp

At the end of this newsletter, Mr Collins has prepared information around our EOTC weeks in November. This year we have three options that we are offering (camps are every 2nd year);
Option 1 - School based programme - these activities will be paid via the Ministry of Education donations Scheme which our school opted into this year. This will be from 2-6 November

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Option 2 - Lakewood Lodge Camp which will be from 2-6 November and will be \$400 - limited to 80 students

Option 3 - Motutapu Camp which will run from 16-20 November and will also be \$400 - Limited to 150 students

Please could you return the option you would like your child to do and return to school. Please read the Information carefully.

Tuck shop

A reminder that currently we have no tuck shop on site at present. We are hopeful that we have someone who will be able to provide this service again, however, this will take time to sort through. A reminder that EZ lunch does provide an option via Pita Pit for Monday's at present and we are checking availability for further days.

Fundraising top sellers

Congratulations to the following students and classroom who were our top sellers in our chocolate fundraising.

Top seller - Helen Rose Broomhead (Room 12)

2nd - Hanita Ropiha (Room 4)

3rd - Hailie Dwyer (Room 7)

Room 12 was our top selling class

Thank you all for your amazing efforts, Well done!!

Student success

We would like to congratulate **Aqeelah Rasheed (Room 14)** for placing second in the Radio Apna 990 Under 15 Ramadhan Oratory Competition, held during the month of Ramadan. Representing her local mosque (West Auckland Mosque Ranui), Aqeelah was one of 16 students from around NZ to take part.

Aqeelah was successful in making it through the first round, quarter then semi-finals in order to be in the final. For each of these four rounds, Aqeelah had to write and present a new speech exploring different aspects of Islam, and were a mixture of Arabic and English. Aqeelah delivered her speeches with pride and passion and we are very proud of her achievement. Well done, Aqeelah!

I hope you all have a fantastic Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal/Tumuaki