



NEWSLETTER / PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou, hoki mai ki te tau kura hou -A huge 'Welcome back' to Term 3!

We are finally back to a normal timetable and things are beginning to take shape outside of the school environment as more competitions and events such as sport return to the calendar. When I see what is happening around the rest of the world, with Covid resurgences, it certainly makes me glad that I live in Aotearoa. Hopefully, we can keep on top of it!

Term 3 Curriculum

Every semester we look at a different learning context within the school. Each semester this changes and it is generally integrated across the different subjects. This term our context is;

'Our past, our present, our future'.

In **maths** we will be focusing on the strands Number and Algebra and Measurement. Later in the term students will have the opportunity to gain their Term 3 maths badge, so as always it is great if students can practise their basic facts and times tables at home!

English will involve writing across different genre, with a special focus on persuasive writing. In Reading we will be investigating various reading comprehension strategies.

In **social studies** we will be learning about change over time, with a specific focus on the New Zealand political system and the general election.

In **PE**, the focus is on net and wall games and in health we will be looking at issues around self worth and personal identity.

For **languages**, each class will have the opportunity to explore a different language for semester 2.

Within the **specialist subjects**, this semester year 7s will have art and dance/drama, and year 8s have science and music.

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Learning conferences

At the end of last term, you would have received a progress report on the semester's learning. During week 3 of this term, [3rd / 4th August](#), we will be having our [learning conferences](#), where you will be able to discuss the learning journey to date with your child's teacher. Specialist and Technology teachers will also be available across both days. All bookings can be made via the School interviews website. (www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - code: [eusz4](#)) Information on how to book is at the end of this newsletter. [Monday 3rd August, conferences begin at 1pm. - ***This means we will be finishing school at 12.30pm on this day.***](#) Teacher Aides will be available to supervise some students till 3pm if parents are unable to make alternate arrangements. Tuesday is a normal finish time of 3pm.

Cyber-safety

This week we have had Constable Paul, our school community police officer, in at school talking around cyber safety and awareness around social media as part of our health curriculum. Constable Paul will be sharing a presentation and discussing with each class how important online safety and appropriate usage is. This ties in with the government's Keeping it Real Online campaign <https://www.keepitrealconline.govt.nz/> to support parents with dealing with online issues.

EOTC week

We have finalised the plan for our EOTC weeks in November. Mr Collins will be sending information around the camps home within the next week. A reminder that the [Motutapu camp](#), to accommodate numbers, will be split across the week, the first group will be from [Sunday 15th to Tuesday 17th November](#), and the second group will be [Wednesday 18th-Friday 20th November](#). [Lakewood Lodge camp will be 2nd-6th November across the full week](#). During 2nd-6th November, a full EOTC week programme for the whole school will be running.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that we will be having a teacher only day on [Monday 17 August](#). The Community of Learning have decided on the same date for all of the Te Atatu schools. These are extra days allocated within the Teacher collective Agreement in 2019, though only for the Primary sector. Teachers will be busy looking at reporting/assessment and appraisal systems on this day.

TAI Open Night

Our annual Open Night for year 6 students will take place on [Tuesday 18 August](#) from 6.30-8.00pm. Students will be selected to be in classes during this time so our year 6 whanau can see the school in action. Could you please spread the word to any families with year 6 students.

Tuck shop

A special welcome to our new vendors. Our Tuck shop is now up and running and is [available Monday to Friday for morning tea and lunch](#). Students are able to pre order their lunches in the morning and collect at lunchtime. Please see the end of the newsletter for the new tuck shop menu.

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Sport

It is great to finally have sport competitions back up and running this term after a long break. Next week we have three teams participating in the [Waitakere Zone Netball](#) competition, and we wish these teams well. Later in the term will be zonal cross country, basketball and football as well as Ki o rahi. Unfortunately, the AIMS Games tournament was cancelled for 2020, however, there may be local competitions with some of the teams who would have participated. We will keep you posted on this.

Community Event

The World Famous Watoto Children's choir from Uganda is still stuck in NZ since the Covid lockdown began. They will be performing a free concert from their new album at [Te Atatu Baptist church on Friday 24th July, 448 old Te Atatu Road at 7pm.](#)

Student News

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Our names are Harshika and Diza and we are both in Room 9.

For our social inquiry throughout Term 2, we all had to find ways in which we could make a positive impact on the community that we live in. Some of us inquired about making a skate park safer for it's skaters, some of us looked at making our parks more family friendly with adding extra picnic tables, rubbish bins and playgrounds and some of us wanted to make our Orangahina rubbish free.

As buddies - we decided on the best way we could help out our local hospice shop. Last term we brainstormed on the best social action plan that we could implement our idea. We planned to contact the hospice, ask what help they needed and what Harshika and I could do to help them.

We learnt about the history of our hospice, how they help our community, what helpers help out throughout the day and the people that need our help. We found out that all the workers there are volunteers and funds from the shop help out the business side of the actual hospice for the patients and families that use it.

After organising our plan we wanted to set up a bake sale , we baked all of the goodies ourselves during the week and we made \$165.

We donated the money to Hospice. We wanted to donate to them because we will be helping elderly people in many ways and especially at this time of Covid 19.

A lot of people turned up to the bake sale and it was a great success.

Thank you to all our TAI students who supported the Hospice by buying our baked goods.

Harshika & Diza
Room 9

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What's coming up this fortnight

Friday 24 July - Rutherford College in to talk to Year 8 students

Tuesday 28 July - Waitakere Zone Netball

Tuesday 28 - Thursday 29 July - 'Protecting our big backyard' planting days

Friday 31 July - Australian Maths Competition

Monday 3 -Tuesday 4 August - Learning Conferences

Kia pai te wiki, Have a fantastic rest of the week.

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal/Tumuaki

Learning Conferences

In week three of this term we will be holding our learning conferences. The conferences will run on Monday 3 August (1pm-8pm) and Tuesday 4 August (3.15pm-6.15pm).

These conferences are an important way in which we can support learning. They help our students to understand where they are at in their learning, where they need to go next, and how they will get there.

This year:

Conferences will be 15 minutes long. Please note that this year there will be only one student/whānau per session. This is different to 2019- due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19 we wanted to offer you more of a one to one discussion time with your child's teacher. These conferences will be more teacher-directed (rather than student-led).

To book a Student Led Conference, please follow the process below:

1. Login to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Click on 'Make a booking'.
3. Enter the event code **eusz4**
4. Step 1: Enter your details
5. Step 2: Choose teachers that you would like to see (class teacher, technology and specialist teachers). Please note that when booking to see a specialist teacher, we recommend that you book in to see the teacher that your child had for semester one (terms 1 and 2). When you book you will see that many of the technology and specialist teachers have an 'open door' policy and you are welcome to visit them at any time.
6. Please note that you will only be able to book a time with your child's homeroom class teacher. If your child has another teacher for a core learning subject (e.g. maths/English), that teacher will provide the homeroom teacher with information about your child's learning. Alternatively you could make an appointment to see that teacher at another time.
7. Step 3: Choose the times that suit you best. Please note that if you plan to see more than one teacher you will need to select consecutive times.
8. Click 'finish' when done- an email confirming your bookings will be sent to you.

If there are any issues with booking conferences, such as unavailability of a device, please send a note to your child's class teacher detailing the teachers you would like to see and your preferred times. They will make a booking for you.

We look forward to seeing you soon and sharing your child's learning with you.

Kind regards,
Kelly Clarke

Te Atatu Intermediate School teachers:

Class teachers

Room 1- Miss Georgia Bryan
Room 2- Matua Tony
Room 3- Mrs Lina Tusega
Room 4- Whaea Tere
Room 5- Mr Chris Goold
Room 6- Mrs Lyn Northwood
Room 7- Mr Nathan Morkel
Room 8- Whaea Ngaire
Room 9- Mrs Marie Satele
Room 10- Mrs Pamela Stoddard
Room 11- Mr Matthew Johnson
Room 12- Mrs Cheryl McKeown
Room 13- Ms Kelly Lardner
Room 14- Mrs Shel Chung
Room 16- Mrs Kelly Clarke

Specialist teachers

Visual Art- Mrs Cathlin Ward and Mrs Rowena Rooney (teach rooms 2, 8, 12)
Science- Mrs Amber Aratema and Mr Ray Chen (teach rooms 2, 8, 12)
Physical Education- Mr Ian Felix
Music- Mr Francisco Barros
Dance & Drama- Ms Katie Ross
SENCO and ESOL- Mrs Angela Collins

Technology

Workshop 1 Wood- Mr Bruce Edwards
Workshop 2- Mr Syd Andrews
Creative Media- Mr Dewald Immink
Food Technology- Mrs Katy Perry and Mrs Geraldine Brailsford (teach rooms 1, 3, 13, 2, 12)

Every day Menu	Menu
<i>Halal Option</i>	
Beef Burger	\$3.50
Noodles in a cup	\$2.50
BBQ rib sub roll	\$3.50
Wraps - Chicken	\$2.00
Lasagne	\$2.50
SNACKS	SNACKS
Garlic Bread	\$1.00
Samosas or Spring Rolls (4pack)	\$1.00
Savory Pies	\$1.00
Popcorn chicken (12 in pack)	\$2.00
Homemade cookies	\$1.20
Chips / popcorn	\$1.50
DRINKS	DRINKS
Water	\$1.00
Calci Yum	\$1.50
Coolsip	\$2
Moosies	\$2
Juices	\$1
Hot chocolate	\$1
SPECIALS once a week	SPECIALS
Homemade Pumpkin Soup - cup	\$3.00
Mini Pizzas	\$3.50
Homemade Chicken Pasta (m)	\$4.00
Homemade Sushi 6 pieces	\$4.00
Homemade Toasties	\$4.00

Monday to Friday

Open every morning tea & lunchtime

Pay and collect

Pre-orders can be done during morning tea and posted into the lock-box

Collect your food from the "pay & collect" window at Lunchtime

Fast & Efficient

Pre-order BAGS will be in your classroom so you can get it ready and just drop it off

SPECIALS

EVERY THURSDAY

Each week there will be 1 special available for order
Pre-order so you don't miss out