



Te Atatū
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER / PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL



Tena koutou parents. As a school, we have four key values, represented by the acronym **WAKA**. These are **Whanaungatanga**, building our sense of belonging and community, **Atawhai**, developing care, kindness and consideration for others, **Kaitiakitanga**, developing the responsibility of our environs, ourselves and our resources, and **Ako**, respecting each other as

teacher and learner and journeying the year together. This year has certainly been a challenging one, and one in which we are reminding all of us - students and staff of the importance of atawhai.

EOTC update

At our Board of Trustees meeting last week, it was decided by the board that [if we are at Level 1 on Friday September 25 then camps will go ahead, however, should we move to Level 2 or above between September 25 and October 9, our final cut off date, we will be cancelling our camps and EOTC programme for this year.](#)

This is something we have not taken lightly and we would do so with a heavy heart, however, beyond this date there lies too much uncertainty around levels and effective participation. If we are to cancel, we would fully refund any donations.

Netsafe

On the news this week has been information around an upsetting event which has been shared via various social media platforms. Parents, I would advise that Intermediate level is too young for students to handle the issues around social media, and it can lead to problems such as online bullying, and inappropriate content material being viewed. General age guidelines for social media are 13 years or older, however, many children in the emerging adolescent category do have accounts, particularly with TikTok or Instagram. The Ministry of Education has sent this information from Netsafe for parent support in the online area.

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Netsafe have advised the following information for schools but it is also relevant for families also:

For now, we recommend that students are being made aware not to share or view the footage as it can be highly distressing content. Our webpage has information about [helping tamariki exposed to upsetting content](#) that you may find useful. We have also provided some support lines for students if they need to reach out for support below.

- [Need to talk](#) -. Free call or text on 1737 and there is support available 24 hours a day
- [0800 What's Up](#) - Available Mon-Fri 12pm-11pm Sat/Sun 3pm-11pm on 0800 942 8787
- [Lifeline](#) - call on (0800 543 354) or text HELP (4357) for confidential support.

This content can have an impact beyond those immediately engaged with it. It is likely to have had a range of impacts on each person – some may be severely affected and others may not be affected at all. It is important to be aware of the need to talk with young people who have heard about it and to encourage them to express their feelings in response to the video. We recommend that having regular, open conversations at home around online safety is important to help young people navigate the myriad of digital challenges they will experience.

You can read more on our parental control advice page [here](#). There is an option to switch to [Safe Search](#) when using Google search or alternatively, you can consider looking into this [article](#) to block Google images without blocking Google search.

This [staying safe online guide](#) and some of our [printed resources](#) may be useful.

Enrolments at Rutherford College

In an attempt to enable families to catch up on enrolments at [Rutherford College](#) for 2021 they have decided to offer another Saturday morning; **Saturday 12 September from 9:30 to 11:30**. They ask that you please phone the school office to book an appointment - 8349790

TAI Open Afternoon

Due to level 3 restrictions, we missed our open evening. We are replacing this instead with an open afternoon on [Thursday 17 September](#), starting 12.30pm in the hall. From 1-2pm, year 6 students and their whanau will be able to tour the school to see the school in action. Our students will be involved in this afternoon for our incoming 2021 student families. If you know any students coming to TAI next year, could you spread the word and also make sure students living within Te Atatu Peninsula area enrol ASAP! **This open afternoon will only occur if we are at Level one however.**

Showquest

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The Performing Arts GATE group has been working hard on showquest which is an online event this year. If you would like to see what they have been up to, the "live" video for Auckland will be posted here - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1603171673183890/> - click "Going" to get updates. If you're not on Facebook you are also able to find the live shows via the Showquest.nz website from 10am September 18th.

Daffodil Day No uniform fundraiser

As a school, we annually support the Daffodil Day fundraiser by organising a no uniform day to raise funds for this very worthy cause. As this date was during level 3, we would still like to support the Cancer Society and the amazing work that they do. Therefore, we will be having a Daffodil Day no uniform day tomorrow, **Friday 11 September**, with a gold coin donation for the Cancer Society.

School Processes

Should you have any questions, queries or concerns to do with your child's schooling, could you in the first instance contact the teacher first. If this is not resolved, then the team leader, followed by Deputy Principal and Principal. In most instances the teacher can have any issues sorted fairly quickly.

Lost Property

If your child has lost any item of school clothing, please get them to check Room 9, which is where we keep our lost property. We have a mountain of clothing apparently at present, and as the warmer weather begins, jumpers and jackets in particular are shed and left around the school. If items are named with the Room number, these can be quickly returned. It might be a good idea to rename uniform items as by this stage of the year, names begin to fade on uniform items.

We will return to fortnightly newsletters from here on.

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

Nga mihi nui

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Principal/Tumuaki