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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa. Warm greetings to you all at the end of our third term. One of our core values at TAI is ATAWHAI - to be kind, considerate, caring and thinking of others. We have incorporated and embraced the importance of this for positive mental health and wellness this week especially as part of Mental Health awareness week, which is so important in this Covid year. I wish all students a safe and relaxing two week break, before we head into the final term here at TAI.

Cancellation of EOTC events

It was decided by the Board of Trustees at the last meeting that should we find ourselves still at Level 2 by the 25th September deadline, we would need to cancel our EOTC programme.

Unfortunately, with the levels the way they are and the uncertainty around the volatility of the Covid 19 virus, this means that the [EOTC programmes planned for 2020, which includes Lakewood Lodge and Motutapu camps, have been cancelled.](#)

I would like to emphasise that this is something we, as a Board, have not taken lightly. We are aware that this decision will be disappointing for all concerned. As a staff, we are also disappointed but realise the importance of keeping all of our students safe in these uncertain times.

All donations that have been paid to date will be fully refunded.

Family Zone Online Support

As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence at TAI and our duty to ensure students' safety and well-being, we're proud to announce that we will be introducing cyber safety programs and technologies in partnership with [Family Zone](#).

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Family Zone is New Zealand's leading provider of cyber safety technology. Family Zone helps us to ensure our students are safe and on task during school time and offers parents a range of options for monitoring and supporting their children's online journey.

What will this mean for me and my child?

Family Zone technology is software that will be installed on our school Google account and primary learning devices. The software will monitor and filter students whenever they are logged into the Chrome browser with their school Google account. This may be on a Chromebook or using Chrome on Mac or Windows laptops and desktops. It will allow the school to better maintain our duty of care when students use their Google account and Chromebooks by ensuring the students are safe online no matter what network they are connected to.

What happens next?

Over the coming weeks we will be working with Family Zone to configure the solution at school. We will also be working to educate the students about the program to ensure a smooth transition.

Once we have the school set up, you'll receive more information about how you can use Family Zone to help you understand and engage with your child's use of the internet at home. In the meantime, to learn more about Family Zone, please visit their [website](#).

We are committed to ensuring our students get the very best education and leave our school prepared for the digital world we now live in. Our school is choosing to step up to the challenge and we do so in full confidence that we'll receive the support of our fantastic school community.

Showquest

Congratulations to all students involved in [Showquest on Screen 2020](#), which was a first due to restrictions on live events. TAI received a technical award for "best use of live music" in the Auckland junior regional section. Students demonstrated talent, commitment and cooperation despite the interruption of lockdowns. The video can be found on the showquest website.

Planting Days

This week Room's 1,2,3,6,9 and 12 took part in planting sessions with [Community Waitakere's Wild About Te Atatū programme](#). The planting sessions allowed our students to take action to protect their backyard by helping to restore the mauri of our local Wetland at Orangihina by creating new habitats for our native birds, lizards and invertebrates. Over two days students planted about 500 native plants near the Danica Esplanade storm water pond. A big thank you to Chris, Simon and Bronwyn from Community Waitakere for organising and running the sessions and to our wonderful parent helpers. More planting sessions at Orangihina are planned for 2021.



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The Wonder Project

During Term 3 GATE Science, students have been taking part in the [Wonder Project – Rocket Challenge](#). Engineering New Zealand pairs schools with STEM professionals who help to support schools and provide resources to successfully run the project. We were very lucky to be assigned two Wonder Project Ambassador's Joel Kavenga & Conor Schaumkell from Jacobs who are currently involved with engineering projects at Auckland Zoo. Conor is a past Te Atatū Intermediate student. Under the guidance of Joel & Conor, students have worked in groups to design, build and launch their own water rockets and have learnt about Newton's Laws of Motion and the engineering process. A huge thank you to Joel & Conor!



Teacher Only Day in Term 4

Every year, the Friday before Labour weekend, **Friday 23 October, we take as a 'Teacher Only Day'**. During this day we will be having professional development around the zones of regulation, which look at developing resilience and self regulation - eg identifying stressors and learning to deal with these. Alongside this we will be working towards planning towards 2021 and reviewing our curriculum of the year so far.

Enrolments of Year 6s at TAI for 2021

We are also still awaiting a number of year 6 enrolments for 2021, if you know of anyone within the in school zone of Te Atatu Peninsula, could you pass on the message that we need the enrolment forms in as soon as possible to help with our staffing numbers for the new year.

From the Electoral Commission (Te Atatu Intermediate will be a polling station.)

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

As you may know, voting in the 2020 General Election and referendums starts on **Saturday 3 October** and finishes at 7pm on election day, **Saturday 17 October**.

We still need all the help we can get to make sure our youth and whanau are enrolled and ready to vote.

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Please share THIS with your networks, teachers, students and families.

Included in this email are the tools on 'How to' and 'Where to' Vote within your community.

Information is available now at vote.nz or call 0800 367656

Clickable Links below:

COVID-19 Resources

**Find Out How to Vote and Where to vote
Referendums**

[Click here to find out more about the Candidates in your electorate](#)

Don't know who to vote for?

Check out the links below to compare the policies, candidates, parties and referendums to see where you stand. Make your vote count at the New Zealand Election 2020

Policy.NZ

On the Fence

Vote Compass

If you have any further questions or need any more support please feel free to contact us.

Ngā mihi,

Electoral Commission Team

**Kia pai te wiki, I wish you all a relaxing two week break.
School re-starts for Term 4 on Monday 12 October at 8.40am.**

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal/Tumuaki