



TeAtatū



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## NEWSLETTER / PANUI

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### **A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL**

Tena koutou whanau o Te Atatu Intermediate kura.

We are now at the halfway point of the term and no doubt, the 2nd half will go even faster. We had a great school athletics day last week. It was fantastic to see all students participating and being cheered along as they ran, jumped and threw.

A special congratulations to all the students who will be representing us at the zone athletics day next week. Good luck!!

### **Rutherford College testing for Year 8 students**

Tomorrow, **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, the students who are enrolled to attend Rutherford College in 2021 will be picked up by bus and transported to Rutherford College for the purpose of testing. Buses will leave TAI at 9am.

The tests will have 3 components. A maths test, an English test (reading and comprehension) and a short writing exercise. ***Students will need a blue or black pen and a snack that fits in their pocket for morning tea.***

Testing will be finished by 11am. All the Year 8 students will then go to the sports hall where they will have introductions to key staff at Rutherford College, followed by Matua Jeff who will teach them the school haka.

The return time to Te Atatu Intermediate by bus is now scheduled for 12pm.

### **Year 8 Sweatshirts**

Payments for sweatshirts are due on **FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER** and can be made either online via our KINDO app, by cash to the school office, or through internet banking using the following account number:

School Bank Details:

**ASB BANK LTD**

**TE ATATU.**

**123038 0270528 01**

Please make sure you put your child's name and sweatshirt in the subject line.

A reminder - All Year 8 students will receive a free TAI leavers T-shirt as our gift to the Year 8s.

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### **School Ball Information (From Whaea Tere)**

Year 8 Graduation Ball Information

**Theme:** Masquerade

**Dress:** Formal Wear (see notices for details)

**When:** Thursday 10th December

**Where:** School Hall

**Cost:** \$15 per ticket - students must have their permission slip and money (cash) to buy their ticket

Tickets can be purchased during morning tea - from inside Rm 4 (first 15mins of the break) sales will start this week and continue up until the day of the ball - NO DOOR SALES

Optional: \$5 photobooth concession ticket - students need a ticket to be able to use the photo booth

For any inquiries please contact the teacher in charge: [tere.t@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:tere.t@teatatu.school.nz)

### **Student News**

A warm TAI welcome to **Arren Tarau-Eagle** who has joined **Room 4** this week. Also to **Devanjali Tailor** who joined **Room 14** at the start of this term. We hope you enjoy the rest of the year with us!

### **Otago Maths from Mr Morkel**

Introducing **Yaya Liu (Rm 7)**, **Isabella Baird (Rm 16)** and **Michaela Bain (Rm 16)**. These Year 8 girls are three very bright, young mathematicians.

After a series of 5 challenges, spanning over 3 terms, ***they qualified for the finals of the Otago Maths Challenge.***

The Otago Maths Challenge is run by the Otago University's Maths and Statistics Department and the questions are based on word problem-solving.

**Congratulations girls, and best of luck with the finals!!**



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### **Year 8 Girls Self Defence Course**

We are most fortunate to have received funding to put all our Year 8 girls through a self-defence programme here at school in weeks 6-8.

**Rooms 3, 6, 7, and 11** will spend Tuesday the 17th of November on the course.

**Rooms 4, 10, 13 and 14** will spend Thursday the 19th of November on the course.

**Rooms 1, 5 and 8** will spend Friday the 20th of November on the course.

Year 8 girls from **Rooms 2, 9, 12 and 16** will have their self-defence day on Wednesday the 2nd of December.

### **Our Drum Squad Needs Buckets Please**

Mr Kennedy, our drumming tutor has a plea if anyone has any they no longer need.

Drum squad is running short on heavy duty buckets for our drumming classes - 20 litres or larger. (see picture below) Nothing smaller please.

Any condition, so long as they don't have any cracks. [Contact Mr Kennedy 0275 323 503](mailto:Mr.Kennedy@school.nz)



### **Appreciation and thanks to..**

We would like to thank **BIC NZ** Ltd for their generous donation of stationery. There was a great range of pens, pencils, markers, coloured pencils and much more. It has been fantastic to be able to replenish classroom supplies late in the year and provide stationery for students that may have used up or misplaced their own.

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### **Zonal Touch Rugby report by Grace Oloi (Room 11)**

On the 3rd of November Te Atatu Intermediate participated in the Touch zones tournament held at Kelston Intermediate. There were several teams competing, including Glen Eden and Henderson Intermediate, which were our toughest competitors.

We started with a karakia followed by a waiata, Te Pou. Then the games started. After a series of matches the girl's team found themselves in the semi-finals against Glen Eden which was a tight game but unfortunately we lost. The boys were in the final against Henderson but couldn't quite finish it off with the win.

As we were leaving the hosts started to inform us that Kelston Boys had just gone into lockdown and they asked for us to be cautious leaving the school. Despite the murmurs asking if anyone knew what had happened, we all exited Kelston Intermediate quickly and calmly, just before their lockdown bell went off. It was a safe trip home, watching all the police cars racing by and this was definitely a zones day to remember!



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### What's coming up in the next fortnight

**Thursday 12 November - TONIGHT - Spring Music Concert - 6.30-8pm School Hall**

**Tuesday 17 November** - Zone Athletics day

**Monday 16 Nov -Wednesday 4 December** - Y8 Girls Self Defence programme in TAI hall

**Monday 23 - Wednesday 25 November-** Te Kura o te Kauri in school visit

### End of year event dates

**Thursday 10 December** - Year 8 ball ( 6-8.30pm @ TAI hall)

**Monday 14 December** - Whole school @ Parakai

**Tuesday 15 December** - Year 7s home at 12pm. Yr 8 Prizegiving @ 1pm (Year 8s last day)

**Wednesday 16 December** - Year 7s only at school. Y7 Prizegiving @ 10.30am - 12ish.  
End of school year.

**Kia pai te wiki, have a fantastic rest of the week!**

*Nga mihi nui*

*Lloyd Evans*

*Principal/Tumuaki*

### Community Notice



*Tasty Home Cooking*

Feed a Village aims to nourish our community with delicious and wholesome home cooking that doesn't break the bank. \$35 will feed a Family of 4-5! So if you feel like a guilt free night off cooking - We are open every Wednesday. You may even like to pay it forward and donate a meal to someone who needs it. Check us out on [facebook.com/FeedAVillage](https://facebook.com/FeedAVillage) for more details.

