



**TeAtatū**  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



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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.

[This is the last newsletter for 2020.](#) I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, as a school community for your support of us as a school and your child in a very challenging year. For those of you who end your association with Te Atatu Intermediate, it has been a pleasure to have your child learning with us here. For those continuing next year and beyond, we look forward to continuing the journey!

### **Staff farewells and changes for 2021**

As we come to the end of another year, we also have staff who will be moving on from Te Atatu Intermediate School to journey elsewhere. I would like to thank our two wonderful teacher aides [Ms Jade Piwari Karati](#) and [Mr Omar Balizi](#), who is moving on to study towards becoming a teacher, all the very best. Both of these wonderful teacher aides have been with us this year, and we wish them all the best. [Mrs Katie Ross](#) is moving on in 2021. Katie arrived this year and has done a wonderful job in setting up the Performing Arts, Dance and Drama specialist position, and we wish her all the best in her new endeavours. We are also sadly losing two classroom teachers, [Ms Georgia Bryan](#), who has been with us for three years is moving to Stewart Island and [Mrs Lina Tusega](#), who has been associated with us since 2012 is leaving to spend more time with her young children. We thank them and wish them well! We will miss all our staff who are leaving us this year- once part of the TAI whanau, always part of the TAI whanau, however, we wish them all the very best for this new season of their life. Nga mea pai katoa mo te heke mai!

As sad as it is to farewell, it is also exciting to welcome! Next year we welcome [Whaea Tania Kingi](#) who will be our new Performing Arts teacher. Tania comes from a secondary background and has strengths in dance. We also welcome [Mr Jordan Vale](#) who will be the new teacher, replacing Mrs Tusega. In Room 1 next year we will have [Whaea Amorangi Ngata Atkins](#), who will be joining us as the new teacher for Ms Bryan. Finally, Mrs Lyn Northwood will be taking a Term 1 refreshment leave and we welcome [Mrs Rachel Fleury](#) who will be Lyn's replacement for Term 1. Mrs Northwood will be back in Room 6 from Term 2.

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### Prizegiving information

Our Year 8 Prizegiving will be held in the hall from **1pm on TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER**. At the conclusion of the prizegiving, the year will conclude for the year 8 students. The finish time will likely be from **2.30pm**. **YEAR 7S WILL FINISH AT 12pm ON TUESDAY TO ENABLE ALL STAFF TO BE AT THE YEAR 8 PRIZEGIVING.**

On Wednesday 16 December, only the Year 7s are required at school. The Year 7 prizegiving will begin at **10.30am on WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER**. School will conclude for the year at the end of the Year 7 prizegiving which is likely to be from **11.30am**.

### School Ball Information

**Tonight, the Year 8s have their graduation ball. This starts at 6pm.** Please can students arrive from 6pm and no earlier. The ball will conclude at 8.30pm. Parents, could you please pick your child up from inside the hall. You are welcome to come into the hall from 8.15 (and participate in the last dance if you wish). Please, no cell phones, they will survive without them for one evening - there will be the photobooth set up. We look forward to an enjoyable evening.

### Parakai Pools

On **Monday 14th December**, we are booked for our fun day at Parakai Pools. All students can attend in mufti. Students will be back to school by 2.30pm. Students need to remember their togs, towel, sunscreen and a water bottle. There is a canteen available at the pools.

**NB** - Our school tuck shop closes for the year on **Friday 11 December**.

### Student News

Congratulations to Andre Duggan (Room 7) who has returned from a successful Under 12 National Tennis tournament where he was lucky enough to win the Boys Singles and Doubles titles. During the course of the Tournament two of his singles matches lasted over 3 hours each! Well done Andre!

### **2020 New Zealand Under 12 Waterpolo Competition**

During the last weekend of November, Lukas Turner from Room 14 and Dylan Marais from Room 7, attended the 2020 New Zealand Under 12 Waterpolo Competition, The Olympic Hopefuls. Lukas and Dylan compete for Waitakere, in the team Waitakere Gold.

The boys' team had a very successful weekend, winning all of their games, including the final. The final was an epic game with Waitakere leading then being equalised over and over again until they finished in a 5-all draw. A penalty shootout was required, and Lukas had the daunting job



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of keeping. He saved three shots on goal and he and Dylan were both able to get their shots past the other keeper to seal the win.

We congratulate Lukas, Dylan and all of their team for their outstanding achievement.



### **Clean Plate Less Waste Lunchbox Session Written by Emily White**

Last Tuesday, the students of Hapori were fortunate to take part in a Clean Plate Less Waste Lunchbox Session, led by Fern Pereira and funded by the Henderson-Massey Local Board. Hapori learnt about the importance of the rubbish that our food is wrapped in, as well as the importance of eating natural food. On top of that, we learnt how to find ultra processed foods in our supermarkets and shops.

We formed groups and discovered that nearly all of the snack food that we eat in our lunchboxes is ultra processed, after reading the ingredients list on the back of the products and trying to find ingredients that we recognised. From this we then presented our factual information to Fern, our teacher and also made a decision about what snacks produce the least amount of rubbish.

After this, Fern selected a few students through a hat draw (one of them so happened to be me) and we got to make hummus for the class, using no processed ingredients. We made three batches of hummus, one beetroot, one pumpkin and one original. I must say it was really, really nice and I was so surprised that something so healthy could taste so good! We shared it with the class and they agreed that using natural ingredients and eating natural foods is the best.

So here's something to think about - next time you go shopping for something to eat, check the ingredients list and choose the best for your body, as well as thinking about our environment's health and how much packaging there is.





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### **Community News - Brickworks Drama**

Brickworks Drama School has run a series of drama workshops with each Year 7 class this term, creating scenes from artworks the students created with Wild Things Art School in Term 3. Brickworks has been based in Te Atatu Peninsula for five years and offers a range of term-time drama classes and school holiday workshops. For more information go to [www.brickworksdrama.com](http://www.brickworksdrama.com)

### **What's coming up in the last week of school**

**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!**

**I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe, relaxing, sun soaked holiday.**

*Nga mihi nui*

*Lloyd Evans*

*Principal/Tumuaki*