

TE ATATŪ INTERMEDIATE

Tū Tāngata

Equipping our students to stand tall: To be the best people they can be and, by becoming life-long learners, reaching their best potential.



MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau

It's hard to believe we are now half way through November and our final term. Our focus at TAI this term from myself to the students has been to accentuate the positive - to really focus on making the last part of 2024 a memorable experience as we head towards the end of the year.

Again, students have been involved in a magnificent number of events, but what has been really exciting to see have been those students who have supported via service towards the school. Last week in particular we had the sports academy students who created a programme with Matua Tony for the visiting Year 6 students from our contributing schools. We also had a number of students volunteer themselves as bakers for our bake sale last Friday, supporting our Jump Jam team and also for Gumboot Friday - to support mental health awareness and support in NZ. A huge thanks to these students and Dr Perry for the mahi in this area.

Our Kapa Haka group are sounding amazing and are in preparation for the Te Kahu o te Rehia performances next week. We wish them all the best as they build towards this. I would like to thank Matua Jeff Ruha, who has been supporting our group - and who also repaired our whakairo, ready to go back up in our reception area. Thank you Jeff!

A myriad of activities has been undertaken in the last week as evidenced by our Epro8 teams that represented us at a west Auckland level, in which one team was placed 7th and the other 1st equal - well done to these teams.

Our E-sports team of two are flying to Australia for the Australasian competition this weekend and we wish them luck.

Our Jump Jam team travelled to Tauranga last weekend receiving two certificates - thanks to Whaea's Tania and Nicola for organising. Students have been competing at touch, Waka Ama, athletics; our Blues Crew have a lofty aim of reaching 5,000 non perishable food items for the Christmas drive, artists work was displayed at the Silo in town and some talented artists have entered the Peace Poster competition, with artwork worthy of upper secondary standard.

Students have also completely filled our commendation box - which means that not only is great stuff happening outside the classroom, there is some great stuff also happening within. To this end - all students as part of our reward system will receive a no cost, non uniform day today.

Finally, I would like to thank the following staff - Whaea Stacey for the awesome art mural which has been put up on the admin block - with more to follow. Also our Kaitiaki Jeff Chung and Syd Andrews, one of our retired teachers, who have beautified the area around the office with some plants and planter boxes, which are a great addition now the alterations are completed.

Have a great weekend!



IMPORTANT FORMS

YEAR 8 GRADUATION LEAVERS' CLOTHING

Our annual Graduation Leavers' Hoodies and T-shirts are now available to order for our Year 8 students!

As a special way to mark their time at TAI, we are offering '2024 Leavers' clothing for purchase.

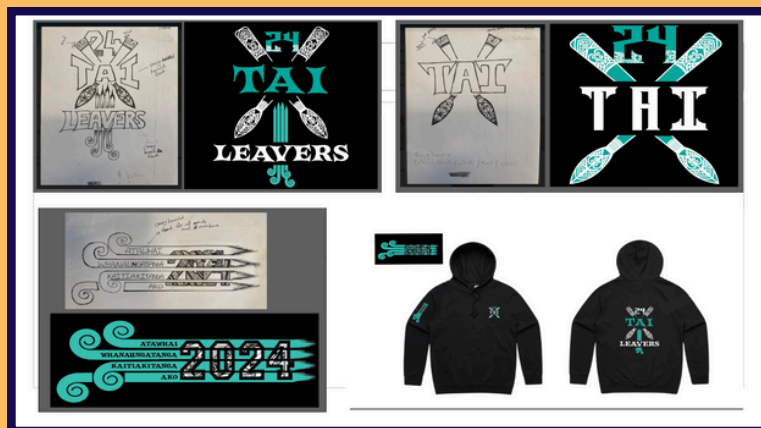
TO PLACE YOUR YR8 CHILD'S ORDER

[PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

Payment can be made via the KINDO shop, and both the order and payment must be completed by:

Friday, 22nd November

Please note: This offer is only available to our Year 8 students. Any orders submitted for Year 7 students will not be processed.



T-SHIRT - \$15 | HOODIE - \$ 65 | BOTH - \$80

YEAR 8 GRADUATION BALL

Our annual Year 8 Graduation Ball will take place on Thursday, 12th December, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the school hall.

This special event is exclusively for Year 8 students.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased with cash only.

Date: Thursday, 12th December

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Dress Code: Formal Attire (contact Whaea Ngaire if unsure)

Entry Ticket: \$20 – Cash only

Photo Booth Ticket: \$5 (this is optional, 4 photos per ticket)

Tickets can be purchased from Ms. Rooney in the office before school starts each day.

Note: A permission form must be completed before a ticket can be purchased.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE PERMISSION SLIP](#)



ANNUAL PARAKAI TRIP

On Wednesday, 11th December, TAI will spend the day at Parakai Pools, continuing a tradition that has been an annual event for over twenty years. This free trip is a fun way to celebrate the end of the year, and swimming is optional. We will leave school at 9:30 a.m. and return by 2:30 p.m.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO COMPLETE THE PERMISSION FORM.](#)





EVENT INFORMATION

ENTRY
FTPOS available
Student (5-18) - \$2
Adult - \$5
Family Pass - \$10
Under 5s - Free

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

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| 8:15am | Karakia Timatanga |
| 8:30am | Matipo Primary |
| 9:00am | Te Rākau Kauri Henderson North School |
| 9:30am | Te Kapa Haka o Te Kūiti o Te Atātū Peninsula Primary |
| 10:00am | Oratia Kapa Haka |
| 10:30am | Te Kapa Haka o Tirimomoa Tirimomoa Primary |
| 11:00am | Te Puna Oranga Prospect Primary |
| 11:30am | Te Rau Pōiā Freyberg Primary |
| 12:00p | Te Rau o te Kōtuku Rutherford Primary |
| | LUNCH |
| 12:30pm | |
| 1:15pm | Te Kapa Haka o Ōnewherewhere Kelston Intermediate |
| 1:55pm | Te Kura Takawaenga o Te Atātū Te Atātū Intermediate |
| | Te Kapa Haka o Pukeitanga Rangeview Intermediate |
| 2:35p | Rutherford Primary Pasifika Group |
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| 3:15p | Te Kapa Hakaamutanga |
| 4p | |

Starting today our year 8 girls have the opportunity to take part in a Girls' Self Defence Project course run by Kia Haumaru - Personal Safety Education. The course is open to all girls and gender-diverse students in YR8. The facilitator is a qualified and experienced Personal Safety Educator, and has run several successful courses at TAI in previous years. She will help the students to learn ways of dealing with unsafe people, situations, and threats to their safety- such as dealing with stranger attacks, being followed, and issues relating to cyber safety. The course will emphasise how students can 'think' their way out of a threatening situation, and how important it is to tell a safe adult if something happens. If you would prefer for your child to not participate, please email their classroom teacher.

The EPro8 Challenge is an inter-school science and engineering competition. Every year over 25,000 students from throughout New Zealand take part. Last term we held an internal event in school to find two teams to represent TAI at the inter school heat of the competition at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate which was held last week. Both teams worked so hard over the 2.5 hours to complete the set challenges. Team 'Scarecrows' - Delilah & Caitlin R6, Scarlett R9 & Neeve R14 came 7th and Team 'The Four Nuts' Oliver R11, Evan R7, Archer & Liam R14 came equal first and now head to the Auckland semi final on December the 4th! We're extremely proud of both teams and wish The Four Nuts the best of luck in the next round!

TAI held another successful bake sale on Friday, raising over \$600. The proceeds will help support our Jump Jam team's trip & included a generous donation to the I Am Hope foundation A special thanks to our 54 bakers—we're lucky to have such dedicated and talented people willing to donate their time and ingredients! A big shout-out as well to those students who have baked for us multiple times this year. And thank you to all our loyal supporters who brought along their gold coins to back these great causes in 2024!

Last Wednesday, five young wāhine from TAI attended the Girls Mean Business (GMB) event, organised by the University of Auckland. GMB is an entrepreneurial leadership programme designed for Year 7 and 8 girls, providing an engaging introduction to the world of business and entrepreneurship. This is TAI's second year participating in the programme, which is dedicated to empowering the next generation of women in the workforce.

"GMB was an incredible opportunity that taught us about profit, finance, and how to start a business. We had the chance to meet students from schools across Auckland and work together to develop advertising pitches aimed at our product's target market. It was a fun experience, and I'd definitely recommend it to others!" – Chloe R6

-Sunday 17th November

The 8th Annual 'Team Up 2 Clean Up' event is taking place this Sunday 17th November, from 10am-12pm at Jack Pringle Village Green. They will be meeting in the green and collecting rubbish in conjunction with [Earth Action trust](#) who's focus is environmental awareness through waste reduction and elimination to achieve the zero waste vision of New Zealand by 2040. To date our local clean ups have collected over 1800kg of waste and reduced much of it from going to landfill. [Click here to watch a clip of the first clean up:](#) Those interested need to [register here.](#)



Written By Salman & Kristoff R5

On Saturday, November 9th, 14 TAI students proudly represented our school at the North Island Jump Jam finals at Bethlehem College in Tauranga! After practicing tirelessly through Term 3 and into Term 4, our team earned their place in the competition by submitting a video of their dance to 'The Coconut Song', qualifying as one of only two teams from Auckland in the Year 7-8 Advanced category. While there were a lot of nerves leading up to the big day, they faded once we were up under the bright stage lights in front of a big crowd. Competing against eight other schools in our category, we didn't place in the top three but felt super proud of our achievement in reaching the finals—especially as it's been about six years since TAI last qualified. We're very grateful to Whaea Tania for leading the team, Miss Harrington for driving everyone down to Tauranga, and Mrs. Chalmers and Miss Lake for all their support. Special thanks go to Scarlett and Poppy from R1, who helped with costume prep and gave great advice on dance formation. We highly recommend Jump Jam to others! It's an energetic and rewarding experience that truly makes you feel great!

For over three decades, Lions have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. They believe creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, they asked students to create a poster that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.

Here are the interpretations from 11 talented TAI students, each offering their unique vision for "Peace Without Limits."

Right Side T-B: Cape R6 | Sophia R9

Bottom L-R: Sophia R9 | Ruby R11 | Hanna R7 | Hamdan R9 | Rita R15 | Cassie R7 | Kami R10 | Evie R9 | Meliz R15



SPORTS/HAKINAKINA

If I were to sum up this message from a Health and P.E. perspective, it would be “*Creating Healthy Communities*”

From selecting our athletics team and touch team, to supporting the local cricket cluster tournament with our primary schools, and seeing communities come together with generous gifts—TAI's Blues Crew is showing us what it truly means to be part of something great. We're also proud to have students representing us in Australia for Esports (aka. *Electronic Sports, which, fun fact, originated back in 1972*)

UPCOMING ATHLETICS ZONEDAY

With the success of Hakinakina Day at TAI, our Athletics Team is proudly gearing up to compete against the best of the West at the Waitākere Athletics Zones on 19th November.

Congratulations to our outstanding students representing us:

Cobby & Sam R1

Cole R2

Abigail R3

Hazel, Quinn, Evie, Madison, Alana, Aalia, Penelope & Adrian Ethan R5 Whew! What a class!

Camilo, Frank & Alfie R6

Bruce, Hanna & Oliver R7

Sara, Peyton, Ryder & Indiana R8

Miles, Mabel & Mila R9

Bevan, Jakob & Sam R10

Kai R12

Braxton & Nevayah R13

Evangeline, Finn & James R14

Harrison R15

A real powerhouse of talent and potential. We're sure they're going to do amazing things!

CRICKET CLUSTER TOURNAMENT

This past Tuesday, on a hot day, 18 of our students took part in the local cricket cluster tournament, hosted by Tirimoana Primary at Te Atatū Peninsula (Neil Ave) Park. They opened the event with our TAI whakatauki and showed true leadership by supporting Rutherford College students with umpiring, managing scorecards, coaching, and assisting the event organiser, Blair Curtis. One of the visiting principals remarked on the powerful connections at play, with primary, intermediate, and college students working together. TAI truly is a place of opportunity and whanaungatanga (caring and connection). Ka rawe to all the students involved!



#CREATINGHEALTHYCOMMUNITIES

-TAT Generosity Shines

TAI is humbled by the generosity shown towards our kura with an influx of tennis tables this week. A special shout out to the Granich whānau (Pete Granich from LawnRite for - delivering the table to school - ngā mihi) for their lovely donation of a foldable, roll-away table tennis table. Then, Alfred Dela-Pena, Shuan Chun, and Peyton R2 from Waitemata Table Tennis Club generously contributed to the future of TAI Table Tennis Champions by gifting us two high-quality foldable Stag America's tables. These tables, valued at \$4,000 each, are in excellent condition and will allow us to run a TAI Table Tennis Championship. Thank you for this amazing gift. We also extend our gratitude to the O'Sullivan and Bonkovich whānau for their kind donation of over 20 sports balls. Nothing like a clean-up of the homeshed to benefit our tamariki! The balls were immediately labelled and added to our very successful "Backyard Programme." TAI appreciates the support, and the students are thoroughly enjoying these in the playground. Thank you again to everyone who has supported us. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

TOUCH ZONEDAY

Written by Zion R12 & Peyton R2

On Tuesday, 19 students proudly represented TAI in the Touch Rugby competition. The girls performed amazingly as a team, showcasing excellent communication and teamwork. In their last game against Glenavon, they worked brilliantly together and scored plenty of tries.

The boys faced tough competition from Avondale and Rangeview, but at times, they also performed well as a team with great supportive energy. Overall, the boys' team finished third in our pool, a result we were proud of! Both teams agreed that when our communication lacked, our performance wasn't as strong, which led to some losses. However, we're grateful for the opportunity to compete against such skilled teams and to score some tries.

TAI RUNNING CLUB

Our five Running Club reps—Salman R5, Camilo R6, Gustavo R2, Adrian R5 and Finn R14 did an amazing job at the 5km Auckland Marathon on 3rd November, finishing in impressive times between 25-29 minutes! Looking ahead, we're excited to aim for next year's Round the Bays on 2nd March and hope to get whole whānau involved, proudly representing TAI. We're also planning to participate in the Auckland Marathon 5km again, with a new twist: official TAI Running Club singlets!

Our runners looked fantastic in the borrowed TAI basketball singlets this time, so next year we'll have a dedicated look just for us. We were thrilled to receive medals for our efforts and enjoyed a goody bag with bagels and an electrolyte drink to refuel—Whaea Nicola even brought barley sugars to keep us going! Keep an eye out for TAI's Running Club every Wednesday morning from 7:30 am, out on the streets!

ESPORT GAMES – AUSTRALASIAN FUZE CUP

Best of luck to Mathew R11 & Xavier R14 currently representing TAI (& New Zealand!) at the Australasian Fuze Cup in the Gold Coast. With competitors from across Australia, the competition will be fierce. Let's cheer them on as they aim to bring the Australasian Fuze Cup home to TAI with their Rocket League skills!



TAI BLUES CREW FOOD DRIVE

Written by Charlotte & Chloe R6

This year, the TAI Blues Crew has set an ambitious goal to collect **5,000** non-perishable food items! Last year, we successfully gathered over 3,000 presents for children across Tāmaki Makaurau, and this year, our focus is on non-perishable foods to support families in need. These donations will go to three charities:

The Village Community Trust (West Auckland)

South Seas (South Auckland)

Whakaora Kai (Northland)

Students are encouraged to bring their contributions to their classrooms, where collections take place every Tuesday and Thursday.

The class with the most donations by December 4th will be rewarded with a pizza lunch, ice blocks, and a Fuze voucher for their teacher!

After this week's initial collection, we're thrilled to announce that we've already gathered 200 items. With everyone's help, we're confident we can reach our goal and make a meaningful impact, ensuring that every family has food to enjoy this Christmas.

How can the community help? Create a 100's Club!

Collect 100 perishables from your street, your family, your workplace, your community group etc. take a photo we can share in our newsletter and go into a draw for the TAI Blues Crew to do a community service of your choice!

Drop-off points in the community: TAI, Fuze Cafe, Community Library, Mr Illingsworth and Harveys Real Estate.



SPRING MUSIC SHOWCASE

TE ATATŪ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HALL

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2024

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM



FEATURING
BEGINNER & ADVANCED BANDS
VIOLIN: JOGGERS, RUNNERS & SPRINTERS

