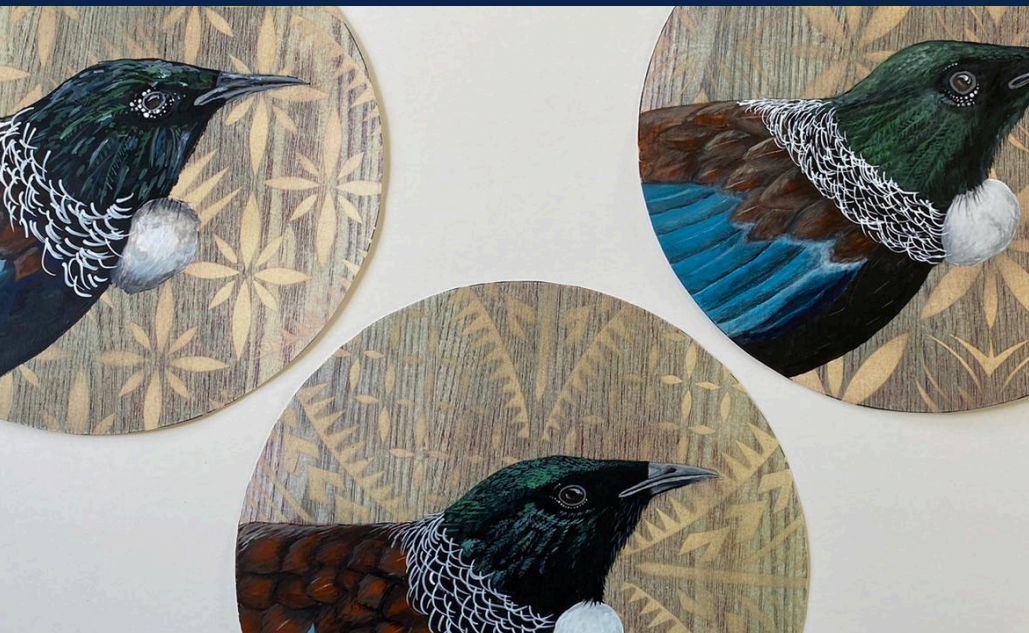


TE ATATŪ INTERMEDIATE

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 has been pleasing to see some sunshine and warmer temperatures this week for the start of spring. Week 7 has been another busy week with speeches in full swing. We look forward to finding out which students will be representing their class and syndicate at the speech finals in week 10.

This week has also seen a number of sporting opportunities with our footballers, hockey team and runners representing and competing. It has been great to see the excitement they have whilst representing us with pride.

A special thanks also to Whaea Ngaire, who has organised the school netball teams this year, with the season wrapping up with the netball prizegiving on Wednesday.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Lee Tai for her amazing commitment to supporting us as a school in netball. She has consistently week in, week out umpired for not only this season, but I understand this is her nearly three decades of netball support. Thank you so much Lee for your support of netball, and our school, over many years.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to honour the passing of Kiingi Tuheitia last week - an amazing ambassador for kotahitanga for all, and who will be greatly missed. 'Kua hinga te Tōtara o te Wainui a Tāne.'

Ngā mihi
Lloyd Evans



IMPORTANT NOTES

RECEPTION AREAS

Front Reception Area

The rebuilding work on the front reception area has finally been completed and approved by the council. This is a huge relief, as the original finish date was set for November last year. The delays were due to compliance issues from the 1990s when the reception area was first added on, but these have now been resolved. The front reception will now be the place to go if you need to collect your child early (not already arranged), drop something off to them, or if you have a visit or meeting booked.

Student Reception Area

When students need to sign in or out, they will continue to go to the same reception area we've been using since moving into the new office space. If you have already arranged to collect your child early from school or are collecting them from the sickbay, they will be waiting for you in the sickbay or student foyer area, outside of the music room.

Over the next few months, we will be looking to beautify the entrance area with art work and planting. If there are any gardeners out there who could recommend any plants that would be suitable for the area that are hardy - we would love to hear from you. Also, if anyone has any contacts for donations of plants we would gratefully receive also.

STARTING DATES 2025

Monday 3rd February - Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 4th February - Pōwhiri & Orientation Day (Y7 Only)

Wednesday 5th February - Whānau Hui (book a timeslot to meet the teacher)

Thursday 6th February - Waitangi Day

Friday 7th February - School Begins (Y7 & Y8, full school)

ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Out-of-zone enrolments CLOSED on Wednesday, 4th September 2024.

Currently, the number of applications received exceeds the number of places decided upon by the Board of Trustees.

Therefore, we will be conducting a ballot next Wednesday, 11th September, under the supervision of a member of the New Zealand Police.

Once the ballot has been drawn, we will immediately notify you of the outcome. Successful applicants will need to reply by 20th September to confirm whether or not they accept the place. Names drawn after the allocated number in the ballot will be placed on a waitlist in the order they were drawn. If successful applicants do not accept the place or do not reply by the deadline, places will be offered to those on the waitlist in order.

All out-of-zone enrolments received after Wednesday, 4th September, will be placed on the waitlist after the ballot has been drawn

If you or someone you know has a Year 6 child who lives in Te Atatū Peninsula and is yet to enrol for 2024, please do so as soon as possible.

Enrolments can be completed online by clicking [here](#).

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Term 4, Friday 25th October

Our Ministry of Education designated Teacher Only Day is scheduled for Term 4 on Friday, 25th October, the day before Labour Day. All schools in the Kahui Ako will be observing this day as their designated Teacher Only Day. During this time, we will focus on developing our science implementation, alongside integrating literacy and numeracy into our curriculum.



40 HOUR CHALLENGE

This year the 40 hour challenge (formerly the 40 hour famine) was organised by a core group of TAI students. Rather than giving up food, as previous years had done, students could give something else up (like furniture or technology) or complete a challenge (like crotchet 40 toys in 40 hours). Most importantly, students received sponsorship for their challenges. Over \$500 was raised for World Vision - which this year, is being used to build beehives in Timor-Leste.



AQUABOTS

Delilah R6 & Sidd R7

This year marked TAI's exciting debut in the world of Aquabots, with two teams representing our school: Team Yellow Submarine and Team Loading... Each team received the same kit to build their robot, along with a \$20 budget for improvements, resulting in unique creations that added to the excitement. The entire experience was incredibly fun, especially tackling challenges like an underwater obstacle course, where we had to navigate the robot through a series of hoops set at different angles. Team Yellow Submarine made a splash by finishing in third place and securing a spot at Nationals - a huge accomplishment! Meanwhile, Team Loading... faced a few bumps along the way, such as getting tangled up in their bot's wiring. However, through persistence and teamwork, they steadily improved and worked toward their goals. We're all so grateful for the opportunity to participate in something so cool and different. After all, it's not every day you get to design a submarine robot!

CONSERVATION WEEK - TI WIKI TI AKI AO TŪROA

Written by Aanya R2

On Monday, we set up tracking tunnels to discover what pests are on our school grounds. We did this by placing a long strip of paper inside the tunnel, adding a lot of ink, and a spoonful of peanut butter. We then positioned them around the school and marked their placement with a teal ribbon. On Tuesday at lunchtime, we checked the tunnels to see what pests we had around the school. We found some prominent rodent footprints, indicating we definitely have rats, mice, and hedgehogs on the grounds. On Thursday at lunchtime, we conducted a litter survey by sorting through the rubbish from the Netball Prizegiving the day before. We found a lot of wasted food and noticed that landfill waste was mixed in with recycling. We discussed ways to improve recycling sorting at TAI, such as bringing reusable drink bottles to school. We also learned about different types of plastics that can be recycled, specifically those labeled with numbers 1, 2, or 5 on the bottom. On Friday at lunchtime, the group will be conducting a bird survey, using binoculars and an ID chart to record our observations at TAI. We expect to see a few Tuīs and plenty of pigeons, sparrows, and seagulls, as they are very common. I've enjoyed learning about various things during Conservation Week, such as the number of rodents on our school grounds and how to change a variable in an experiment. I'm grateful to have the opportunity to learn these things in a safe environment where the pests pose a low risk to our safety.

BAKE SALE WEEK 8

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Mrs Perry will be calling for volunteer bakers next week.

All proceeds will be going towards the purchase of new sports equipment for TAI.

All items will be priced \$1, \$2 or \$3.



SPORTS/HAKINAKINA

NETBALL PRIZEGIVING 2024

This Netball season saw nearly 90 of our students representing TAI every Wednesday afternoon at Te Pai Courts for the last term and a half.

Congratulations to the following students who received the Coaches Award, Most Improved, and MVP in their teams.

KAWERAU A MAKI MARVELS

Most Valuable Player - Emma R15
Coaches Award - Kaia R12
Most Improved - Ario R13

ORAGAHINA OPALS

Most Valuable Player - Ryder R2
Most Improved - Victoria R12
Coaches Award - Peyton R2

RANGIHINA RIVALS

Most Valuable Player - Nevayah R13
Coaches Award - Sonaya R7 & Leon R3
Most Improved - Izabella R7 & Eva R2

TE ATATŪ TIKI

Most Valuable Player - Eva R3
Coaches Award - Phoebe R2 & Caprice R3
Most Improved - Michaela R14 & Tegan R10

TE ATATŪ TAWHAKI

Most Valuable Player - Kiyona R9
Coaches Award - Salman R5
Most Improved - Ella R4

TE ATATŪ TACTIX

Most Valuable Player - Mia R15
Coaches Award - Sienna R15
Most Improved - Hannah R10

TE ATATŪ TAHI

Most Valuable Player - Breaze R3
Most Improved - Cadie R13
Coaches Award - Ashley R2

TE ATATŪ TOA

Most Valuable Player - Amber R6
Coaches Award - Ella R1
Most Improved - Tupou R3

TE ATATŪ TOKI

Most Valuable Player - Ashley R5
Coaches Award - Riley R14
Most Improved - Penelope R5
Most Improved - Mackenzie R13

SPORTS CAMP 2024

One week to go as we countdown to Sports Camp! It's always an exciting week as students get to experience the 44 sports on offer. While sleep might be the biggest challenge, the opportunities for students to grow in this environment are limitless.

Philosophically, we love Sports Camp over AIMS because it places our young people in vulnerable moments that build resilience and character. Congratulations to those who were selected for this incredible opportunity

Genesis-Suayde R3, Ryder R2, Joshua R15, Ava R10, Ben R5, Maheu R15, Evie R7, Sefton R13, Mila R9, Micah R15, Leon R3, Evie R5, Alfie R6, Frank R6, Luke R8, Nevayah R13, Jakob R10, Eva R3, Harrison R15, Braxton R13, Alice R1, Izabella R7, Hanna R7, Matilda R7, Hazel R5, Louis R9, Mika R15, Sharlott R6, Amber R6, Sonaya R7, Lisia R4, Peyton R2, Jonathan R1, Jazzmin R12.

To the Year 7 students, start getting involved in as many sports as possible—this could be you next year!

GOOD LUCK TO BRAXTON R13 WHO WILL REPRESENT TAI IN BMX AT AIMS NEXT WEEK.

WE WISH HIM ALL THE BEST AND LOOK FORWARD TO HIS FEEDBACK FROM THE EVENT.

CROSS COUNTRY ZONEDAY & AUCKLAND CHAMPS

Written by Hanaa R7

Cross Country Zoneday was held on Monday 26th August in Titirangi. We had 28 students representing TAI, with great results, and 7 runners qualifying for Auckland Champs.

2nd in Year 8 Boys Section

3rd in Year 7 Boys Section

2nd in Year 7 Girls Section.

2nd overall at Western Zones (1st Glen Eden)

Auckland Champs took place on Tuesday in Muriwai, where competitors faced a challenging course that required running half the race on grass and the other half along the beach. Year 7 runners tackled a 3km race, while Year 8s ran 3.5km. Everyone put in a great effort, although some runners were unable to finish the race due to injuries. Special congratulations go to Jonathon R1, who achieved our overall fastest time.

The whole event was a valuable experience, especially for the Year 7s, who are all eager to give it another go next year. While the race can be stressful and demanding, requiring a lot of resilience and determination, the sense of accomplishment at the finish line makes it all worth it. I'm incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to participate and to have qualified to represent TAI at Auckland Champs.

FOOTBALL TAI VS GEI

Written by Sefton R13 & Alfie R6

On Tuesday Gleneden Intermediate's football boys team came to TAI for a game. The first half was played close with no goals being made on either side. In the second half, they took the lead early scoring multiple goals on TAI. It was a fun experience being able to vs another teams outside of the usual zone day meets. Gleneden had strong defense & an impressive striker. We were able to have great defense in the first half and we moved the ball well, working together as a team. Grateful for Mr. Vale for organising the game & we are hopeful to be able to vs other local schools in the future.





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