

# TŪ TANGATA

## Te Atatū Intermediate School

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Nau mai, haere mai, and Happy Valentine's Day!**

What a week of stunning weather we are having! On that note, parents, it is vital that students have their hats for when they are outside and a water bottle is encouraged for them to bring to school and keep on their desk during this lovely February weather.

I would also like to thank Alyssa Patten (Room 11) and her mum, Sharon for their donation of a box of Scholastic books. There is a great selection of fantastic books which will be going onto the library shelves very soon. Thank you Patten family for your generous donation, the books will be well read I'm sure!

**Meet the Teacher Night - A reminder that this is on this coming Tuesday 19th February. It will start at 6.30pm, with classroom meetings with your child's class teacher. At this time class expectations, routines etc will be explained. At 7pm, I will give a short talk in the hall, outlining some of our key school wide aspects. Following on at about 7.15 pm, the music department will outline their programme and from 7.30pm there is the opportunity for tryouts of instruments. The evening is predominantly for our year 7 families and new year 8's, however, year 8 families, you would be more than welcome, especially if your child has a new teacher this year.**

Lloyd Evans, Principal

### Lockdown drill

On Monday, with the support of Harrison Tew, we undertook a drill for a lockdown. This is primarily where there may be an outside situation in which we need to keep the students safe. Wade Harrison, who observed our procedure, commented on the great job that the students did. You would have received notification from the school that this was happening. In the event of a real lockdown, you will be notified via text/email and all updates would then be via our school website. This is why it is vitally important that we have correct details from you.

Also, alongside this - can all parents who come into the school during the school day, please report to the main office. We need to account for who is on site at all times in the case of any emergency. Also, all students arriving late / leaving early must be signed in / out from the office.

### World of Maths

World of Maths will be visiting TAI on the 25 March. Please note that this will cost \$5.50, not the \$5.75 as mentioned on the note that went home. Payment can also be made via our school Kindo site - all information is on the website. World of Maths is a hands on maths programme allowing students to problem solve real world tasks using manipulative materials.

### MathsBuddy

MathsBuddy is an online website that supports students in years 1-13 in the New Zealand curriculum. Thanks to the generous support of our board of trustees, this programme is paid for all students at Te Atatū Intermediate. Students are issued with usernames and passwords to access from home or school.

Teachers set tasks based around work covered in class, and MathsBuddy has videos that can be sped up / rewound by the student's which explain how to solve a particular maths problem. Tasks also accompany the video and this is a great learning resource. We have used MathsBuddy now for the last 6 years, and it is a great tool for parents to also sit with your child to see what they are doing in maths - without the age-old debate of "back in my day..."

### In memoriam

It is with much sadness that we found out this week that Mr Ken Williams, past Principal of Te Atatū Intermediate between 1991 - 2003 passed away after a long illness. Mr Williams was well known in the Te Atatū area and was a much respected Principal. Some of our longer serving teachers have been sharing stories about their time with Ken. Our aroha and sympathies go out to his family.

### Netball

The 2019 Netball season will be upon us soon and we need to find volunteers to coach our teams. If you are interested please contact Lyn Northwood at [lyn.n@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:lyn.n@teatatu.school.nz)

We are hoping to field at least six teams, so do require parent support with this.

### Whānau hui

*He karanga tenei ki te tini me te mano, nau mai, haere mai.*

We warmly invite you to our first Māori Whānau Hui for 2019.

**Tue 26th Feb, 6pm - 7.30pm**  
**@ School Library**

**6pm - 6.30pm** Kai tahi - meet and greet (Matua Blue to open)

Principal's kōrero (welcome kōrero)  
**6.30pm to 7pm** - Whānau discussion: planning and vision for 2019

**7pm to 7.30pm** - Whaea Tere to share two-year vision plan for TAI.