



NEWSLETTER / PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL



A huge, 'Thank you' parents for the way the students are presented and the start they have made. We have had a very positive beginning to the new year and I am excited for the potential of the year ahead of us. Our programme is now underway and classes are now settling into the programme and routines.

On Monday, we had our Lockdown Drill, under the watchful eye of Harrison Tew. I am pleased to report that the students responded superbly and it was a great chance for us to check our response systems.

We have identified the glitch within the texting system, in which not all the message was received via cell phone and hopefully have now rectified this issue.

Meet the Teacher Night

We will be having our 'Meet The Teacher' night on **Tuesday 18 February** (next week). This is primarily to introduce the teacher, who will explain class expectations, processes within the class, specifically for our Year 7 families. Year 8 whanau - if you have the same teacher as 2019, there is no need to come - However, you would be more than welcome if you do decide to come.

This will be held during the evening and the format is as follows;

5.30 - 6pm - BBQ on covered courts mix and mingle

6pm - Meet the teacher meetings in your child's classroom

6.50pm - Principal's talk in school hall

7.10pm - Music information talk - information around the many music opportunities at TAI

From 7.30pm - Have a go music demonstrations - this is a chance to try out different instruments and talk to the tutors. Instruments are available for students to try.

Improving School Attendance Project (ISAP)

The Improving school's attendance project, co-ordinated by Margaret Campbell (margaret@isap.org.nz) allows the following opportunity;

*Waitakere Improving School Attendance Programme is continuing our "Return to the Workforce" programme for parents who currently receive the Sole Parent Support benefit. We are able to employ 12 Teacher Aides/Learning Support to work in one of the following schools: Flanshaw Road School; Glen Eden Intermediate; Glen Eden Primary; Henderson Intermediate; Liston College; Rangeview Intermediate; Te Atatu Intermediate; Tirimoana Primary; and Waitakere College. The work is during normal school hours. **Applications close noon Friday 14th February***

If you are interested in this, please visit the TAI office to collect the application.

Maths Buddy

At TAI, we use Maths Buddy, an online maths tool, to reinforce learning concepts and support students within their maths programme. Each year for the last 8 or so years, the Board funds this programme. Teachers can assign tasks at appropriate levels for students to work on in class, and at home. Maths Buddy is New Zealand based, with support in maths from year 1-13 of the New Zealand Curriculum. It has videos that can be rewound to show how to solve maths concepts, as well as examples and problems that students can then try and appeals to the visual/spatial element within maths. Please see attached a parent information letter around best utilising Maths Buddy.

Energy drinks

Please can we reinforce the message that energy drinks are not the best choice of drink for developing adolescents due to the high caffeine and sugar content. Unfortunately, some students are buying these drinks before school, and this does not set them up well for the day, not to mention the negative effects that energy drinks can have on the body. We will continue to reinforce 'water first' as the best and healthiest drink and ask that parents if you can support us with this.

Nga Mihi nui

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