

Thursday 9th December 2021



TeAtatū
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

COVID level 3 Newsletter - #17 -Term 4 – Week 8

[Tēnā koutou katoa o whanau o Te Atatū Intermediate](#)

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of a very challenging year. I would like to thank all students for the last 5 weeks that they have been back. They have abided by all the rules and changes that have been put in place, rolling with the changes and settling in exceptionally well. A reminder that **Year 8s will finish at 12 noon on Tuesday 14 December** – this is their last day at TAI **Year 7s will be at school Monday till 3pm and will conclude the year at 12 noon on Wednesday 15 December.**

Our end of year Prizegiving is going to be via video – This will be pre-recorded and we will play the video to students on their individual last day. Due to the nature of the year, our focus is around class based awards. We will put the links to the videos (separate Year 7 / Year 8) on the website for parents to view after each individual last day.

End of year fun days – These are occurring tomorrow, 10 December for the year 8s - and on Monday 13 December for the year 7s. These events have been designed to be within their current bubbles, will be held outside and students will be masked as they participate. Students may get wet at some of these activities, so a change of clothes may be required. From Monday 13 December, year 7s will be able to wear mufti for their final days of school.

School Leavers – notice re ezlunch / Kindo school shop - If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use ezlunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, **log in, go to My Details and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.**

If your new school is **NOT** on the list, use the '**close account**' button on that screen. You can choose to donate your balance to school or have it paid out to your nominated bank account.

Staff Farewells – At the end of this year we will be farewelling some staff from TAI. I would like to thank all these staff for their commitment and dedication to the TAI community.

Omar Balizi – Omar was a teacher aide with us in 2020 before training to be a teacher this year. He has assisted us this term with Whaea Tere in Room 4 and has been a great support within the bubble class.

Lise Ioane – We were very fortunate to have Lise teach in Room 10 to cover Mrs Stoddard's refreshment sabbatical during term 4. Lise has done an exceptional job within Room 10 and the transition has been seamless. Her enthusiasm and connection with students has been outstanding.

Iona Ward – Iona joined us this year during term 2 as a teacher aide. Iona has done an outstanding job in supporting students and we wish her well as she begins her teacher training journey next year.

Ray Chen – Ray has been with us for a year and a half every Tuesday supporting the Science programme as Mrs Aratema’s release cover. Ray has been a dedicated teacher and has done a great job in the science programme.

Rowena Rooney – Rowena is well known to us at TAI, she has been Ms Ward’s art release teacher every Tuesday for a wee while now. Rowena is moving on next year to focus on her own independent art and we will miss her enthusiasm and dedication to students in their learning of visual art.

DeWald Immink – DeWald, or Imaxx as staff called him, has been with us at TAI in the area of Creative Media for 4 years. His commitment to the CM programme and producing TAITV has been outstanding over this period and we wish him all the best for his next ventures.

Syd Andrews – What can I say about Syd. If BA Baracus (that’s one for the oldies!) was Mr T – then Mr Andrews is ‘Mr IT.’ Syd joined the staff at TAI in 1997 and has given 24 years of dedication, support and knowledge to many students across that time. His commitment and loyalty are what I highly value about Syd and he quietly goes about his tasks with a minimum of fuss. In fact, things in the IT area just seem to happen, and that is because Syd is in the background quietly getting things done. I certainly know that all staff and students will miss him greatly next year and we hope that he thoroughly enjoys his retirement – He has certainly earned it. We will all miss Mr IT next year! We wish him all the very best in his retirement.

2022 staff and staff changes

With the sadness of farewells, comes the excitement and changes that the new year brings. There will be a few changes in 2022.

Steve Collins – after 25 years of being the Deputy Principal, Mr Collins is stepping away from his DP role to focus on Technology teaching at TAI. The great news is that Mr Collins is still with us at TAI as the syndicate leader for technology, and will re-establish the Workshop Metal programme into our Technology rotations in place of IT, which will be integrated into our school programme in 2022.

Britannia Sio – I have appointed Britannia (Britz) Sio to the Deputy Principal position in 2022. Britz is well known to us, having taught here at TAI from 2009 - 2014. She has been overseas teaching in Malaysia for the last 7 years and brings a wealth of experience and skills to TAI. We are thrilled to have Ms Sio with us again. Students will be familiar with Ms Sio, as she has been the co-bubble teacher in Room 10 with Miss Ioane this term.

Kelly Clarke – Due to the increasing roll over recent years at TAI, the role of the DP has changed quite considerably. In 2022, Mrs Clarke will be full time in the DP role. This does mean that she will be stepping aside from her class responsibilities in 2022. In Kelly’s classroom role, I have appointed **Ms Morgann Price**, who will be joining the staff next year.

Tony Nemaia – Tony has been awarded one of only 50 teaching sabbaticals in 2022. Tony will be completing his Master’s Degree and beginning his Doctorate. As part of the sabbatical, Tony will be with us for the first and last 4 weeks of the year, as well as connecting with us during the year to support the research that he will be doing. I have appointed **Mr Matthew Banks** in Tony’s place to ensure that the class have the one teacher for the 2022 year.

Michael Davidson – Michael will be our new Creative Media teacher in 2022 and will also be taking on the IT responsibilities that Mr Andrews has done so well over many years. Michael joins us from

Matua Ngaru school, where he has established many of the same programmes that he will do in Creative Media next year and is very excited to be joining us in this role.

There are a few classroom changes next year. We have 15 standard classes next year and there will be three classes in Hapori which will be led by Mrs Cheryl McKeown in 2022. The full list of classrooms and teachers for 2022 is as follows;

Room 1 – Amorangi Ngata Atkins

Room 2 – Matthew Banks

Room 3 – Ngaire Smith

Room 4 – Tere Tamarua – Team leader (Kelly Lardner CoL release Thu/Fri)

Room 5 – Chris Goold

Room 6 – Lyn Northwood -Team leader

Room 7 – Nathan Morkel

Room 8 – **Peter Goodwin** (Room 13 become Room 8, 2022)

Room 9 – Marie Satele

Room 10 – Pamela Stoddard

Room 11 – Matthew Johnson

Room 13 – Jordan Vale (Hapori) (Room 8 become Room 13, 2022)

Room 14 – Cheryl McKeown (Hapori)

Room 15 – **Morgann Price** (Hapori) (Room 16 become Room 15 in 2022)

Room 16 – **Shel Chung** – Team leader (Room 14 become Room 16, 2022)

**Room 12 becomes a meeting space in 2022

This is our final newsletter for the year. I would like to thank all parents for the way in which you have supported the school, through a very challenging and demanding year.

For those whose children are moving on – thank you for your association with TAI over the years and we wish you and your child all the very best for the next learning journey.

For our Year 7 whānau, we look forward to seeing you all back again next year – Fingers crossed 2022 will be a normal school year.

NB: Start dates for 2022 for students returning as Year 8 will be: Tuesday 8th February 2022.

Have a great rest of the week a relaxing weekend and I wish you all;

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Lloyd Evans

Principal / Tumuaki

Te Atatū Intermediate School