



# NEWSLETTER/PANUI

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

**Tena koutou katoa o Te Atatu Intermediate whanau.**

This week's newsletter is a celebration of events that have been happening at the end of a busy term one. On Monday, we had an impromptu visit from Alan Roby and his daughter

Donna, both ex students of the school - and related to the Roby's for which Roby St is named after.

Alan came to see the Kauri tree that he helped plant as a 5 year year old student way back in 1941, back then, the school was a full primary school and known as Te Atatu School. Te Atatu school became an intermediate only school in 1966, due to the boom in housing in the Peninsula during this decade. It was fascinating hearing of his experiences in Te Atatu, 80 years ago. What I hadn't realised was that there is an old, faded, wooden plaque which has his name and date of the tree planting barely readable on it in our tree grove. Now that we are aware of the significance, we will get this plaque restored. Pictured is Alan, his daughter Donna and three of our Kaunihera Council prefects, Miko, Sasha and Sulu, in front of the very majestic 80 year old Kauri.

Along the theme of history, I would like to congratulate the members of our Kapa Haka group and Whaea Tere for the incredible performance they did as part of the Te Atatu combined schools performance over the weekend for the Rutherford College 60th anniversary celebration.

### **From the Student Council (Kaunihera team)**

On Friday 16th April - the last day of Term 1- we will be having a **mufti day**. The purpose of this mufti day is to fundraise for the charity **CanTeen**; A charity that supports people aged 13 to 24 under the burden of a cancer diagnosis, whether it's their own or one of an immediate family member. They make sure that young people touched by cancer can continue living their life with the tools they need and make sure that they don't face the effects of cancer alone.

We would love it if you could bring a gold coin donation to help support teens all over Aotearoa.





### **World of Maths**

Last week, TAI students were very privileged to participate in **World of Maths**, a travelling maths programme that significantly tests your mind and questions your logic skills. We enjoyed being challenged and we had many interesting discussions and debates. We also learnt that you can solve a problem in different ways and approach it in different perspectives.

There were many activities set up in the hall which each group would attempt to solve, then rotate from one activity to the next. A favourite would have been "Post Box" activity. The aim was to figure out which post box the girl uses ; there were multiple possibilities and we were given statements that would eventually rule out all but one. It was a great experience and it was really interesting to see how much maths actually plays a role in everyday situations. **Mr Nathan Morkel**

### **Cricket**

On Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March, Te Atatu Intermediate entered a team to go to Parrs Park to compete in an **inter-school cricket tournament**. On the first day, we won both of our games quite decisively, which got us to go to the finals the next day.

The first game we played on Friday was close but we ended up winning in the end which got us into the final against Blockhouse Bay Intermediate. In the final, we bowled and fielded first. In their innings, we got a good amount of wickets and restricted the runs that they could get.

At the start of the second innings, we thought we had a decent chance to win. But as the innings went on their bowling was on point and they started to rack up the wickets, causing us to have a tight finish. It was the last over that decided the game. There were 4 balls to come and we needed 5 runs to win or 4 to draw. When their bowler bowled, our batsman played the ball back to the bowler, touching the bowler's hand and hitting the wickets while our other batsman was out of the crease, causing him to get out and us to come second that day.

Even though we didn't win, we all had fun. I would like to thank two wonderful parents, Nathan and Blair, for transporting, umpiring, scoring and looking after us for the two days. I would also like to thank all the parents who came down to support the team.

**By Aron Chung Room 4**

### **TAI in the pool!**

Te Atatu Intermediate is pleased to be entering a **Waterpolo** team(s) in the Western Intermediate League. Games are held at Westwave in the divewell on Friday afternoon/evenings from the second Friday of Term 2.

We are running a waterpolo Have A Go Day for all TAI students who are interested in finding out more about waterpolo (including those already registered) on the first Monday of Term 2 at 5pm (Westwave divewell). Please put this in your diaries and remember to come along and have a go!

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Any queries about the TAI team or League please contact Ian Felix or our team manager, Theresa Donnelly on 021 2470569.

***Ian Felix- PE And Sports Director.***

### **Netball AIMS team**

Two weeks ago on Thursday 1st April, the **Te Atatu netball AIMS** girls held a bake sale fundraiser for new netball uniforms. It was very successful and we raised \$380. Thank you to everyone who helped support us and bought something. Also a huge thank you to Whaea Ngaire and Cherie Coyle for helping us organise this bake sale.

Last Wednesday a couple of girls from the netball AIMS team went around to local businesses and told them about our team and how we are looking for donations to help buy new netball uniforms. We got a few responses and would like to thank those businesses for helping support our team.

Thank you to **Greens** veggie shop for a \$50 dollar voucher that will be going to our hampers along with an amazing hamper basket from **Unichem Pharmacy**, a beautiful rimu cheese board from **L+M wood work**. We also got a huge donation of \$500 from **Harveys real estate** which we are very grateful for. So far we have been very successful and off to a great start with fundraising for new netball AIMS dresses 2021. **By Alana Room 13 and Jacinda Room 3.**

### **Family Zone**

A reminder that should anyone wish to take advantage of the Family Zone online screentime management for your child's devices, please contact Syd Andrews - [syd.a@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:syd.a@teatatu.school.nz)

### **Marine Metre Squared Project & The Hauraki Gulf Monitoring Project**

On Friday the 9th of April the Gate Science class participated in the Marine Metre Squared project and the Hauraki Gulf Monitoring project to learn of all the wondrous creatures and critters of our Orangihina mudflats and what an opportunity it was. We were guided by Teresa Morrell, a real Marine Biologist from the University of Otago. Te Atatu Intermediate has been involved with the project since 2018.

We used a 1m by 1m square to sample areas of our mudflats at the morning low tide. We identified and counted the number of each organism found living on the surface and in the mud and recorded our results down. In the afternoon back in school we put the information collected into the website <https://www.mm2.net.nz/>. In Term 3 in August we will do the project again at Orangihina to see if anything like the quantities or where the organisms are found from last time has changed. Then and only then will we have completed our survey. A huge thank you to our wonderful parent helpers Harrison's Mum, Miko's Mum and Riley's Mum who helped us sample the mud and to Teresa! By Jack Room 6.



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### Kōkōkaha - Sailing Experience with Yachting New Zealand

The Physical World has been a Science focus for this term and students have been learning about Forces using the context of the America's Cup Boats. Thanks to funding from Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa thirty students were given the opportunity to experience a Kōkōkaha - Sailing Experience with Yachting NZ. During the sailing experience, students got out on the water at Westhaven Marina and felt the power of the wind. Students also participated in a series of hands on activities to familiarise them with some of the technologies used in sailing and got an introduction to safer boating practices. A big thank you to Peron and his team from Ponsonby Cruising Club and to our awesome parent helpers Jadda's Mum and Olivia's Mum who joined Mrs Satele and Mr Collins for the day. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and had lots of fun trying a new sport and working together. A wonderful learning experience for our students.



### Ki-o-rahi

Congratulations to our students involved at the **Ki-o-rahi** annual competition held at Rutherford College last week. Each year for the last few years, we have been competing and building connections with teams from Rangeview Intermediate and ourselves. Whaea Tere took two teams down, and for the second year in a row Te Atatu Intermediate were the victors. Ka mau te wehi!

### Student Success

Last week **Mikael Garner (Room 10)** and **Danesh Madon (Room 7)** travelled to Nelson to represent West City 13U Rebels at the **United Airlines 13U National Baseball tournament**. It was an intense

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week of playing ball against teams from around New Zealand, and after some high pressure games West City won Pool A and made it through to the Semi Final play offs.

This was an amazing feat for the team as they did not expect to make it that far (we even had to change flights to stay for the playoffs). After going down in a tough game against Levin Hustle in the semi final, West City played hosts Nelson Heat for 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> in another tough match and walked away in 4<sup>th</sup> position. Mikael and Danesh both played very well in the tournament, and should be extremely proud of their achievements. To come 4<sup>th</sup> at the National tournament is a great feat for a small grassroots club based out of Te Atatu South.

### **Community Notice**

#### **TATMUZE 2 Day Music Holiday Programme**

Wed/Thurs April 28/29th @ TAI. Open to musicians from Year 7 to Year 10.

\$25-00 per day or \$40-00 for both days. **Places may be limited: contact John at 0275 323 503**

### **Rowing at Te Atatu Peninsula**

A study done in 2015 found that Rowing was extremely important to the development of children, gaining from the benefits of teamwork in a crew, which can be 8 or 4 rowers .

Waitemata Rowing Club, which is located at Taipari Strand – end of Taikata Road on the Peninsula, is inviting all those students in Year 8 at school the chance to come and find out what Rowing is all about.

Though all are welcome, we would like to see those that are currently not involved in any sports activities.

Visit and see our boats, the rowing machines and our training gym. If you or your parents were to visit on a Saturday or Sunday morning around 8.00 am, you will see what we do and you may even have a chance to get into a boat.

If this is what you will like to do then we can set up 5 sessions (over 5 weeks) for you to row at no cost at all. Which is closely supervised at all times.

Our aim is to make Rowing accessible to everyone, boys and girls all ethnicities and for it not to be thought of as a sport exclusive just to elite schools.

Come along and see us and our experienced coaches will show what to do and how to do it.

If we can get numbers of students and parents to attend there may even be a sausage sizzle.

Anybody wishing to discuss this can phone – **Michael – 0224985035 or John - 0274915290.**

**See you all back safe and well for the beginning of Term 2 on Monday 3rd May @ 8.40am**

*Nga mihi nui*

*Lloyd Evans*

*Principal/Tumuaki*