



NEWSLETTER/PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau.

The highlight for me in the last week has been the introduction of Mini school X ball, with teams competing within their mini school to see who will be challenging the teachers on the last day of term. Seeing the support of the classes competing and hearing cheering and excitement makes me realise how much we have missed these activities that bring the school closer. Having the opportunity to participate with the change to outside numbers has brought a real excitement and connection which has been great to see again after a challenging 8 months of schooling.

Student Led Conferences

During Week 3 - **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th May**, we will be holding our annual **Student Led Conferences (SLCs)**. We are hoping to hold these 'in person' at TAI. SLCs are the chance to meet with your child and their teacher to see the learning that your child is doing, the goals that they are working on and their curriculum levels and activities they have been working towards. Specialist and Technology teachers will be available to visit to discuss what is happening in these classes. Please note that on **Monday 16th May, school will end at 12.20pm and the conferences will begin at 1.15pm**. We will include more information, including how to book, early next term.

Term holidays

Next **Thursday 14th April** is our last day of school for Term 1, just in time for the Easter break. We will be finishing school at the usual time of 3pm on this day.

School will resume for the start of Term 2 on **Monday 2nd May**.

Message from the office - Collecting students from School during school hours

We realise on occasion that it is necessary to collect your child early from school. Please help us by having your child meet you, giving sufficient time to reach an appointment. If you do the following before collecting your child it will limit your waiting time.

- Please email the classroom teacher with information and time that you will collect your child. You can cc the office staff too. Email to office@teatatu.school.nz
- Your child will be sent to the office by the teacher.
- You may drive into the school main car park. Your child will sign out and be waiting at the office looking out for you and / or transport. They will walk out and meet you.

Of course if you need your child urgently you are welcome to phone the school too. Please be aware that this may take time to find your child.

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Online Safety hub

This week I would like to highlight the **App and Game Reviews tab** on the safety hub home page. This is a really useful tab which highlights many of the games and social media sites that young people are attracted to and also outlines the recommended age group for the site or app. When the gaming or social media icon is clicked, it then outlines relevant information, risk factors for the site as well as what parents need to know. It also lets parents know when it was last reviewed. A very handy and quick guide to support parents.

To view the safety hub; <https://teatatu.onlinesafetyhub.nz/family-zone/about>

Water Polo

We had a great turnout at last Friday's 'Have A Go' session. If you missed it and would still like to give water polo a try we have another session this **Friday (8 April) at West Wave from 4-5pm**. You can just drop in to see what it is all about (tell them at the front desk that you are there for water polo). You will need to bring your togs and towel and have arranged your own transport to and from the venue.

The Water Polo Intermediate League games are held on Friday afternoons during Term 2 and training will more than likely be held on a Monday afterschool. The aim for this Friday's session is to confirm players who would like to be a part of the teams for the league.

If you have any questions please email the team manager: Matt Lyon on mattlyon01@gmail.com

Wrestling at Rutherford College

We are fortunate to have the **Wrestling 2022** programme started up again for this year!

We had our first group participate on Monday and look forward to taking another small group next week. This programme is suitable for all students - confident, shy, energetic, anxious or just curious! The coaches are experienced wrestlers and a teacher will be with the group the whole time. If you think your child may opt out of such an opportunity and feel that they would benefit from trying something outside the box please let me know. All queries around this programme please email me at britannia.s@teatatu.school.nz

When: **Mondays**

Time: **1:15 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.**

Attire: **P.E kit**

Need to have: **Water bottle**

Bench saw

Our 30 year old 3 phase, 2HP bench saw is being retired and is looking for a new home, as a new one has been purchased for the teacher to cut the wood for the student projects in Workshop Technology. If anyone would like to make an offer - contact office@teatatu.school.nz

Kia pai te wiki, Have a fantastic rest of the week! Stay safe everyone!

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal/Tumuaki