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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau.

Wow! The weather has really taken a turn for the worse this week, along with the rain has come the polar blast. We have one more week till the holidays. On Friday 9 July, the last day for term 2, all students will receive their mid-year report which is a full report on this semester's work.

School speeches

All students have been working very hard on their speeches and the time has come for class and syndicate finals. There has been a great buzz around the place as students have been honing and practicing their speeches in order to persuade their audience. It has been great to see firstly the look of relief, and then pride in having completed their speech. We will be hosting the school speech finals next **Wednesday 7 July** in the school hall.

'Speech off'

Thanks to Matua Tony for organising this event - students had an opportunity to present at **'Speech off'**, an informal opportunity to present their speech at lunchtime around a certain theme - the theme from the first group was around animals, congratulations to the students who participated.



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Matariki / Kapa Haka performance

What a great celebration of Matariki on Saturday at the Te Atatū Community centre. It was fantastic to see the community coming together to celebrate Matariki. Watching the schools perform was a highlight of the day, and special congratulations to our TAI Kapa haka / Pasifika students who performed in front of what was a large gathering with heart and passion. Special thanks to Whaea Tere, Whaea Ngaire and the other teachers who were there supporting our students.



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Staff Union Meetings

Teachers who are members of NZEI Te Riu Roa will be attending a paid union meeting this coming **Tuesday 6th July**, with some attending in the morning and others in the afternoon.

The purpose of these meetings is for teachers to discuss the priorities for the renegotiation of their collective agreement in 2022. Issues being discussed, such as school staffing levels, directly impact on the education of your children. These meetings are a critical component of the negotiation process and it is the legal right of all members to attend a meeting and have their say.

While there will be some impact on the usual school programme that day, **we have adjusted the programme to minimise disruption, and the school will remain open.**

New astro Tiger turf and court maintenance

Finally, work has begun on our courts. The existing covered court is getting end pieces and maintenance. The double concrete courts outside of Room 9 are now in the process of getting Tiger turf. There will also be a double netball/basketball goal and also a volleyball court. Unfortunately, this means that the courts are out of use for the next three weeks, though once they are completed, they will really add to both break and lunch opportunities and the PE programme.

Student success

Congratulations to **Daniel Michael (Room 6)** who completed the inaugural mini Rangitoto Classic event on the 12th June. This consisted of a 2km board, followed by a 2km run up and down Takapuna beach, followed by another 2 km board, in cold and choppy conditions. He was joined by former TAI students Ocean Michael and Dylan and Emma Chapman all representing Muriwai Surf Lifesaving club. We are super proud of their efforts!

What's coming up this Fortnight?

Tuesday 6 July - Paid union meetings for teachers - school will remain open.

Wednesday 7 July - School speech finals - 1pm in school hall

Friday 9 July - Mid year reports home. Last day of Term 2, school finishes at 3pm.

School re-starts for Term 3 on Monday 26 July. Please note - there will be a slight change to bell times in the morning from term 3 - Monday / Tuesday- school starts with corporate meetings at 8.40am.

Wednesday to Friday the bell time will be 8.50am - students report straight to class at this time.

Kia pai te wiki, Have a fantastic rest of the week, Ngā mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal /Tumuaki