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May 6th, 2021 TERM 2 ISSUE #8



A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa o Te Atatu Intermediate whanau.

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you are all coping with the cooler mornings. It was certainly a shock to the system this week.

This week's newsletter has a lot of information with attached letters, specifically around 3 key events - **School Lockdown drill / Student led conferences and Health Puberty sessions with NEST consulting.**

School Lockdown Drill

Unfortunately in our modern society, school lockdowns are becoming more and more a fact of life. Last year, three West Auckland School went into lockdown for happenings in the community that require us to make sure all children are safe. We engage the services of **Harrison Tew**, an external company, and one who have supported us in these drills for 5 years now to support us in our lockdown drills. We were scheduled to practice this last term, however, the alert level change required us to postpone till now. **Therefore, we will be having our rescheduled drill this coming Tuesday 11 May at 11am.** Parents, you will receive notifications from us letting you know a drill is taking place. This is to practice our communication and should you not receive an email or text, could you please let us know. *Please note that during the lockdown drill, parents will not be able to come on site, so if you have appointments with your children, could they please be collected / dropped off at either morning tea or lunch on this day.*

[Harrison Tew have also provided a pre letter for sending to the community which is attached at the end of this newsletter also.](#)

Student Led Conferences

In week 3 of this term we will be holding our annual **Student Led Conferences**. The conferences will run on **Monday 17th May 1pm-7pm and Tuesday 18th May 3.20pm-6pm.** **Please note that on Monday 17 May, school will finish at 12.20pm in order for our conferences to begin at 1pm. (Tuesday is a normal full school day)** If your child is unable to be supervised at home between 1-3pm on Monday, or if you book an appointment between 1-3pm, we will be able to have a **limited number of student supervision** with our teacher aides supporting in the library. We would need to know, so could you please contact your child's class teacher to let them know if your child will be staying.

During the conferences, I will be available in the staffroom. Please feel free to drop in for a cup of tea. **I would also like to get ideas from you, our parent community, for my community consultation later this year.** I would love to get feedback in a variety of areas of TAI as we always look forward to providing

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the best opportunities we can for all students. I will be available during the same time teachers are available.

[At the end of this newsletter is information on how to book and we will also have it on our website as well.](#)

How to book a conference

1. Login to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Click on 'Make a booking'.
3. Enter the event code **5mgp7**
4. Step 1: Enter your details
5. Step 2: Choose up to 3 teachers that you would like to see (class teacher, we also recommend visiting your child's technology and specialist teachers).
6. Step 3: Choose the times that suit you best. Please note that if you plan to see more than one teacher you will need to select consecutive times.
7. Click 'finish' when done- an email confirming your bookings will be sent to you.

Health Curriculum - Puberty sessions through NEST consulting

As part of our Health curriculum, our planning includes a pubertal change component. To aid us with our education, we engage **NEST Consulting** to support us in providing an education and empowerment programme for our students. Attached to this newsletter, and also as a hard copy going home, is an information letter around this programme. **We will be holding a parent information evening with NEST consultants at 6.20pm on Tuesday 18 May** (straight after the final Student Led conferences) **in our school hall** for an opportunity for hearing more and asking questions.

Should you wish your child to not take part in the programme, there is a section to complete and return to the class teacher, though we do encourage all students to take part as it is part of the health curriculum.

[Please see the information letter for more information.](#)

Fundraising

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our students/whanau who supported us by selling chocolates during our fundraising. I would like to thank our three top sellers, **Noah P (Room 7)** **Jaden C (Room 10)** and **Khalil W.S (Room 4)** who each received \$100 for their efforts. These boys did a phenomenal effort in their fundraising. Ka mau te wehi boys! **Our top selling class was Room 7**, who will receive a non uniform day at Mr Morkel's discretion. Congratulations to you all. We can now begin the process towards purchasing new sports / cultural uniforms which we are very excited about.

From the Student Council (Kaunihera team)

On **Thursday 20th May (week 3)**, we will be having a '**pink shirt**' no uniform day to support the **Mental Health Foundation**. By donating we can celebrate diversity, spread aroha and aim to end bullying in Aotearoa. Please bring a **gold coin donation** and come to school in a pink shirt or any other bright

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coloured clothing that you have. Te Atatu Intermediate loves helping those in need. **Miko Bonkovich, Head Boy, on behalf of the Kaunihera team.**

Thank you also for your generosity towards our **Canteen** non uniform fundraiser on the last day of Term 1. We raised **\$713.70** for Canteen- A great effort, Thank you!

Teacher Only Day

Please note that on **Tuesday 8 June** (straight after Queen's Birthday Weekend) we will be holding a Ministry of Education delegated Teacher Only Day. We have factored these in on the same dates across the Te Atatu Community of Learning (CoL) Schools where possible.

During this day, staff will be working with a facilitator from Kinane Sharp to review our Digital Technology programme and upskill within this area for all our staff. Our next designated CoL Teacher Only Day is set for the Tuesday after Labour Day in Term 4.

What's coming up this Fortnight?

Tuesday 11 May - Lockdown drill scheduled for 11am

Monday 17 May - School finishes 12.20pm - SLCs begin 1pm -7pm

Tuesday 18 May - SLCs 3.20 -6.20 then NEST information evening in school hall

Monday 17 -Fri 21 May - Science Week - Whakanui Putaiao

Thursday 20 May - Pink Shirt Day

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

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal/Tumuaki

Te Atatu Intermediate

Please see below for information letters around;

School Lockdown drill / Student led conferences and Health Puberty sessions with NEST consulting

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Dear Parents



Te Atatu Intermediate engaged the services of an independent company, Harrison Tew[®], who specialise in emergency management planning for schools. The procedures developed by Harrison Tew allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of circumstances.

As a component of the implementation of the emergency procedures into our school, specialised training is being conducted with senior leadership and our staff. The students will also receive training directed at their respective age groups from Harrison Tew[®].

The training consists of a low key but detailed approach to potential threats and has been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand.

After the training, we will be conducting a lockdown exercise under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew[®]. The exercise will be as real-life as possible, which will mean that parents/families will receive notification by way of text and/or email. The information passed on will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website.

Prior to this occurring, can I please remind all parents and caregivers to ensure your contact details (mobile phone numbers and email addresses) are current as this will be our communication with you, should an emergency occur at the school.

In a genuine incident, should you hear of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence at, or contact with, the school may make it more difficult for us to manage the situation and could potentially place your children and, in fact, yourselves at risk.

We thank you for your support.

Te Atatu Intermediate / Harrison Tew

[See below for Student Led Conference information and booking](#)

Student Led Conferences



In week 3 of this term we will be holding our Student Led Conferences.

The conferences will run on Monday 17th May 1pm-7pm and Tuesday 18th May 3.20pm-6pm.

These conferences are an important way in which we can support learning. They help our students to understand where they are at in their learning, where they need to go next, and how they will get there.

At Te Atatu Intermediate school:

Up to three conferences occur at once within a **30 minute period** and the format of the conference is as follows:

- Introduction and welcome from the teacher.
- Students and parents are set up at a station within the classroom where the student shares their learning with their parents.
- The teacher will, over the course of the half hour, sit with each group to discuss the student's learning and answer any questions that you may have.
- Once students have completed their conference with the parent(s) and the teacher the conference concludes.
- There will be a 10 minute period of time before the next conference begins. This can be used if there is anything that you wish to discuss privately with the teacher, alternatively a meeting can be organised for another time.

To book a Student Led Conference, please follow the process below:

1. Login to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Click on 'Make a booking'.
3. Enter the event code **5mgp7**
4. Step 1: Enter your details
5. Step 2: Choose up to 3 teachers that you would like to see (class teacher, technology and specialist teachers).
6. Step 3: Choose the times that suit you best. Please note that if you plan to see more than one teacher you will need to select consecutive times.
7. Click 'finish' when done- an email confirming your bookings will be sent to you.

If there are any issues with booking conferences, such as unavailability of a device, please send a note to your child's class teacher detailing the teachers you would like to see and your preferred times. They will make a booking for you.

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We look forward to seeing you soon and sharing your child's learning with you.

Kind regards,

Kelly Clarke

Te Atatu Intermediate School teachers:

Class teachers

Room 1- Koko Amorangi

Room 2- Matua Tony

Room 3- Whaea Ngaire

Room 4- Whaea Tere

Room 5- Chris Goold

Room 6- Lyn Northwood

Room 7- Nathan Morkel

Room 8- Jordan Vale

Room 9- Marie Satele

Room 10- Pamela Stoddard

Room 11- Matthew Johnson

Room 12- Cheryl McKeown

Room 13- Peter Goodwin

Room 14- Shel Chung

Room 16- Kelly Clarke

Specialist teachers

Visual Art- Cathlin Ward, Rowena Rooney

Science- Amber Aratema, Ray Chen

Physical Education- Ian Felix

Music- Francisco Barros

Dance and Drama- Tania Kingi

SENCO and ESOL- Angela Collins

Technology

Workshop 1 Wood- Bruce Edwards

Workshop 2 ICT- Syd Andrews

Creative Media- Dewald Immink

Food Technology- Katy Perry and Geraldine Brailsford

[See below for NEST Consulting information letter](#)

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Dear Parents/Care-givers

In weeks 3 & 4 of this term Nest Consulting will visit our school to deliver the 'Positive Puberty Plus' programme. This Puberty Education & Empowerment Programme is designed to be positive, engaging, interactive and informative.

A parents/whanau information evening is being held in our school hall on Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 6.20pm after our student led conferences. NEST consultants will share the course outline and be available to answer any questions that you have.

Each class will have a day with the NEST educator, which is split into 3 sessions: In the first session boys and girls will be together to learn about some of the physiological and emotional changes that occur during puberty. The class will discuss how to manage these changes in a positive way.

In the second session boys and girls are separated into two groups. Each group will learn about the physical changes that occur during puberty.

In the final session classes come together once again to learn about concepts including anxiety, body image, media manners, and cyber safety.

For more information visit the NEST website:

<https://www.nestconsulting.nz/school-programmes/positive-puberty-plus/>

This is the second time that NEST has delivered our puberty programme, and we strongly encourage each student to take part. However if you would **NOT LIKE** your child to participate, please fill out the form below and return it to your child's classroom teacher:

Child's name:

I do not wish for my child to take part in the NEST positive puberty programme.

Signed: