

# NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

**Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau.**

Welcome back to term 3. I hope that you all managed to get some down time during what was a cold and wet holiday. This term we have some key school events in which we are looking forward to, including our annual open night next Tuesday, AIMS Games in September and our bi-annual production in the last week of term.

### TAI Open Night

This coming **Tuesday 3rd August**, TAI are hosting our annual 'Open Night' for our year 6 whānau.

As the school is 'open' this evening, we do require students to be in classes working through a class or specialist programme during this time. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we were unable to do this last year. If your child has been selected to be at school during this time, you will receive a slip notifying you of the class they have been selected for. Although open night starts at 6.30pm for our incoming families in the hall, **Students will need to be in their full school uniform in the evening and will be required to be at school from between 6.50pm -8pm.**

They will need to report to their selected class and meet their teacher there. Students will need to be collected from school at 8pm. Thank you for your support.

### Curriculum

This term's learning will be focussed around our big idea: **'The Best'**. In social science students will be basing their inquiry around the Olympics before moving into biomimicry (borrowing from nature to solve human problems) and research into a chosen person who they consider to be 'the best' in their field. Maths and statistics will include a statistical inquiry on the Olympics, a chosen sport, or performance area. English will be based around the teaching of specific reading comprehension strategies and learning to 'write like a scientist'.

The start of semester 2 also sees some exciting changes to our timetable. Year 7s will take science and dance and drama, and year 8s will take art and music.

### Property work at TAI

Over the last school holidays, there have been a number of property work undertaken as a series of projects that we have in place. The holidays saw the completion of carpeting to Rooms 6, 7, 8 and 12. This means all classrooms in the school have now been re-carpeted. There has also been outside covers by rooms 6-8 and science and art that have been repainted and we are awaiting the translucent sheeting replacement to be completed this weekend. We have also had concrete and turfed ends on the end of the main covered court, which are nearly completed and we are awaiting the turf covering of our concrete courts outside rooms 9, 10, 11 and 16. These courts will also have multi use basketball/netball goals as well a full volleyball court and net, which will enhance our environment and sports programme considerably. Unfortunately, this is behind schedule due to the

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considerable rain that we have had.

### Linewize Tips

We use Linewize as our filtering and monitoring of devices at TAI. Recently they provided some great tips for parents around children's online usage. These are;

- 1) Work together - Involve them in the conversation around device usage and online safety expectations
- 2) Clear expectations - have a shared agreement around what's expected and why, this keeps everyone accountable.
- 3) Have conversations - regular conversations help to ensure everyone's perspective, needs and expectations around 'life online.'
- 4) Stay connected - The online world is a dynamic and constantly changing place. Keep up with what's new, how your children are interacting online and where they like to 'hang out'.
- 5) Be the change - If you want young people to self manage their time and activities online, we need to 'walk the talk'. Consider how your screen time and connectivity might be viewed through your child's eyes.
- 6) Create a plan - Even with the best planning and precautions, sometimes things don't go as expected. Take time to identify steps your child can take and who they can connect with if they need help and support.
- 7) It's a team effort - You don't have to know everything - you just need to know where to go for advice or support. School's, friends and family as well as Netsafe are great places to start. The more we talk and share ideas, the greater the outcomes for our young people.

More information can be found at [support@familyzone.com](mailto:support@familyzone.com)

### Everyday Theatre visit

Everyday Theatre is visiting our school in week 4, and each class will have one morning session with the group. Below is a short blurb about the programme:

*It is a unique interactive theatre workshop. Its primary aim is to empower our young NZ children to achieve well being and safety, by providing a safe forum for young people to discuss family issues. This is a free government funded programme that has been running for 16 years and has touched the lives of over 70,000 children throughout NZ.*

### **Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you would not like for your child to participate.**

### AIMS GAMES 2021

As we watch, and continue to hope for further success of NZ athletes at the Olympics, our own equivalent, the AIMS Games, isn't far away. We are on the countdown now for the 64 students as well as staff and parents who will be representing TAI at the **AIMS Games in Tauranga from September 4 -10**. There is a lot of training, early mornings and teamwork developing around these teams as well as the four individual representatives. The sports that will be represented are; **Girls and boys football, boys basketball, netball, rugby 7s, and four individual representatives in rock climbing, tennis and gymnastics**. I would like to thank all the parents involved in the fundraising committee and in other ways, as well as those who have sponsored us to help get the team to Tauranga. The Bingo evening AIMS fundraiser takes place this Saturday 31 July at Peninsula Primary School starting at 7pm. This event has been well patronised and is already sold out. It is great to have the support of our community. In a future newsletter, I will list the sponsors and supporters. **If you would like to offer sponsorship or funding towards our teams - please contact our PE coordinator, Ian Felix - [ian.f@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:ian.f@teatatu.school.nz)**

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### **Rutherford College Enrolment 2022**

Rutherford College's Open Night is on **Thursday, 5 August from 6pm to 8pm**, and **Open Day is on Friday, 6 August from 9:30am to 1:30pm**. Enrolment Week is Monday 9 August to Thursday, 12 August 3:30pm to 7pm and Saturday, 14 August 9am to 11am. Bookings are available via the online enrolment process, walk-ins are fine also, but there may be a small wait.

The out-of-zone application deadline for 2022 enrolment is **Wednesday, 1 September 2021**. We would greatly appreciate having our in-zone enrolments completed by this date also to assist us with timetabling and planning for 2022. The earlier your child is enrolled, the more likely they will get their first preference for option subjects.

Information on the online enrolment process is available here;

<https://www.rutherford.school.nz/enrolment-information/> and queries can be sent to [enrolment@rutherford.school.nz](mailto:enrolment@rutherford.school.nz).

### **Student success**

**Natasha Miller (Room 8)** has had a very successful few months in her gymnastics competitions. She recently competed in the Auckland Manukau Championships and is now the all-around Auckland champion in Step 5. She was also in the silver medal winning team and had a podium finish in all four disciplines vault, beam, bars and floor.

This tops off a successful few months for her where she won the all-round event at both events at Tristar in Auckland, Hamilton city competition, and against 110 competitors at a competition in Christchurch. At all these events she was also a member of the gold medal winning team and took podium places in all four disciplines at each competition. She was named as one of the four Step 5 gymnasts to represent Auckland in the NZ Gymnastics Championships held in July in the team and individual events.

Natasha also competed at the Year 7 and 8 school gymnastics competition representing Te Atatu Intermediate and **placed first in the open junior division and has qualified for the Intermediate School's Champion of Champions event in late August. Congratulations Natasha, Well done!!**

### **Community information**

#### **2021 McIntosh and Fraser Dental Orthodontic Scholarship**

We are pleased to announce that nominations for the 2021 McIntosh and Fraser Dental Orthodontic **Scholarship will open this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August!**

Established in 2012 by Dr Alex McIntosh and Dr Milan Raniga, the scholarship was founded to help deserving students in West Auckland. Dr McIntosh and Dr Raniga saw a significant need for support and created this scholarship to give something meaningful back to the community. Since its creation we have transformed the smiles of 22 students by awarding \$155,000 in scholarships.

This year, the 2021 Orthodontic Scholarship consists of two scholarship prizes up to the value of \$10,000 each towards orthodontic treatment that can be undertaken at either McIntosh Dental (Lincoln Road, Henderson) or Fraser Dental (Wiseley Road, Hobsonville).

Nomination criteria:

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We are looking for students who have a clear need for orthodontic treatment and who excel in one of these key areas:

- [Academic](#)
- [Sporting](#)
- [The Arts](#)
- [Cultural Involvement](#)
- [Community Involvement](#)

Students can be nominated by teachers, school staff, whanau, and their peers. They can be nominated more than once, and in fact multiple nominations are a great way to make a student stand out.

How to nominate a student:

- Go to [mcintoshdental.co.nz/scholarship](http://mcintoshdental.co.nz/scholarship) to complete and submit the online application form
- Go to [mcintoshdental.co.nz/scholarship](http://mcintoshdental.co.nz/scholarship) to download, print and fill out the nomination form, then scan and email the nomination form to [info@mcintoshdental.co.nz](mailto:info@mcintoshdental.co.nz), or post or drop the form into McIntosh Dental Centre at 43 Lincoln Road, Henderson
- Grab a nomination form from the school office then post or drop the completed form into McIntosh Dental Centre at 43 Lincoln Road, Henderson

**Nominations are open from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 and close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.** In September, the scholarship committee will select the finalists, and the two winners will be announced by the end of September.

### *What's coming up this Fortnight?*

<b>Friday 30 July</b>	<b>Rutherford College in @ TAI enrolling information for year 8s</b>
<b>Tuesday 3 August</b>	<b>Open Night for Year 6 whānau @TAI - 6.30-8pm</b>
<b>Thursday 5 August</b>	<b>Trees for Survival planting day - Enviro Group</b>
<b>Friday 6 August</b>	<b>Science GATE Wonder Project</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 August</b>	<b>North vs South AIMS Games pre tournament</b>
<b>Thursday 12 August</b>	<b>Room 3 Tip Top tour trip</b>

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

*Lloyd Evans*

*Principal /Tumuaki*