



NEWSLETTER/PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau.

Term 3 is traditionally a very busy term, and this year is proving no different! There are lots of things happening extra curricularly as well as focused learning within the classroom as we have got back to normal routines after camp. It has been great to experience a hint of Spring and warmer weather in the air - though today is proving otherwise. **Please remember that school will not be open on Monday 29 August due to our Teacher only Day.** Our next newsletter will be in a fortnight's time.

Teacher Only Day - Monday 29th August - THIS MONDAY

A reminder that this coming **Monday 29th August is a Teacher Only Day**. During this day, staff will be continuing with our facilitator around the Digital Technology curriculum to continue upskilling and supporting teachers. We will also be working through the professional growth cycle as part of the Teachers Council requirements.

School Photos - class and individual - Friday 2nd September

Next **Friday 2nd September**, PhotoLife are in school to take class and individual photos. See the following link <https://www.teatatu.school.nz/events/school-photos/> on the website with all the photo information. Please refer to the flier being sent home for the process. For a sibling photo with students at the school, please return the Sibling Photo Request form to the front office.

This year photographs will be available for the school community to view and order online with PhotoLife Studios www.photolife.co.nz

Masks

The Ministry of Education has allowed schools in a recent bulletin to decide on mask wearing requirements, and it is up to individual schools to decide the mask wearing policy for each school based on what is happening in our community. With declining Covid cases and no current covid cases at TAI, the improving weather, as well as increases to attendance from winter illnesses, we have decided that as of Tuesday next week, when students return to school after the Teacher Only Day long weekend, that mask wearing will be **OPTIONAL. It will be up to the individual / staff or student, if they wish to continue to wear a mask.** We will finish this week with the current status quo of mask wearing until Friday 26th August.

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TAI Enrolments for 2023

All Year 6 in zone enrolments should be in to us by the end of August. If you have friends or whānau whose children are coming to TAI in 2023, can you please encourage them to get their enrolment forms in ASAP. Enrolment forms are available from the school office and also online - see our website www.teatatu.school.nz on the enrolment tab.

Enrolment interviews at Rutherford College 2023

Parents can book an interview slot through the Rutherford college website or can walk in at these times:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2pm to 4:15 pm in Term 3

Saturday morning 10 September 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Please bring with you:

- Birth certificate or current passport
- Proof of in zone address
- Recent school report

Daffodil Day Support

Tomorrow, **Friday the 26th of August** we will be having a non-uniform day to support the annual **Daffodil Day**. Money raised will go to the Cancer Foundation to provide cancer care for patients, education and awareness programmes, and life-saving cancer research. Please bring a gold coin donation and support this important cause!

Open Night Thank You

On Tuesday night, we had a very successful open night with a packed hall of parents and their children. I would like to thank our TAI students as they were fantastic ambassadors for our school and the values that we focus on as a school. ***A huge thank you also parents for dropping off and collecting your child at the end of the evening.*** We really appreciate your support within the process of transition for our new students arriving next year.

Sports News - NETBALL NEWS from Whaea Ngaire

Well done on a successful netball season to all players, coaches, and umpires. We are very grateful for your time and commitment.

Super job to the Year 7 Talons Team coached by Shamila Ward. Well done placing second in their section, and nabbing a silver medal.

Don't forget - Our netball prizegiving is next week on **Thursday 1st September from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm**. We will be having a shared kai after the awards, so don't forget your shared kai.

Lastly, [all netball uniforms are to be returned as soon as possible.](#)

Student Events

- 1) **Mathex** - We would like to wish our **Year 7 and 8 teams** the best of luck as they battle it out against other Intermediate schools from across Auckland at the Annual **Mathex competition**, held tonight at the Barfoot & Thompson Stadium in Kohimarama. Good luck Mr Morkel, Mrs McKeown and teams for the event!

- 2) **EPRO8 Science/Technology** - Today and tomorrow teams in the **EPRO8 challenge** will also be competing to see who represents TAI in the West Auckland section of the EPRO8 tournament of science and technology. Best wishes to Mrs Aratema and the teams competing!

- 3) **Kids Literature Quiz** - Next week, Mrs Clarke will be taking a team of students who have been working hard reading and focusing on literature questions ready for the **Kids Literature Quiz** to be held next Wednesday 31st August at St Cuthbert's. The team is in the Auckland Heat event and we wish them the best of luck as they prepare towards this event.

- 4) **Bandquest - Heat Pump**, one of our rock bands, will be competing in **Bandquest** on September 2nd. **Matthew Bishop drums and vocals, Parker Robb guitar and vocals, Jet Beardsall keyboards, Jeremy Lyon bass and Vinnie Hipkins guitar.**
They have two original songs they will be performing and we wish them well as they represent the school in this event, one that we have quite a history participating in. Our band tutor Izak Kennedy was a member of a TAI band that competed way back in 2008 with his band *Torrential*.
We wish Heat Pump all the very best as they work towards this performance.

Totara Springs Sports Camp 2022

Our sports teams are gearing up to represent TAI at the next sports camp in week 9 of this term. **30 Year 8 students will be competing against 9 other Intermediate Schools** from around New Zealand in a variety of sports during the week. Teams are preparing and excitement is starting to build. Mr Felix and Mrs Satele will be accompanying the team.

Staff News

Next week our **Creative Media Teacher, Michael Davidson** is heading to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada to participate in the *World Dodgeball Championships*. He will be playing on both Men's and Mixed teams for New Zealand against the best dodgeball players in the world. Some of the games will be streamed live online at <https://www.twitch.tv/dodgeballttv/schedule>. We wish you all the best of luck Michael!

Community Event



BASEBALL OPEN DAY

11 September, 1pm - 4pm
McLeod Park, Te Atatu South
ALL WELCOME

Join us for loads of fun including:

- * Basbeall drills
- * Home Run Derby
- * Bouncy Castle
- * Sausage Sizzle
- * Prizes / Giveaways

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Upcoming events

- 1) **Daffodil Day non uniform day - gold coin donation Friday 26 August**
- 2) **Teacher Only Day - Monday 29 August** - NZEI final accord day. Staff will be working with a facilitator around implementation of digital technology.
- 3) Class and Individual photos **Friday 2 September**

Have a great rest of the week!

Ngā mihi nui,

*Lloyd Evans,
Tumuaki/Principal*