

NEWSLETTER / PANUI October 29th, 2020 ISSUE #22

A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou whanau o Te Atatu Intermediate kura. All staff had a very productive Teachers Only Day last Friday in which a lot was achieved, so thank you parents for your support, it was appreciated. I hope you all had a relaxing Labour weekend holiday, it has been great to have the warmer weather with us this term. All students should now be wearing their TAI hat's now that the summer months are beginning.

Activities programme (From Mr Collins)

Next week - **November 3rd to 5th**, as a school we will be organising activities around Te Atatu Peninsula. The activities include a Hikoi (walk) around the Peninsula, team building, Environmental Kaitiakitanga, Design and Construction, Win in a Minute, Hunger Ball and our Athletics Day.

The programme is as follows;

<u>Tuesday, November 3</u>	Rooms 1, 3, 5, 8, 9,13, 14 Peninsula Hikoi Rooms 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 16 Activities Room 12 will join several classes
<u>Wednesday, November 4</u>	Athletics Day at TAI
<u>Thursday, November 5</u>	Rooms 1, 3, 5, 8, 9,13, 14 Activities Rooms 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 16 Peninsula Hikoi Room 12 will join several classes

Parents are welcome to join us on the Hikoi and at the Athletics Day.

Spring Music Concert

A message from Mr Barros - We are excited to invite you to the **Spring Music Showcase 2020** at Te Atatu Intermediate. The concert will take place on **Thursday, 12th November in the school hall from 6:30 - 8:00pm.**

Students playing on the night should arrive at school <u>wearing full uniform at 6:10pm</u>. Please invite whanau and friends to join us as we celebrate the progress of our concert bands, rock bands, drum squads, piano students and violin groups.

Rutherford College testing for Year 8 students

On the morning of **Friday 13th November**, the students who are enrolled to attend Rutherford College in 2021 will be picked up by bus from Te Atatu Intermediate and transported to Rutherford College for the purpose of testing.

The tests will have 3 components. A maths test, an English test (reading and comprehension) and a short writing exercise.

The purpose of the testing is to provide information to construct mixed ability classes for 2021. Staff will be aware of which students need extra support in some areas and which students can be offered extension activities.

The students will be finished testing about 11:15 am and will then be taken to the sports hall for introductions and welcome to Rutherford activities. The buses will return to Te Atatu Intermediate at 1pm.

Year 8 Sweatshirts

Payments are due on **FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER** and can be made either online via our KINDO app, by cash to the school office, or through internet banking using the following account number:

School Bank Details:

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Please make sure you put your child's name and sweatshirt in the subject line.

A reminder - <u>All Year 8 students will receive a free TAI leavers T-shirt</u> as our gift to the Year 8s.

Marine Metre Squared Project

The GATE science students were finally able to take part in a nationwide citizen science project called Marine Metre Squared https://www.mm2.net.nz/ which had been delayed previously due to Covid-19 and then bad weather. This year the MM2 project is also part of a Hauraki Gulf Monitoring Project with other schools in the area.

On Tuesday morning at low tide our students surveyed our local mudflats at Orangihina, Harbour View to find out about the species that live on and in the mudflats. The students were led by Shanthie Walker, our MM2 coordinator. We also had support from Bronwyn Smith

from Community Waitakere's 'Wild About Te Atatu'. The students will now enter the data onto the national database in their Friday GATE lesson and they will compare it to the data collected by our GATE classes in 2017 to 2019 to monitor any changes. A huge thank you to everyone involved with the morning.

School Ball Information (From Whaea Tere)

In week 5 all year 8 students will be given a letter to take home regarding the ball, at the bottom is a permission slip that will need to be returned to school along with CASH payment. Tickets will be on sale every morning tea from inside Room 4.

Theme: Masquerade Dress Code: Formal wear required When: Thursday 10th December Where: School Hall Time: 6pm to 8.30pm - PARENTS must collect their child from inside the hall Cost: \$15 for ball ticket - CASH Photobooth tickets (this is optional) \$5 for 3 concessions - tickets are limited to 2 per person Finger foods will be provided during the evening

Student News

Congratulations to **Jaedhan Roebeck (Room 8)**, who on Monday 26th October completed 1500 softball "Hits for purpose" to raise awareness around ADHD. This is following on from his efforts in January, where he completed 1501 catches and raised over \$4000 towards the measles outbreak in Samoa.Fantastic effort Jaedhan, great to see your atawhai and support of others. We are all proud of you, Ka mau te wehi!



Congratulations also to **Andre Duggan (Room 7)**, Andre has returned from a successful National Tennis teams events where Auckland won the gold medal for the U12, U14 and U17 age groups.



Community notice - Our Drum Squad Needs Buckets Please

Mr Kennedy, our drumming tutor has a plea if anyone has any they no longer need. Drum squad is running short on heavy duty buckets for our drumming classes - 20 litres or larger. (see picture below) Nothing smaller please.

Any condition, so long as they don't have any cracks. Contact Mr Kennedy 0275 323 503



What's coming up in the next fortnight

Tuesday 3 November - Activities day around TAI/Peninsula Wednesday 4 November - Athletics day @ TAI Thursday 5 November - Activities day around TAI/Peninsula Thursday 12 November - Spring Music Showcase

End of year event dates

Thursday 10 December - Year 8 ball (6-8.30pm @ TAI hall)
Monday 14 December - Whole school @ Parakai
Tuesday 15 December - Year 7s home at 12pm. Yr 8 Prizegiving @ 1pm (Year 8s last day)
Wednesday 16 December - Year 7s only at school. Y7 Prizegiving @ 10.30am - 12ish. End of school year.

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

Nga mihi nui Lloyd Evans Principal/Tumuaki