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# NEWSLETTER/PANUI

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back to term 4. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for the busyness that term 4 traditionally brings. Due to last year's extended lockdown, this is the first at school term 4 for all our students and we look forward to having our full programme again. It has been a settled start to the new term and we are now back into full learning mode!

### **Upcoming**

A final reminder that there will be major road works on Harbourview Rd from the roundabout down to the RSA on **Friday 21st October (tomorrow)**, this takes in our main and second gates. This work will get underway from just after midday, and will continue throughout the Labour long weekend. For the **safety of students and as it is just before the long weekend - school will finish at 12 noon on this day.** This will allow the students to get away from school, along with student pick up to be completed before the road works get underway. **Please note that the RSA car park, most of Pringle Rd and a large portion of Harbourview Rd will be blocked off at noon - parents who use these areas for picking up your child, please consider an alternative pick up point.**

*The public bus will run at 12.10pm and 12.40pm on this day and will be bypassing Harbourview Rd - meaning our school and public library stops will not be available.*

**DUE TO TOMORROW BEING A HALF DAY - WE WILL HAVE A NO CHARGE, NON UNIFORM DAY TO CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF (HOPEFULLY) SUMMER AND TO THANK STUDENTS FOR A GREAT START TO THE NEW TERM!**


### **Photolife update**

Photos are currently being proofed for names before the final process for ordering can begin. Hopefully this will be shortly. Thank you for your patience as this is a new system this year.

### **LifeChanger Programme**

**From Whaea Ngaire** - Kia ora Whānau - We will begin a two-week mentorship program presented by the LifeChangers Programme at our school and **targeted at Year 8 students**. This is run by facilitators of the LifeChangers program. LifeChanger is a preventative mental health and wellbeing non-profit that empowers young people to live empowered, resilient, thriving lives. LifeChanger believes that many of the confronting challenges and alarming statistics that face today's youth are preventable through pre-emptive, early intervention programs that build **self esteem, self awareness, positive**

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**self identity and resilience.** LifeChangers evidence based program, expert facilitation and trained community mentors develop young people with the emotional and social skills to live empowered, resilient, thriving lives. Any queries, please contact: [ngaire.s@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:ngaire.s@teatatu.school.nz). Please check out the parent handbook should you wish to know more ->  NZ Parent Handbook .pdf

### **Student Notices - From our DP, Ms Sio**

#### **Boxing & Mentoring Programme**

Boxing - Wednesdays at 1:30pm - 2:40pm at Henderson Boxing Academy. Combine the sport of boxing with professional best practice mentoring and youth development with qualified youth workers.

#### **Kiwi Tag**

Our girls team TOA and boys team MANA games will be held at the Roosters Club fields every Tuesdays from 5pm - 7pm. Come out and cheer on our students from the sideline!

#### **Trainings:**

**MANA** on Tuesdays lunchtime with Coach Lusia

**TOA** on Wednesdays at 4pm - 5pm with Coach Toyah

#### **Wrestling**

No more wrestling on Wednesdays but Coach Amir is available at Rutherford College after school for extra training. **Fridays at Club Physical with Coach Brahm will continue from Week 2.**

#### **Touch**

Touch practice for Boys and Girls - **WEDNESDAY 3-4pm**. PE gear to be worn please.

### **Otago Problem Challenge**

Congratulations to the following students : **Lucas Zhang (Rm 7) , Maire Hohepa (Rm 15) , Maya Frampton (Rm 6) and Caleb Denton (Rm 7)**. These students have qualified to participate in the finals of the **Otago Maths Problem Challenge**. They scored exceptionally in a series of problem-solving challenges which was held through the course of the year, and have consequently met the criteria for qualification. It is an outstanding achievement to have as many as 4 students qualify for the finals. Their next-level problem-solving capabilities will be put to the test next Thursday morning. Best of luck to each one of you. [Mr Morkel](#)

### **Staff Farewell**

Next Wednesday we farewell **Trudi Hargreaves**. Trudi has been a Teacher Aide with us for the last 11 years. We will all miss her vibrant personality and love of life and wish her all the very best as she moves to the sunny Bay of Plenty. **Thank you Trudi for your outstanding service to TAI!**

### **STEM Science**

Talofa Lava everyone

I would like to introduce everyone to the newest member of our TAI Whānau. It is our new spectacular 2,100L water tank.

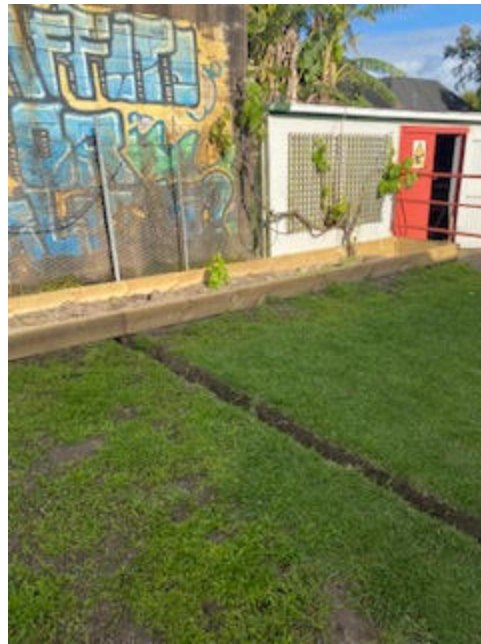
***The purpose of this water tank is to experiment within our STEM Science Inquiry on which water is sustainable in planting and growing our seeds into healthy edible fruit & vegetables.***

Our STEM Science Inquiry is an initiative to engage our Pacific Island and Maori students into pursuing further tertiary education in the science fields.

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With the help of Mrs Aratema, Mrs Stoddard, Whaea Tere, Matua Tony and our various partners with AUT, The University of Auckland, Rutherford College and our own Te Atatu Community - we were able to receive a wonderful grant from STEM Science in helping us establish this initiative within TAI School. Room 9 has worked hard in clearing, cleaning, planting, documenting & experimenting with different types of water, and we are excited that we have a working place to make our mess, record our findings, use digital technologies and have rich discussions on what worked and what did not work with our experiments.

**Mrs Satele**



### **Student News - Softball**

**North Harbour Softball** are running another development programme at TAI during Term 4. These will be **Thursday lunchtimes at TAI for 6 weeks beginning Thursday 27th September. Cost for 6 sessions is \$52/student** - more details <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/217085>

### **What's Coming Up**

Friday 21 November - School finishes at 12 noon

Monday 24 November - Labour Day holiday

Tuesday 25 November - Lifechanger programme begins for Year 8 students

Thursday 27 November - Otago Problem Challenge finals

*Have a great rest of the week!*

*Ngā mihi nui,  
Lloyd Evans, Tumuaki/Principal*