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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.

Can't believe week 7 is drawing to a close. We have two more weeks of school and this newsletter outlines the events that are coming up over this next busy fortnight. Today we have our athletes at the Auckland Athletics Champs and we wish all these students the best of luck - hopefully the weather holds for them. Newsletters will be weekly again due to the busy schedule of the next few weeks.

### Maths - Otago Problem Challenge

A few weeks ago, three TAI students competed in the **finals of the Otago Problem Challenge**. A superb achievement!

The students were **Maya Frampton (Rm 6, Year 8)**, **Caleb Denton (Rm 7, Year 7)** and **Lucas Zhang ( Rm 7, Year 8)**.

A comparison was made that the level of the complexity of the questions would surprise many first year university students. With this said , we would like to heartily congratulate **Lucas Zhang for his achievement**.

Out of almost 1000 finalists across Aotearoa , only 12% were able to score above 60 points - Lucas is one of those students.

Well Done Lucas! **Mr Nathan Morkel**



### Year 8 Graduation

Planning is well underway for the Year 8 ball to be held on **Thursday 8 December from 6pm to 8.30pm in the school hall**. The theme is Midsummer Night. Any queries, please email Whaea Tere Tamarua - [tere.t@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:tere.t@teatatu.school.nz)

### Parakai Pools trip

On **Tuesday 13th December**, we have organised a Parakai Pools trip fun day for all students. This event is being paid for by the school. At the end of this newsletter is the letter outlining the day. Could you please let your child's class teacher know either by email or return slip by **Friday 9 December** if your child will be attending for numbers for buses and entry fee.

### **CARE Waitakere Christmas hamper**

A **HUGE thank you** to everyone for your Christmas hamper donations! It was so lovely to see such atawhai, consideration and kindness being shown by our students. The goods will be delivered to the Community Centre this week.

### **Staff News**

#### **Congratulations to Koka Amorangi Ngata Atkins and Mr Jordan Vale**

who have completed their two years provisional registration as beginning teachers. Both Amorangi and Jordan are incredible teachers and we are very lucky to have them at TAI. I would like to say a special thanks to them also for beginning their teaching journey under the difficulties of Covid and the changes that required.

I would also like to thank **Mrs Marie Satele and Whaea Ngaire Smith** as their mentor teachers for all the support they have provided them these last two years.



### **Upcoming Events - Key Dates coming up for the remainder of Term 4**

- December 3 - Te Atatū Christmas Parade*
- December 8 - Year 8 Graduation Ball*
- December 13 - Parakai Pools fun day*
- December 15 - Year 8 Prizegiving @1pm - 2.30pm Year 7s home at 12.20pm  
Year 8s last day of school for 2022 - School concludes at the end of Prizegiving*
- December 16 - Only Year 7s at school - Year 7 Prizegiving @10.00am  
Year 7s to finish at 11.30am for 2022.*

*Have a great rest of the week!*

*Ngā mihi nui,  
Lloyd Evans  
Tumuaki/Principal*

**Parakai Pools Trip**



Dear Whānau,

On **Tuesday 13th December** our school will spend the day at Parakai Springs. We will leave school at 9.30am and travel by bus to Parakai pools for a great day out as an end of year celebration. Students can come to school in non-uniform clothes and will need to bring togs, towel, hat, sunscreen, a drink bottle and lunch. Food and drink may also be purchased at the onsite cafe. We will return to school by 2.30pm. There is no cost to whānau for this trip.

Please sign the permission slip below and return to your child's class teacher or alternatively, please email your child's classroom teacher to confirm attendance on this day.

Ngā mihi,  
Kelly Clarke

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Child's name:

My child will be:

- Going to Parakai Springs on Tuesday 13th December
  
- Not attending school on Tuesday 13th December

Parent signature: