



NEWSLETTER / PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL



Welcome to Te Atatu Intermediate to our Year 7 students and whanau, it was great to see you all there at the powhiri. Also a huge 'Welcome Back' to our Year 8 students and whanau. I hope you all had a great holiday!

As a staff, we have been busy getting things organised and ready for the new school year. Please remember that it does take a few weeks sometimes to get used to a new environment, people and systems.

As this is a new year, I am using a new format for the newsletter, and students, I am also looking for an interesting name for the newsletter. Please see me if you have any great ideas!

Meet the Teacher Night

We will be having our 'Meet The Teacher' night on **Tuesday 18 February** (week 3). This is primarily to introduce the teacher, who will explain class expectations, processes within the class, specifically for our Year 7 families. Year 8 whanau - if you have the same teacher as 2019, there is no need to come - However, you would be more than welcome if you do decide to come.

This will be held during the evening and the format is as follows;

5.30 - 6pm - BBQ on covered courts mix and mingle

6pm - Meet the teacher in classrooms

6.45pm - Principal's talk in school hall

7.10pm - Music information

7.30pm - Have a go music demonstrations

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Coronavirus

Hopefully you all received the email I sent last week outlining the Ministry of Education's stance for schools around the Coronavirus outbreak. As mentioned in the email, ***the recommendation is that any students who have recently been in China, or anyone who may have come into contact with the virus, delay their start back to school for two weeks (14 days)*** I will keep you updated around this as more information from the Ministry of Education comes to hand. Please keep an eye on our website and the Ministry of Health website: [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health](#)

Donations Scheme

Our school Board of Trustees decided in 2019 for Te Atatu Intermediate School to **OPT IN** to the Ministry of Education's scheme whereby the MOE allows allocated funding to schools to provide for curriculum related costs. What this means for parents/whānau is that we do not ask for a donation, or school or Technology fees. Any class trips or groups that come to the school, such as World of Maths will be paid for by the school through the MOE allocated fund.

However, any activities such as music lessons, school camp, AIMS Games, netball etc that are selected by students will incur a cost. The following infographic explains this in greater depth

[What families/whānau need to know about school/kura donations and payments](#)

Improving School Attendance Project (ISAP)

The Improving school's attendance project, co-ordinated by Margaret Campbell allows the following opportunity;

Waitakere Improving School Attendance Programme is continuing our "Return to the Workforce" programme for parents who currently receive the Sole Parent Support benefit. We are able to employ 12 Teacher Aides/Learning Support to work in one of the following schools: Flanshaw Road School; Glen Eden Intermediate; Glen Eden Primary; Henderson Intermediate; Liston College; Rangeview Intermediate; Te Atatu Intermediate; Tirimoana Primary; and Waitakere College. The work is during normal school hours.

As mentioned, one of the positions is for TAI. I have attached further information at the end of this newsletter. If you are interested in this, please visit the TAI office to collect the application.

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Lockdown drill

This is the 3rd year that we have used the services of Harrison Tew, who specialise in emergency management plans for schools and workplaces. They will be in our school to practice our Lockdown Drill on Monday 10 February. They talk to the staff and students about the process, run us through the drill, which does entail students 'lying low' for up to 30 minutes as per lockdown procedures. Parents, you will receive notification via text/email notifying you that it is taking place. Please be aware that this is a drill and it is really important to practice these drills, especially in light of what happened in Christchurch last March, in which schools were in lockdown for up to 5 hours. Below is a letter outlining this procedure for parents from Harrison Tew who are conducting the Lockdown.

Student successes

Congratulations to [Dylan Chapman \(Room 5\)](#) and [Daniel Michaels \(Room 6\)](#) who competed in the Northern Region Surf lifesaving championships in Omaha over the weekend and managed silver medals in the beach sprint relays and the Cameron event which involves knee boarding, swimming and beach sprints in a team. What an incredible achievement as I understand even making the podium in these competitions is not easy. Congratulations boys!

TERM 1 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - the next two weeks

Thursday 6 February - WAITANGI DAY, school closed

Friday 7 February - 1pm school hall - Waitangi Assembly, Guest speaker visit.

Monday 10 February - Practice Lockdown drill through company, Harrison Tew

Tuesday 18 February - Meet the Teacher Night /Music - Have a go evening

All newsletters will after today be fortnightly on Thursday's.

Nga Mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal/Tumuaki



LETTER FOR PARENTS Re: LOCK DOWN EXERCISE

Dear Parents

Recently, Te Atatu Intermediate engaged the services of an independent company, Harrison Tew[®], who specialise in emergency management planning for schools. The procedures developed by Harrison Tew allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of circumstances.

As a component of the implementation of the emergency procedures into our school, specialised training is being conducted with senior leadership and our staff. The students will also receive training directed at their respective age groups from Harrison Tew[®].

The training consists of a low key but detailed approach to potential threats and has been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand.

After the training, we will be conducting a lock down exercise under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew[®].

The exercise will be as real-life as possible, which will mean that parents/families will receive notification by way of text and/or email. The information passed on will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website.

Prior to this occurring, can I please remind all parents and caregivers to ensure your contact details (mobile phone numbers and email addresses) are current as this will be our communication with you, should an emergency occur at the school.

In a genuine incident, should you hear of a lock down or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence at, or contact with, the school may make it more difficult for us to manage the situation and could potentially place your children and, in fact, yourselves at risk.

We thank you for your support.

**WAITAKERE TEACHER AIDE/LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAMME
26 WEEKS FIXED TERM EMPLOYMENT**

20 HOURS PER WEEK

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The positions are for a 26 week fixed term period commencing Monday 16th March 2020. The project is partially funded by Work and Income through the Ministry of Development Flexi-Wage Project in the Community. The rate of pay will be \$18.90 per hour (plus holiday pay, Kiwisaver and ACC). There is no guarantee that the teacher aide positions will continue after the end of the project.

Successful applicants will develop teacher aide / learning support skills through working with teachers and students in a classroom, supporting literacy, numeracy and general learning needs; and preparing teaching resources and other duties as requested by the school. A job description and training will be provided by each school.

All successful applicants will be required to complete a satisfactory police vet and to be available for interviews during the week Monday 17th – Friday 21st February.

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please collect an information pack from the school offices listed above or email margaret@isap.org.nz for the information.

If you would like to learn more about these positions, we are holding short information meetings on:

Monday 10th February, 10.00 a.m. at Tirimoana Primary School

Monday 10th February, 12 noon at Fruitvale Primary School

Tuesday 11th February, 10.30 a.m. at Glen Eden Intermediate

Tuesday 11th February, 12 noon at Henderson Intermediate

Please either deliver the completed application to any one of the above schools' offices or email application to margaret@isap.org.nz

Applications close Friday 14th February 2020 at 12 noon.

All inquiries to: Margaret Campbell, Manager, Waitakere Improving School Attendance Programme.

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