

TE ATATŪ INTERMEDIATE

Tū Tāngata

Equipping our students to stand tall: To be the best people they can be and, by becoming life-long learners, reaching their best potential.



MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau

Week 3 of the new term, and we have settled back into our learning routines. All students have started the term positively. This week's newsletter is packed with the activities students have already been involved in.

A huge thank you to all the parents who have completed the surveys sent out this week to provide feedback on our Science and Health/PE curriculum areas. For those who haven't, there's a link in the newsletter, or you can refer to the previous email. All entries with an email address will be entered into a draw for a \$50 supermarket voucher. Surveys close on Wednesday, 14th August, and I'll share the results in the next newsletter. This feedback will guide our direction for these areas in 2025 and beyond.

This coming Tuesday, 13th August, we have our annual Open Night for our Year 6 students and whānau to come and see what we do at TAI. Your child may have been selected to support in a classroom. We do ask that students are collected from school at the end of the open evening (from 7:50-8:00 pm), and we thank you for your support.

I don't often like to get political in my messages, but this week I am. The data shared by the Education Minister, stating that only 22% of students are at or above benchmarks in mathematics at Year 8, was derived from a small data sample of the new benchmarks introduced as part of the new curriculum released last year. These areas had not been taught to the sample of students. Trend data from a Curriculum Insights and Progress study and NMSSA (National Monitoring Study of Student Achievement) indicates that at Year 8, there has been no statistically significant change in mathematics achievement scores since at least 2013. On average, students scored about the same in 2013, 2018, 2022, and 2023. Maths has been a significant focus for us at TAI and our entire Kahui Ako. It is, and will continue to be, a crucial part of our curriculum, with our results and data far exceeding those reported. While we still aim to improve our results, I agree that core areas need emphasis. However, the government's messaging in this case is irresponsible and inaccurate.

Ngā mihi
Lloyd Evans



IMPORTANT NOTES



OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 13th August 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

All Year 6 whānau are invited to come along to our Open Night. Starting in the hall at 6:30 pm with a brief presentation, whānau are then welcome to explore TAI to learn more about specific classes. If you have a student who will be joining us next year, please complete this form ASAP.

[Enrolments can be completed online by clicking here.](#)

LOST PROPERTY

Friendly reminder to please ensure all your child's uniform is clearly named. Any lost property can now be searched for in Food Tech.

BOT MEMBERS

We welcome two new members to the Te Atatū Intermediate Board, selected to fill the casual vacancy after Haley McNickle moved away from Auckland. We had two quality applicants, and we have chosen to select one and co-opt the other. We are fortunate to have an incredibly supportive Board. Our two new Board members are Christine Coste and Siobhan Daly.

Existing Board members are:
Nathan Hooker (Presiding Member/Chair)
Nick Smale (Treasurer)
Mike Hirst
Darren White
Tere Tamarua (Staff Rep)

Board meetings take place every Week 3 and Week 8 of each term.

REPORTS

Friendly reminder that all mid-term reports were sent to the email addresses we have on record on the last day of Term 2, Friday, 5th July. If you did not receive one, please contact your class teacher.

PHOTOLIFE

If you did not receive an access code for class/individual photos last term and you would still like to place an order, please contact Kohle Rooney in the office for your personalised access code.

NGĀ MIHI TANIA DALTON FOUNDATION

A big thank you to former student Ocearn Mathews, who was recently awarded a scholarship from the Tania Dalton Foundation. The Foundation has partnered with Rebel Sport and Silver Fern Sport for the Pass it Forward programme. For every Pass it Forward ball sold in a Rebel Sport store, an identical ball is donated to the programme and distributed to schools. Ocearn chose to pay it forward to TAI. Ocearn is also a member of the NZ Women's Softball team—what an amazing young wahine! Congratulations, Ocearn, on your scholarship and all your achievements thus far!

SPEECHES

This term students will be given the opportunity to give an oral presentation around our terms learning context of 'My story, your story, our story.' Presentations could be done in the form of a speech, slam poem or another oral presentation. These are to be done primarily in English but aspects of their mother tongue or Te Reo can be utilised throughout. Students will likely present in their class in the week of 19th August, with students selected to go through to syndicate finals in the week of 2nd September, and school finals in the final week of the term.



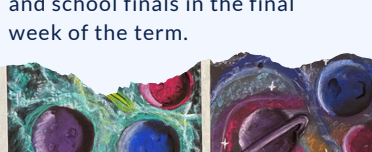
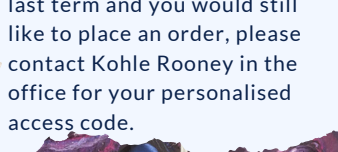
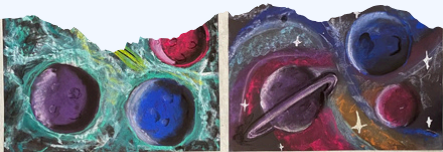
P.A.C.E TERM 3

Students have now begun another term of P.A.C.E. Some of the options they could choose were:

- Cartography
- Indigenous Science and Engineering
- Badminton
- Crochet
- Tennis
- Digital Game Designer,
- Football Academy
- Volleyball
- Drama Games
- Spanish

EARLY PICKUP

Following on from the above, please ask your child what P.A.C.E. activity they are participating in if you wish to collect them early on a Wednesday afternoon. With students all over the school and some activities held off-site, it can be difficult for our office staff to track them down in a timely fashion.



IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Monday 5 August - International students arrive from China

Tuesday 6 August - Australian Maths Competition

Wednesday 7 August - Tough Guy Challenge

Friday 9 August - 'Pring it on' at ASB Waterfront

Saturday 10 August - Sound Canvas at Community Centre

Monday 12 August - TAI vs Liston Boys Football Game

Tuesday 13 August - Rugby League Zone Day

Tuesday 13 August - TAI Open Night 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday 20 August - Cross Country Zone Day

Tuesday 20 August - Pasifika & Māori Fono/Hui 6:15 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday 21 August - Bandquest

Wednesday 21 August - Mathex Competition

Friday 23 August - 'The Reluctant Dragon'

Saturday 24 August - Aquabots Competition

Tuesday 27 August - Year 7 Vision Screening

Thursday 29 August - Gymnastics Zone Day

Wednesday 4 September - Netball Prizegiving

Friday 6 September - Wrestling National Champs

Monday 9 September - NFL Flag Regional Competition

Monday 16 - 20 September - Sports Camp

Friday 20 September - Kings Music Festival

Tuesday 24 September - Epro8 Internal Challenge

Wednesday 25 September - Epro8 Internal Final

Thursday 26 September - Basketball Zone Day

Friday 27 September - Last Day of School

IMPORTANT NOTES II

TAI COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

As part of our community consultation, we would appreciate if you could find a few minutes to complete the two surveys

- Science
- Health & PE

All completed surveys will go in the draw to win a \$50 supermarket voucher (you will need to provide your email to be eligible)

HELP US SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE AT TE ATATŪ INTERMEDIATE

This term, we are reviewing our Science Programmes at Te Atatū Intermediate, gathering input from students, teachers, and the community. The Science Review Process will guide our Science Development Plan to improve the teaching and learning of science at our school for the next 18 months and beyond. To support this review, we need your feedback.

[Please click here to complete this short Science survey](#)

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Every two years, as a school we consult our community on the Health/PE curriculum and the core areas of learning in this important curriculum area. We value your feedback on what you see as the most important areas to focus on as a school that is most valid for our community. We appreciate your feedback. Please see the Health/PE survey below;

[Please click here to complete this short Health & PE survey](#)

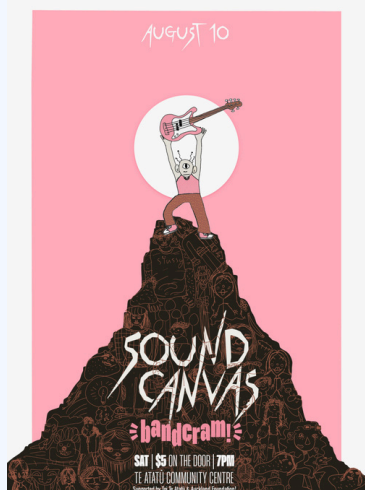
TAI ROCK BANDS

Our bands are ready to rock! After two terms of rehearsal, seventeen TAI musos are nervously looking forward to two big shows coming up. On Saturday August 10th they'll be part of the next Sound Canvas show at TAP Community Centre alongside a line up of college bands, organised by the Tatmuze crew with funding support from Toi Te Atatū/Auckland Foundation. Bands from 7pm, \$5 on the door - we hope friends and supporters will pile in - a great all-ages night out in TAT. Then on August 21st our bands are off to compete in Bandquest - the Rockquest event for younger bands. Our bands have always competed strongly and we wish this year's groups good luck!

White Lies Jala R5 drums, Mabel R9 bass, Mila R9 guitar, Evie R9 keyboards and Anna R6 vocals/guitar

Velvet Daydream Amelie R9 drums, Nyla R10 bass, Cohen R3 guitar, Rita R15 keyboards, Kelly R7 keyboards, Penelope R5 vocals/guitar, Ava R10 vocals

Paradigm Shift Madelaine R11 drums, Flynn R5 bass, James R11 guitar, Nicola R9 keyboards, Ruby R11 keyboards, Maya R14 vocals, Lily R6 vocals



SCHOOL POLICIES

Please note, all policies can be viewed at the following; SchoolDocs - Policies and Procedures

www.schooldocs.co.nz

Community username: teatatu
Community password: harbourview

1. Go to schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click Search for your school.
3. Start typing the school's name and select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter your community username and password.

PASIFIKA AND MĀORI FONOHUI

Tuesday 20th August @ 6:15pm - 7:30pm in the Hall

An evening for all of our Pasifika aiga and Māori whānau to come along for workshops in Maths, Literacy, Science, and Tikanga classes. Learn what these subjects look like at TAI and how you can best support your tamariki. Kai and drinks will be provided. Invitations will be sent home along with an RSVP Google form.

ESPORTS FUSE CUP

On Thursday, 25th July, nine TAI students traveled to Northcote Intermediate School to participate in the eSports Fuse Cup. The game of the day was Rocket League, and our students represented TAI with pride. Matthew R11 and Sonny R11 won the tournament, earning the title of New Zealand Champions! They have now been invited to represent the country on the Gold Coast later this year, where they will compete against the Australian Champions. Congratulations, Matthew and Sonny!



GOLD SCIENCE BADGE

Congratulations to Oliver R11 for achieving a Gold Science Badge for completing 15 Science Badges! This is an outstanding achievement. Oliver now appears on the [Science Badge Honours Board](#). Visit the [Science Badge website](#) to find out about the 33 Science Badges available! Please ask your child to see Mrs Aratema if they are interested in working on a Science Badge and she will provide them with the task sheet for their chosen badge.



SPORTS/HAKINAKINA

Term 3 is packed with Zones sports events, starting with Hockey in Week 1, Rugby League in Week 4, Cross Country in Week 5, and Basketball in Week 10.

While this already seems like a lot, TAI is always eager to do more!

In addition, our WAKA leaders experienced the Tough Gal and Guy challenge earlier this week.

Wednesday of Week 2 marked the start of our new running club, with 25-30 students braving the 7:30 am cold to put in the kilometers, followed by a well-earned breakfast generously supported by some of our parents.

In Week 7, Wrestling takes place at Rutherford College as they host the National Secondary Championships, with TAI invited to compete at the Intermediate level. And somehow, we've managed to squeeze Flag Football into Week 8. The Auckland Regional competition will send the winners to Nationals, with the ultimate champions earning a trip to Vegas to compete in the World Champs (I'm more than willing to sacrifice my time to support the team overseas!). It's a tough job being involved in Hākinakina/Sports at TAI.

And in the background, we're collectively building towards Sports Camp in Week 9.

There will be more details in the next newsletter dedicated to Sports Camp. I love our Hākinakina/Sports TAI community—they ROCK!

- Matua Tony



HOCKEY

Written by Caitlin R13

The hockey zone day is a great chance for all of TAI's best Year 8 hockey players to show off their skills at the Rosedale Bush Road hockey grounds. All of the children who participated were specially picked by our one and only art teacher Whaea Stacey. The hockey zone day took place on Wednesday 17th of July 2024.

In the lead up to the zone day each Wednesday after school, the hockey teams would train for the big day. There were two teams who were willing to take on the challenge, the boys, and the girls. Both teams came out with a great outcome.

WRESTLING

Written by Braithyne & Poppy R1

For the last three weeks, we've been lucky to have Ruth from Club Physical Te Atatū teaching us wrestling during our PE sessions. It's been a great way to improve our fitness and connect with our classmates. We learned lots of different techniques like the single-leg takedown and how to land properly on our stomachs instead of our backs, as well as gaining a deeper understanding of the sport. For many students, this was their first time experiencing wrestling, and a lot of people in Room 1 have really enjoyed it. Some even signed up to continue learning wrestling outside of the PE sessions & in P.A.C.E.

We're grateful for the opportunity to learn how to wrestle and appreciate Ruth for taking the time to teach us.

RUNNING CLUB

The inaugural TAI Running Club kicked off on Wednesday at 7:30 am with a bustling group of 38 budding Olympians. They ran 2.5km, completing 6 laps of the school grounds in just 18 minutes.

"This club is all about pacing ourselves, building time on our legs so we can gradually increase our distance.

Despite the fog, frost, and freezing hands, we achieved an amazing outcome."

They finish their morning off with a well-deserved, yummy breakfast while discussing their accomplishments.

A huge pakipaki to our parents for getting us out of bed and to the parent helpers who ran with us and replenished our weathered bodies with delicious kai.

If your child would like to join in, they will need written permission and to see Whaea Nicola in Room 2.

The club meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30 am for the rest of the year.



TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE

Written by Tilly R7

WAKA leaders participated in the Tough Guy & Gal Challenge in Kumeu earlier this week—a big mud run that lived up to its name! We had to duct tape our shoes to make sure they didn't fall off during the race. Each of us wore a number, and TAI was in the blue group, so we got to go first. At the starting line, we were a mix of nervous and excited, and when we heard the clap, we all took off. Although they suggested walking the first bit, many of us decided to run.

The course was challenging, with a wall double our height that we had to climb over and then jump into a big puddle of mud. There was also a massive pool of muddy water that suddenly dipped, bringing the water up over our knees! By the end of the race, some of us tried hard to keep our PE uniforms clean (mostly the girls), while others were covered from head to toe in mud (mostly the boys).

At the end of the day, there was a prizegiving, and Tilly from Room 7 and Ava from Room 10 won spot prizes—a big bag of cookies! It was a fun day out for all, and we look forward to attending again next year.

