

TE ATATŪ INTERMEDIATE

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MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau

As another school year draws to a close, we often look back and reflect on the year that has been. Reflecting on 2024, I can happily say that this year has been outstanding. As each fortnightly newsletter attested, there has been a huge amount of activity, learning, and fun for students this year. Across all the core areas of academics, culture, music, performance, arts, technology, and sport, 2024 has seen many successes, with participation across the board being one of the highest we have ever experienced.

Today, we not only farewell our students, but we also farewell four staff members who are also moving on in their careers.

TO OUR YEAR 8 STUDENTS AND WHĀNAU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a wonderful two years. This cohort has been an exceptional group of students, and I look forward to hearing about the direction their many skills and attributes will take them. I wish them all the very best in their high school years and hope they carry many fond memories of their time at TAI. For whānau with younger children still to come through TAI, we look forward to continuing our association with you. If, however, this is the last child in your family to attend TAI, thank you for your support and engagement over the years.

TO OUR YEAR 7 WHĀNAU

We look forward to seeing you all in 2025. I hope you have a great holiday, taking time to relax and recharge over the summer break. In mid-January, an information letter will be sent to remind you of key dates and details, including how to get stationery. Until then, have a fantastic holiday.

Finally, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a happy and safe New Year, and may the sun shine on us all over the long summer break.

STAFF FAREWELLS

DAVID GALL

David has been with us for the last four years in either a relieving or part-time capacity. His enthusiasm for the school has been excellent, and he has served as the part-time workshop hard materials teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays this year. He was also the bubble school teacher here at TAI during the COVID lockdown (remember those days?) and is famously the man with the bubble car that featured in the Santa Parade. We wish David all the best for his next ventures.

MICHAEL DAVIDSON

Michael has been with us for the last three years in the Technology department, initially as the Creative Media teacher and, this year, in the area of Coding and Robotics. Over these years, Michael has shared his passion for dodgeball with the school and initiated the E-sports competitions and Aquabots. We wish Michael all the best in his new teaching role closer to home.

TERE TAMARUA

Our lovely Whaea Tere finishes her time with us this week after 10 years at the school. Over the past decade, Tere has been instrumental in supporting the staff, students, and school in many areas, including Te Tiriti integration, te reo and tikanga support for staff, students, and the board, acting as an Across School Liaison, team leader, singing leader, staff representative on the board, and as the Room 4 teacher. We had a wonderful farewell assembly last week, and we will all miss Tere's warmth, passion, calmness, and immense organisational skills. We send Tere and her wider whānau our aroha and thoughts as she continues to battle cancer. With her positive spirit and the support of many, we know she is in the best place to face this challenge.

Tere, we will all miss you next year, and we send you healing thoughts and prayers for the year ahead.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DEPARTING STAFF - YOUR IMPACT AND DEDICATION TO TAI HAS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

ĒHARA TĀKU TOA I TE TOA TAKATAHI, ENGARI HE TOA TAKITINI.

OUR STRENGTH IS NOT MADE FROM US ALONE, BUT MADE FROM MANY.

STAFF CHANGES FOR 2025

Jordan Vale, who has been in our Room 13 classroom, will take on a different role next year. As Jordan will be participating in the new FIFA Expanded Club Football competition, his Auckland FC team will spend several weeks overseas playing well-known clubs such as Bayern Munich. Fortunately, Jordan will remain with us in a part-time capacity, covering classes as a classroom release teacher in 2025. We look forward to his continued contributions to the many activities and connections he has fostered so well this year.

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NEW STAFF 2025

We have four new teachers starting at the beginning of the year.

MARIEE GUINIBERT

Mariee is an excellent teacher with experience at both the intermediate and secondary levels. She will take on the Materials Technology role next year, which will also encompass her exceptional art skills.

CAMERON DEMPSEY

Cameron is another skilled teacher with years of experience teaching in secondary schools. Most recently, he was at Rutherford College as a Technology teacher. Cameron brings his repertoire of skills to the TAI Technology programme and will teach Robotics and Electronics.

BIANCA NESS

Bianca is a newly graduated teacher. After completing her Master's in Education, she joins us to take over the amazing Room 13 in Mr. Vale's absence. Bianca is an enthusiastic educator, and Room 13 is lucky to have a teacher of her talents joining the TAI staff.

ARJUN RAVEENDRAN

Arjun is another newly graduated teacher, having completed his training through Auckland University. He is a skilled writer, has authored his own books, loves Marvel comics, and excels in various sports. Arjun's enthusiasm and passion for teaching will benefit the wonderful Room 15 (formerly Room 4 in 2024).

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

An information letter will be sent mid-January around the start dates and also the back-to-school packs etc that will be required.

MONDAY 20TH JANUARY - SCHOOL OFFICE REOPENS

MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY - YEAR 7S ONLY - WELCOMING PŌWHIRI

TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY - WHĀNAU HUI DAY FOR Y7 STUDENTS / NEW YEAR 8 STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY - YEAR 8S START SCHOOL ALONG WITH NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS.

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY - WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY - NORMAL SCHOOL DAY

SPORTS/HAKINAKINA

REFLECTING ON 2024 - A YEAR OF GROWTH, GRATITUDE, AND GIVING BACK

NGĀ MIHI MAIOHA TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR HĀKINAKINA PROGRAMME THIS YEAR.

A heartfelt ngā mihi nui to the TAI kaiako who collectively dedicated between 500–600 hours to foster an active and thriving community in 2024. Special thanks to:

Whaea Ngaire, Kōkā Amorangi, Whaea Stacey, Mr Vale, Ms Harrington, Mrs McKeown, Mr Johnson, Whaea Sabine, Mr Gould, Matua Mike, and Mrs Northwood.

To our amazing whānau, your unwavering support has been invaluable. Without your involvement, many of our tamariki would not have had the opportunity to participate in Zone sports this year.

And lastly, ngā mihi maioha to our incredible TAI students. Thank you for creating a school environment that we can all take pride in.

NGĀ MIHI MAIOHA TO OUR BACKYARD KAITIAKI

This year, our Backyard Kaitiaki went above and beyond. The Backyard Programme was developed in 2024 to provide all students with access to a variety of resources during their morning tea and lunchtime breaks. Its success has not only inspired other schools but has also set the foundation for its continuation in 2025.

The Kaitiaki didn't just maintain the programme; they grew it into something sustainable and impactful, with plans for an exciting new extension next year. Ngā mihi for your gift, your energy, and your leadership. I wish you all the best for 2025.

NGĀ MIHI MAIOHA TO THE 2024 TAI BLUES CREW

The Blues Crew made a tremendous impact this year, showing their community-minded spirit and support. While not every initiative reached the finish line, their dedication culminated in the highly successful 'Fill the Blues Bus' food campaign in December.

With a goal of 5,000 non-perishable items, the Crew collected an impressive 4,711 items, including significant contributions from Rooms 2 (634 items) and 8 (358 items). Ngā mihi maioha to our local community for your generous support. As part of their kaupapa, the Blues Crew also donated 500 non-perishable items to the local Te Atatū Foodbank at Te Atatū Baptist Church. Here's what Leonnie Parrant shared:

"Thank you for the awesome effort the Blues Crew have done. It is very much appreciated. It will make a difference to the families on the Peninsula. Now that the shelves are stocked, we can save our funds in our bank account for later when we run out of stock. Thanks again."

We are so excited for what lies ahead, especially after hearing this inspiring comment from one of our students:

"I wanted to be in the Blues Crew because my mum does a lot in the community, and now I want to do something too."

We look forward to seeing the next chapter of the TAI Blues Crew and all the amazing things our students will achieve.

NGĀ MIHI MAIOHA



SCHOOL LEAVERS – NOTICE RE EZLUNCH / KINDO SCHOOL SHOP

- If your family is leaving our school and has been using ezlunch or Kindo, please make sure to stop any regular automatic payments that have been set up before the school year finishes. You may also need to transfer or close your account which can be done as follows: Not sure if your new school is using Kindo? If you're not sure if your new school is using Kindo, you can either ask them directly or go to "My Details" in your Kindo account and click on the list of schools to see if your new school is listed.
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	S-3XL	\$44.50		60-76	\$52.50
PE SHORTS	8-16	\$27.00		80-96	\$55.50
	S-3XL	\$30.00	100-112	\$58.30	
JACKET	8-14	\$95.00	TROUSER	68-76	\$69.50
	S-3XL	\$99.00		80-100	\$72.00
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