

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

This week marks the start of our first full week of learning for students. Teachers have been setting routines and expectations for the year ahead. The first few weeks are also spent assessing students in reading, maths, and writing to determine their current levels, allowing teachers to tailor learning to each student's needs. These assessments primarily include Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT), which most students will be familiar with, as well as the Assessment Tools for Teaching and Learning (e-asTTle), which is conducted online.

At the end of this term, we will hold Student-Led Conferences (SLCs), where students, teachers, and parents have the opportunity to discuss learning goals and progress made. More information will be shared about this later in the term.

At the start of each year, students have access to a school-owned Chromebook during school hours to support their learning. These devices remain at school and are not taken home. Each student is responsible for looking after and maintaining their device throughout the year.

In the next newsletter, I will share information about our digital platforms and the support available for families in this space.

A reminder to our Year 7 whānau: the transition process can be challenging for some learners, especially those who don't know anyone from their previous school. From our experience, things generally settle after a few weeks as new routines become established.

Have a great week!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou



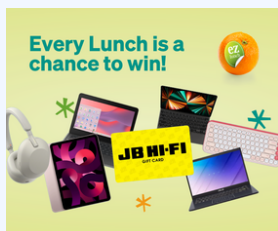
IMPORTANT NOTES

BEACH AND SURF EDUCATION

As part of our Health and Physical Education curriculum, all of our students will be taking part in a specialised Beach and Surf Education programme during week 5 this term '[Beach & Surfing Education Day Info & Permission Form](#)' on page 4 for more information & to complete the Google form.

KINDO

KINDO is our preferred payment option at TAI. Through KINDO you can make payments towards any extra curricular activity fees, order FREE sanitary products & student lunches. Students have options of Pita Pit, Subway & Sushi, on alternative days. Orders close 8:30am on the day of order. For menu information [please click here](#).



They are also currently running a campaign where every parent who orders an ezlunch goes into a weekly draw to win \$100 Kindo Credit for themselves & \$100 for our school. PLUS, all orders automatically enter the Grand Prize Draw for a \$1,000 JB Hi-Fi Voucher + \$500 for our school! If you are yet to set up a KINDO account [please click here](#).

COUNSELLING

School Counsellors are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for any student who would like to access support. To request a session please email your child's class teacher or [Kelly Clarke](#). Everything is kept confidential and private.

KAI FOR KIDS

We are requesting whānau support to help prepare daily lunches for our students in need. All food is provided, thanks to the generous donations from the Te Atatū Food for Schools group – we just need extra hands to help make them!

If you're able to give an hour of your morning, whether daily or on a rotating roster, it would make a huge difference. Your support is greatly appreciated! **BREAKFAST CLUB** - Weetbix & milk is available in the FOOD TECH room Tues-Fri during lunchtime for all students. **LUNCHES** - If your child is unable to bring lunch on a regular basis, then please let Ms Rooney in the office know.

TIKANGA CLASS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Week 4, Friday 28th February

Our Tikanga classes (Rooms 10 & 11) are hosting a sausage sizzle to raise funds for an upcoming event.

Sausages are \$2 each.

Pre-orders ONLY

Once you have placed your order, please send your child to school with their money.

Student helpers will collect order money daily direct from classroom at 8:50 am.

Orders & money are due by Tuesday 25th February.

[Click here to place your order!](#)



GARDEN TO TABLE

We are looking for parent volunteers to help support students in the garden during lunch breaks. If you're available and interested in working with a small group in the veggie patch, please get in touch with [Mrs. Stoddard](#)



LATE DROP OFF/EARLY PICKUP

School starts at 8:45 am daily, and we recommend students be at school by 8:30 am. If your child is running late, they should come to the office to sign in. If you need to pick up your child before the regular dismissal time, kindly send an email to both their teacher and the office well in advance. Your child will then need to sign out at the office before being collected. Students must use the Student Office to sign in/out, while whānau collecting their child should use the Main Office.

SCHOOLDOCS

TAI subscribes to SchoolDocs for all policies and procedure. These are available to the community. Please visit the [website](#); www.schooldocs.co.nz - Select Te Atatū Intermediate Enter the username: teatatu and the password: harbourview Follow the links to the relevant policies which are available for review.



GIVE IT A GO MUSIC NIGHT

Thursday, 27th February @ 6:30 pm

Music Info Night is on Thursday, 27th at 6:30 pm in the hall. Please come along if your child is interested in learning an instrument this year at TAI!

At TAI, we offer free group lessons in Violin, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, and Percussion (excluding drum kit). We also have talented private tutors who provide lessons (for a fee) in Keyboard/Piano, Guitar, Bass Guitar, and Drum Kit. For more information, scroll down to the '[Give It A Go Music Night Info](#)' on page 5.

If you are ready to lock in private lessons, [please click here and complete the google form](#).

SUN SMART

With the intense summer sun, please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school every day. The office is seeing many students who are complaining of having a headache, this is often due to not drinking enough water throughout the day. Water is the only accepted drink option for TAI students. Please do not send them to school with fizzy or energy drinks.

It is also important for students to bring their hats (named). We have sunscreen available at school, especially during the afternoon sessions, to help keep everyone protected.

A NEW YEAR FOR SPORTS/HĀKINAKINA AT TAI!

There's already so much happening, so please make sure you and your child are familiar with all the sporting opportunities available at TAI in 2025!

We want your child to experience as many sporting opportunities as possible. While our kaiako work hard to provide these, we also need your support. Thank you to those who have already filled out the whānau Google Form during the Whānau Hui Day. If you think you might be able to help support sports this year, through coaching/managing/transportation etc **please take a moment to complete this google form.**

E waka eke noa – We're all in this together!

SIGN-UPS AT SCHOOL

Your child will find sports & sign-up information on their student notices (accessible on their school Chromebook homepage).

This is our main way of keeping students informed about upcoming events.

We currently have two events open for sign-ups, with the last day to register being Monday next week:

KI-O-RAHI

Students need to see Kōkā Amorangi in Room 11. Trials begin next week at lunchtime, with Year 7 girls on Tuesday and Year 8 girls on Thursday. Boy trials, the week after.

TENNIS ZONEDAY

Students need to see Whaea Nicola in Room 2. Trials are likely to be held in two weeks.

TERM ONE ZONDAY/EVENTS

TAG - 18TH MARCH

SWIMMING - 20TH MARCH

TENNIS - 21ST MARCH

ORIENTEERING - 27TH MARCH

KI-O-RAHI - 9TH APRIL

TAI BLUES CREW

Named after Matua Tony's hardcore love for the Auckland Blues rugby team—and our alignment with their purpose of supporting the community—the Blues Crew is made up of TAI students who share a passion for giving back. Their mission is to help both within our school and the Te Atatū community.

This year, they aim to organise more fun events that encourage every student to get involved in fundraising and giving back to those in need. They're looking forward to working closely with our local community centre, taking part in beach clean-up days, and—as always—joining the Blues Team and the Salvation Army for the Fill the Bus initiative.

This Saturday, they'll be heading to Eden Park to play a game of Rippa Rugby before the first match of the Super Rugby season. They'll be taking on Swanson Intermediate.

Go TAI, Go Blues!

BEFORE/AFTERSCHOOL HĀKINAKINA YOUR CHILD MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN:



NETBALL WAITĀKERE

**Participating in this sport does incur a fee which is payable via KINDO.*

The 2025 netball season is just around the corner, kicking off shortly after the Easter weekend. We're excited to welcome both new and returning players! Each year group will have two trials—one for the competitive level and one for the social level—before being placed into teams for the season. Trials will be held on our covered courts from 3:15 – 4:30 pm, starting with Year 8 students on 26th-27th February, and Year 7 students the following week, 5th-6th March. If your child is keen to join a school team this year,

please click here for more information and to complete the Google Form.

—we look forward to seeing you on the courts!



ORIENTEERING

**Participating in this sport does incur a fee which is payable via KINDO.*

TAI is back for another year in the West Zone Orienteering Sprint Competition! The competition runs from Monday, 24th February to Monday, 24th March, with events taking place at high schools around West Auckland. Each event will start at 4:00 pm. Some students have already expressed interest in participating, but more are welcome! If your child has signed up already or is keen to give it a go,

please click here for more information and to complete the Google Form.



RUNNING CLUB

**Participating in the special events will incur a fee which is payable via KINDO.*

Held every Wednesday morning, Running Club students meet at 7:30 am for a 2km run up to the Pony Club and back to school, where they then gather in the hall for breakfast together. We had over 60 students sign up, but we need community support to help supervise so many of our precious rangatira on the streets. Please contact Whaea Nicola (Room 2) directly if you are able to help out—whether by running or walking. She is also considering adding a second morning on Friday if there is enough interest. The ultimate goal for the club this year is to send a solid team to the Auckland Marathon. Last year, five awesome students represented TAI. This term, however, the goal is to participate in Round the Bays on 2nd March!

TAI GALACTICO ACADEMY

Held after school on Thursdays, this is a fantastic opportunity for Year 7 & 8 footballers to develop their skills and have fun. Run by Mr. Goold, this programme has limited space.

Whānau of students who have signed up should have already received the Google Form.

HOCKEY

**Participating in this sport does incur a fee which is payable via KINDO.*

More information about this to come as we are still waiting for a confirmed game day for this competition. What we do know is that it will be held at Henderson High School during this term. Stay tuned!

WATER POLO

**Participating in this sport does incur a fee which is payable via KINDO*

TAI will enter a water polo team playing on Friday nights in Terms 2 and 3. Intro to Water Polo is a great way to build their skills check out their flyer.



INTRO TO WATER POLO

5-WEEK PROGRAMME | \$65

Do you like swimming? Come and join us to learn how to play this exciting and fast-paced sport. It's going to be a lot of fun!

Come and join our 5-week Introduction to Water Polo sessions!

From: 12-1pm
16/2/25
2/3/25
9/3/25
23/3/25
30/3/25

at West Wave
Register at waikwaterpolo.co.nz
www.waikwaterpolo.co.nz
admin@waikwaterpolo.co.nz

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BEACH AND SURFING EDUCATION DAY

OREWA BEACH WITH NZ SURF ACADEMY.

As part of our Health and Physical Education curriculum, all of our students will be taking part in a specialised Beach and Surf Education programme during week 5 this term.

NZ Surf Academy is providing our students with a full day of surf safety, surf lessons, beach games and activities. These programmes enable students to develop more confidence and knowledge in the surf and provide important skills to stay safe in New Zealand's waters. Surfing will be done in waist high water, and students can wear a wetsuit (which acts as a buoyancy aid) and have a surfboard strapped to their ankle. The aim is to build the students' confidence within a safe environment.

The day includes:

- A group surfing lesson with qualified & enthusiastic surf instructors
- Beach safety & surf lifesaving talk
- Board handling, paddling & stance demonstration
- Beach games and other activities

In order for these trips to go ahead we require **8 parent helpers per day**, with supervision both in and out of the water. Please consider supporting us by coming along on this great day out! Please note: you may be required to get in the water with the children.

Buses will leave school at 9am and return at approximately 2.30pm. Students can come to school in their Kākahu no te kainga (clothes from home). There is no cost for this trip, the expense of this curriculum activity is covered by the school.

[**PLEASE CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE PERMISSION FORM ASAP**](#)

All equipment is provided, students and parent help will need to bring:

- Togs (no bikinis please unless worn with a rash shirt)
- Rash shirt / own wetsuit (a limited amount of wetsuits will be available)
- Towel
- A warm change of clothes
- Sunblock SPF30+
- A hat
- Morning tea, lunch and drink (there will be no facility to buy food)
- Footwear
- Any medication needed for the day (this will be handed to your child's teacher on the morning before departing)

It will be a fabulous day out and we thank you for your support.



"Give It A Go Night"



WELCOME TO INSTRUMENTAL

FREE GROUP LESSONS

AVAILABLE IN:

(Click on the instrument for demonstration video)

- 🎵 [Violin](#)
- 🎵 [Trumpet](#)
- 🎵 [Trombone](#)
- 🎵 [Euphonium](#)
- 🎵 [Flute](#)
- 🎵 [Clarinet](#)
- 🎵 [Saxophone](#)
- 🎵 [Percussion \(not drum kit\)](#)

On behalf of the Music Department, we are delighted to welcome you to Te Atatū Intermediate. We take immense pride in providing our students with a diverse range of musical opportunities.

In addition to classroom music, we offer tutelage in a variety of instruments and experiences. Research has shown that playing a musical instrument enhances reading and numeracy abilities, as well as communication and social skills. We have witnessed firsthand the positive impact this has had on our students over the years, with many of them emerging as leaders and top achievers in their subsequent educational journeys.

It is now your child's turn to "Give it a go!" Come along to this special evening and see what instrument they might like to learn.

Our school provides free group lessons in the following instruments:

Violin, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, and Percussion (excluding the Drumkit).

All students who elect to learn these instruments will be expected to participate in an instrumental performance group.

MUSIC AT TAI

IMPORTANT DATE

"Give It A Go Night"

Thursday 27 FEBRUARY 6.30pm

PRIVATE TUTORS AND PRIVATE LESSONS (INDIVIDUAL PAYMENT) ARE AVAILABLE IN:

- 🎵 [Keyboard / Piano](#)
- 🎵 [Guitar](#)
- 🎵 [Bass Guitar](#)
- 🎵 [Drum kit](#)

Our performance groups include String Ensemble, Beginner Concert Band, Advanced Concert Band, and Rock Bands (by audition).

Private tutors are available to provide paid individual lessons in Keyboard / Piano, Guitar, Bass Guitar, and Drum kit. \$28 - \$35 per lesson. Group lessons may be possible in Guitar in negotiation with the tutor.

Please note that students are required to provide their own instruments. Most instruments can be rented for a fee ranging from \$160 to \$400 per year, depending on the instrument. The school also has a limited number of instruments available for hire.

We look forward to seeing you on the 27 February for our "Give It A Go Night!" If you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact Mrs. Bronwyn Chalmers or Mr. Chad Davenport.

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