

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

Talofa, Mālō e lelei, Ni sa Bula, Namaste, Kia orāna, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Annyeong, Ni hao, Konnichiwa, Bonjour, Guten Tag, Hola, As-salaam 'alaikum, Bora Da - Greetings to you all as we celebrate International Languages week!

This week we are celebrating our wonderfully diverse cultures and languages within our school as part of International Languages week. We are looking forward to seeing students embrace this Friday by wearing clothing reflective of their culture and identity. Our student leadership team (Kaunihera) are running activities across the week and there will also be a bake sale on Friday with all proceeds going to Starship Children's Hospital.

All students have just completed their sessions within the Life Education caravan, and this week we have also welcomed the World of Maths to our school, where students will get the opportunity to solve math problems with practical hands-on, interactive tasks.

Camp excitement is building also. We have our first two camps next week, with Tūi syndicate (Rooms 6,7,13,14,15) at camp Monday 17th- 19th / Kākāpō syndicate (Rooms 3,4,5,8,12) at camp on Wednesday 19th-21st and finally, Kea syndicate, (Rooms 1,2,9,10,11) the following Monday 24th-26th June.

On Thursday 27th June, all Te Atatu cluster schools are involved in our Matariki celebration. Our Kapa Haka, Pasifika group and a wearable arts piece will be worn/ performed on this day. This will conclude a very busy fortnight of activities, and we will then head into a long weekend with Matariki holiday on Friday 28th June.

Have a great week!



IMPORTANT NOTES

AUTUMN SHOWCASE

Our first performance of the year, "Autumn Showcase" held on Thursday 6th June, received great support from our TAI community. Our students anticipation was mingled with nerves as they shared their talents with whānau. It was exciting to hear the students' musical journey so far. What talent we have at TAI! Massive thanks to our musical Tutors, guiding our students with seasoned expertise. In a transformed setting, the concert unveiled music by our violin ensembles - Runners, Joggers & Sprinters, the Beginner & Advanced Bands, the Rock Band "White Lies," and a harmonious Guitar Duo. The Autumn Showcase helped raise money for the Advanced Band to attend the "Honours Band Festival" at Kings later this year. Thank you for all the generous donations. A note from one of our students: *"I started playing trombone this year and I've learnt loads! I loved performing as a whole band as well as performing as just the trombonists. I loved what The Advanced Band played and It's so encouraging to know that I'll be playing like them next year and maybe even better."* - Alexia R2

MARINE METRE SQUARED RELAUNCH

As mentioned in our last newsletter, eighteen Science Gate students were chosen to participate in the Marine Meter Squared project and were filmed for a segment on Seven Sharp. The story is now available to watch now [here](#).



WORLD OF MATHS

Written by Brontus, Ava & Mila R10
World of Maths is currently visiting Te Atatū Intermediate. It's a fun and unique way to learn math, with hands-on activities and different strategies. Students have been working in groups inside the hall to solve difficult but fun math problems. Each group found different ways to work together and solve every activity. Students from Room Ten said that "It really was the World of Math" and that "It was fun and interactive". They found it incredibly interesting and are eager to try it again next year.

TABLE TENNIS ZONEDAY

Written by Peyton R2
On Friday the 7th of June, 15 of our table tennis team went to Waitemata Table Tennis association for the zone day. We all played our hearts out and had such an amazing time participating in this zone day. Our girls doubles team won 1st place and so did our girls singles! One of our girls also placed 4th. Amazing results! We all had such a BLAST showcasing our skills and sportsmanship to the wider community. Well done everyone involved.

NATIONAL SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

During the Kings Birthday weekend Maheu R15 was jingling the tiles at the National Scrabble Championships. Playing in Grade F Maheu played with guts and determination (24 as a double word score) and scored highly on Monday with the word 'cleaners' returning a monster score. While not a physical game the competition was fierce and competitive. Well done Keep up the great work Maheu or the 'stupendous' work - we are so proud for you. [A great article about the event can be found here.](#)

GOLDEN TICKET

Written by Hannah R1
Thanks to the TAI Blues Crew, my family and I were gifted tickets to the Blues vs. Chiefs game at Eden Park. Once inside, we were approached by a lady who told us to go to the man dressed in a house costume and ask him, "Do you have a golden ticket?" The man started yelling, "We have a winner!" I was a bit confused but quickly found out that my family and I were being upgraded! We got to watch the game right alongside the field, had free food and drinks, and met two of the Blues players. It was an amazing time, and we got really close to the players. Thank you to the Blues Crew and Barfoot & Thompson! Thompson.

STARSHIP BAKEOFF

Written by Ayla R2 & Sonaya R7
Today we had the school bake sale to fundraise for Starship hospital. All the money we made goes towards sick kids and we would like to thank everyone who participated and brought something from the sale. Over 50 students participated and we made nearly \$1000!! It was a very fun experience. We would also like to thank Mrs Perry for organizing the sale. We found that most people really enjoyed loaded brownies and chocolate chip cookies. Thank you everyone for baking and participating in the sale.



\$1000 WINNERS

Some of our netball players attended the Northern Mystics game June 2nd against the Mainland Tactix. TAI were the part-time entertainment against Kelston Intermediate. We won the relay and received a \$1000 cheque thanks to Debt Managers!



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KEA SYNDICATE

ROOMS 1, 2, 9, 10, 11

Celebrating the awesome mahi done by our Kea syndicate!

A friendly reminder that their camp is from the 24th- 26th June.

ROOM 9

Earlier this term, Room 9 spent some time learning about WWI, ANZACs, and conscientious objectors. Students then were presented with the writing prompt:

It is important to learn about our past war experiences and commemorate ANZAC Day because...

They were then given the freedom to choose the genre with which to express their thoughts and learning. Amelie chose to write this incredible poem.

Death's war-a poem by Amelie

What turned these fields into mud?
The flowers left are coated in blood.
They stare at me with crimson eyes, the battle is finished? And here they rise.
What happened to all these fallen men?
I cry out, I plead, I whisper.
They're layered in dirt, and look too hurt, to be only this small and young.

I enter this paddock, and what I can hear are the memories of gunshots and shouts.
Did the soldiers stand proud, when they fought in the crowd?
Did they cower, and come to survive?

Melodies play for their dying souls.
To be remembered, they say, none forgotten.
They died for our country, and fought with pride.
They say, to their dying souls.
I sit at the back, with my hands in my lap,
and wonder why we praise their slaughter.
Will they do war the same, if it happens again?
And later death will collect, with no left regret, while life's hands are painted in blood.

Which one is more cruel?
Death or life? Lots will say death, but death can be nice.
Because, life is the one that lets people learn sorrow,
and death is the one that lets people have peace.
Death lets people escape all their grief.
Why wouldn't it be better, to be with those we love?
To be with those we lost? Up there, up above?
I shout with my mouth, and I scream with my lungs. I hear my heart beat, and I feel my tongue numb.
There's a moment of silence, I let out a sigh, until the earth answers, with a voice that skims by.
"Not always," it says. "Even if we're blind, we look at what's left, and embrace what we find."

ROOM 1

For enquiry this term Room 1 have been researching New Zealand protests through time. Below is a piece of creative writing by Scarlett about the protest of New Zealand hosting the 1981 Springboks Tour.

THE PROTEST



Feet pound on pavement. I hold a whale-sized sign that I use as a shield. Yells and shrieks rise up around me. We charge forward. We roar our messages with our signs and our mouths. No More Tour.

Our group of protesters march together down a street by Eden Park. My large helmet blocks a little bit of my vision. There is a buzz coming from the thousands of protesters around me, their faces filled with rage as they catch a glimpse of the enemy. Horror fills me at the sight of them. The cops. Still, we march on, determined to make it into that stadium.

The air smells of hysteria and fiery tempers. "1 2 3 4 WE DON'T WANT YOUR RACIST TOUR!" We screech like birds. No More Tour.

We walk together but I am being bumped and bashed around like a beach ball. My breathing is rapid and my heart even more so. The helmet suffocates me. Smoke reaches my lungs and makes me cough. I continue thundering down the street while I splutter. But I must continue. No More Tour.

I can feel and see the exhilaration in the crowd around me. I can hear the cops now as they roar at us "MOVE MOVE MOVE" I hear the contact of the batons and shields. The sickening crunch as they find their target. The scent of blood is stronger than ever. A whistle blows and everything descends into chaos. There is no stopping at this point now though. Sometimes, courage isn't having the strength to go on, it is going on when you don't have strength. No More Tour.

- Scarlett, Rm 1





CAMP CAREY

CHECKLIST

BEDDING

- ▶ SLEEPING BAG
- ▶ PILLOW
- ▶ SINGLE FITTED SHEET TO COVER MATTRESS
- ▶ EXTRA BLANKET
- ▶ _____
- ▶ _____

PERSONAL ITEMS

- ▶ 2 TOWELS
- ▶ FACE CLOTH
- ▶ TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, SHAMPOO
- ▶ HAIR BRUSH/COMB, HAIR TIES
- ▶ PERSONAL MEDICATION- TO BE DETAILED ON THE MEDICAL FORM AND HANDED IN TO CAMP LEADER

CLOTHING

- ▶ WATERPROOF JACKET
- ▶ 1 WOOLLEN JERSEY OR POLAR FLEECE TOP
- ▶ 2 PAIRS OF OUTDOOR/RUNNING SHOES (ONE FOR DRY ACTIVITIES, ONE FOR WET ACTIVITIES)
- ▶ JANDALS (FOR THE SHOWER)
- ▶ SOCKS X 4
- ▶ UNDERWEAR (ENOUGH FOR EACH DAY)
- ▶ THERMALS
- ▶ 2 PAIRS OF SHORTS
- ▶ 2 PAIRS OF TROUSERS (TRACK PANTS ARE BEST - JEANS ARE NOT SUITABLE)
- ▶ 3 T-SHIRTS
- ▶ SWEATSHIRT
- ▶ PYJAMAS
- ▶ SWIMMING TOGS
- ▶ _____

MISCELLANEOUS

- ▶ DAYPACK/SCHOOL BAG
- ▶ HAT AND SUNSCREEN
- ▶ PACKED LUNCH AND DRINK FOR THE FIRST DAY
- ▶ INSECT REPELLENT
- ▶ DRINK BOTTLE- NAMED
- ▶ A BOOK/PLAYING CARDS
- ▶ PLASTIC BAGS FOR DIRTY AND WET GEAR
- ▶ _____
- ▶ TORCH WITH SPARE BATTERIES
- ▶ _____

DO NOT BRING:
(ANY OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE CONFISCATED AND RETURNED AFTER CAMP)
CELL PHONES OR ANY DIGITAL DEVICES, SOFT DRINKS/ENERGY DRINKS, MONEY,
JEWELLERY OR ANY VALUABLES.