

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

Winter has well and truly hit this week, and along with it, we are also experiencing the start of the winter colds and flu. Unfortunately, this week, we have had a number of teachers ill. We try our very best to have supply coverage for our classes, but with the shortage of supply teachers at present, there are times when we do have to split classes. This is our last resort, and staff prepare work related to the class programme should we have to do this.

This Friday, we had our designated Teacher Only Day. Our teachers will be focusing on English and mathematics, delving deeper into the data we have, and looking more in-depth at teaching and learning in these core areas in connection with the changes within the refresh of the curriculum. We are fortunate to have our specialist and technology subjects, and within these areas, there are often practical applications for English and mathematics.

As part of our Kahui Ako involvement, we work closely with Rutherford College in relation to expectations required for learning in Years 9 and 10 (level 5 of the New Zealand curriculum). One interesting thing shared with us is that even subjects such as PE, dance, drama and music still have large literacy and numeracy components within the upper levels of secondary education. Therefore, those elements of good, solid reading, writing, and mathematics are fundamental for success through Intermediate and into high school.

I hope you all manage to enjoy the long King's Birthday weekend holiday.

Have a great week!



IMPORTANT NOTES

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

International Students attending Te Atatu Intermediate (Group 1 - Korean) 20 July - 17 August / (Group 2 - Chinese) 5-16 August
 Students aged 10-12 - 2 Students per family . Can share a bedroom but must have own beds. Payment of \$350 per week per child. If you are keen to host please apply to: www.lpstudenthomestays.co.nz or call 09 836 1277 during business hours for more information.

GATE 3 & 4- AROHANUI UNIT

A friendly reminder that the third car park (Gates 3 and 4) is not for drop-offs. We understand that on wet days children want to be dropped off as close as possible, but this causes complications for our Arohanui students who need to be dropped off at their classroom.

HAUORA ART

Written by *Damin R10*
 On Friday 17th May four of us went to the Community centre to work with a local artist and other kids from local schools, to design some concepts that relate with the theme 'Hauora'. Hauora is a Māori philosophy of health, (Mental, Spiritual & Physical etc). Relating to this topic, we made designs which inspire people to develop more healthy habits like using bikes, reusing, reducing, recycling etc. The designs were planned to be in front of the library & at the back of the library beside the bike racks. We are excited to see how this turns out!

MARINE METRE SQUARED RELAUNCH

Written by *Rosario & Scarlett R9*
 Earlier in the week, eighteen Science Gate students were chosen to participate in the Marine Meter Squared project and were filmed for a segment on Seven Sharp. Sally Carson, a marine scientist from Otago University, came to our school to show us how to use a new photogrammetry method for surveying.



We then went to Campbells Bay, where we met another marine scientist, Dr Arie Spysma, and worked on surveying the rocks both digitally and with pen and paper. We also tested new software that helps monitor our beach ecosystems. We were taught how to correctly use the app and then tested it on the rocky shore. The app created a 3D model of the area in the quadrat, a tool used to measure a marine metre squared—a type of measurement used to monitor ecosystems. Students agreed that having the model of the area helped them engage more and understand what is really in our backyard. We will compare the data from the two methods in our next Science Gate class. Despite the rainy weather, it was an amazing trip where we saw lots of cool things like sea hares and fan worms. The story about our trip will air on Seven Sharp on the 5th, 6th, or 7th of June

LEGO NEEDED

Does anyone have any spare Lego they could donate to Room 8 ? Please contact [Whaea Amanda](mailto:WhaeaAmanda).



CAMP CAREY CHECKLIST

BEDDING

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

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
- WETSUIT (IF YOU HAVE ONE OR CAN BORROW ONE)

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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.

TANIWHA BURGERS

Kōkā Amorangi has been selected for the Aotearoa Flag Ferns team heading to Finland in August for the Flag Football World Cup. Due to playing a minority sport in New Zealand and everything being self-funded she is running a personal fundraiser to help fund her trip. Next week Friday 7th June, she will be selling Taniwha burgers (fried bread - as the bun/beef patty/lettuce/tomato / mayo/sauce) for \$7. Students will need to preorder their burgers by Thursday 6th June by going to Room 3.

DAVE UPFOLD HYPNOTIST

Michael, our Coding & Robotics teacher is also representing NZ in the World Dodgeball Championships Graz, Austria! His team is hosting a Comedy Stage Hypnotist show at TAI in our school hall on Saturday 22nd June. Bring the whole family! More information of the posted below!





TUI SYNDICATE

ROOMS 6,7, 13, 14 & 15

Celebrating the awesome mahi done by our Tui syndicate!
A friendly reminder that their camp is from the 17th - 19th June.



ROOM 6 AKA 'THE HAPPY PLANET'

Room 6 has been working very hard this term. We have focused upon looking at Kiwis who have impacted upon our lives and society been working very hard this term. We have focused on looking at Kiwis who have impacted our lives and society through their leadership.

In conjunction with our ANZAC Day studies our first major study was of a WWII hero - Charles Upham.

During WWII Charles was awarded the highest honour of the British forces - the Victoria Cross for leading his men in inspiring fashion with exceptional gallantry. In July 1945 Charles became the only person in WWII to be awarded a second Victoria Cross - known as a bar. This made Charles the third man ever to be awarded a bar to the Victoria Cross. His home town of Christchurch was so proud of this distinction that they raised £10,000 to purchase a farm for him. Charles refused the money and it was used to set up scholarships for the children of servicemen. People lined the streets of central Christchurch when he died.

The room 6 students have written about some of his achievements in war. The following description tells of events at Minqâr Qaim.

The below is written by Anna, Zak & Austin.



The bullet whizzed past my ear, one step to the left and it would have hit. A grenade goes off to my right, almost indiscernible in the chaos of war. I duck into a shelter, just in time to see one of my men shot through the chest. He grumbles into the mud, and I watch as he flickers away.

Another life gone.

I start to panic, I go cold and my breath quickens, the war is taking ownership of too many lives, and too many young men are gone.

My panic swells until it threatens to consume me, and then a scream harshly snaps me back into reality.

My duty is to lead these people and lead these people is what I shall do.

The following night, we attacked again.

All my men follow me forward, I am shocked by how much trust they have in me. They all fight viciously and valiantly and we manage to overrun multiple enemy posts.

My commanding officers would count this as a victory, but I can't seem to muster any pride. Too many people have been lost for this to be a victory.

In the midst of the fighting, I run through the trenches and urgently rush one of my bravest men forward with me. Again, he lets me lead him without a question, without a doubt. We recklessly duck and sprint through remorseless fire.

I scend through the mud, people shooting at me. I have mud all over me.

I am wounded but I keep going.

There are so many lives going on. I am getting worried with so many grenades going off it is crazy.

So many soldiers are being killed. Bullets are flying everywhere. It is so loud.

As we try to make it to the truck, finally my men make it to the truck with the German soldiers inside and throw the hand grenades in the truck full of the Germans and when I think that we had beaten them my arms get injured as well as us beating them.

I was getting a bit worried because we are losing too many lives.

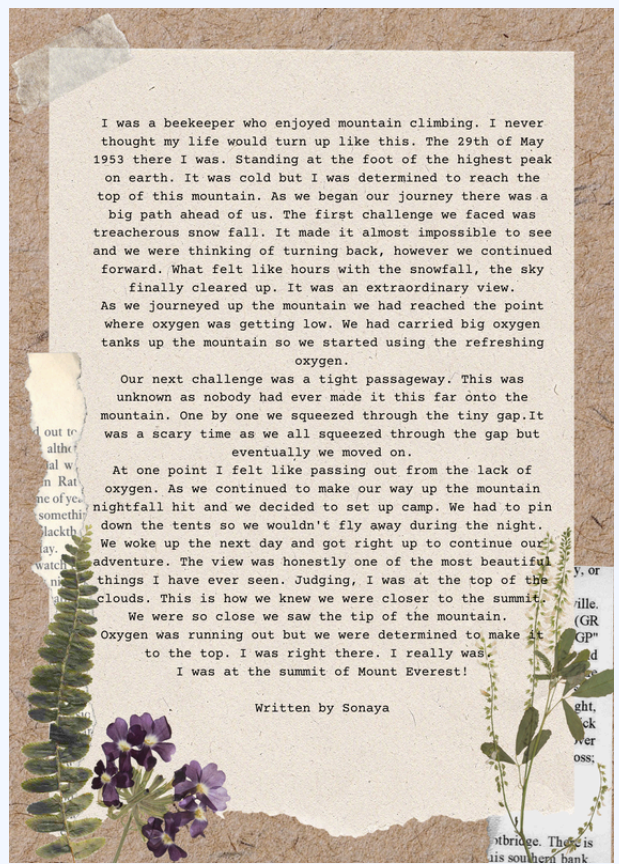
As my men and I are running recklessly under heavy fire I am constantly checking on them.

ROOM 15

Room 15 this term have begun visiting our local library. We have been looking forward to this for a while, and it has finally happened. Lynley, the lovely children's librarian, explained all the amazing things the library offers. On top of the huge range of books, you can borrow audiobooks and e-books. Whaea Sabine listens to audiobooks on the way to school, and e-books are great when you go on holiday but can only take a little luggage. You can use the computers to study, do homework or play games. One of the best things we found out is that if you like a particular book or author, all the librarians will be able to help you find something similar to keep your reading streak going.

ROOM 7

In Room 7, we've been diving into the incredible journey of Sir Edmund Hillary as he conquered Mount Everest and his efforts to assist the people of Nepal. Exploring his accomplishments, we've delved into the challenges he faced while scaling the world's tallest peak and the impact of his expedition on the local community. As part of our study, we've crafted diary entries from Sir Edmund Hillary's perspective, offering insight into his thoughts and experiences during his ascent of Mount Everest. ed a second Victoria Cross - known as a bar. This made Charles the third man ever to be awarded a bar to the Victoria Cross. His home town of Christchurch was so proud of this distinction that they raised £10,000 to purchase a farm for him. Charles refused the money and it was used to set up scholarships for the children of servicemen. People lined the streets of central Christchurch when he died.



I was a beekeeper who enjoyed mountain climbing. I never thought my life would turn up like this. The 29th of May 1953 there I was. Standing at the foot of the highest peak on earth. It was cold but I was determined to reach the top of this mountain. As we began our journey there was a big path ahead of us. The first challenge we faced was treacherous snow fall. It made it almost impossible to see and we were thinking of turning back, however we continued forward. What felt like hours with the snowfall, the sky finally cleared up. It was an extraordinary view.

As we journeyed up the mountain we had reached the point where oxygen was getting low. We had carried big oxygen tanks up the mountain so we started using the refreshing oxygen.

Our next challenge was a tight passageway. This was unknown as nobody had ever made it this far onto the mountain. One by one we squeezed through the tiny gap. It was a scary time as we all squeezed through the gap but eventually we moved on.

At one point I felt like passing out from the lack of oxygen. As we continued to make our way up the mountain nightfall hit and we decided to set up camp. We had to pin down the tents so we wouldn't fly away during the night.

We woke up the next day and got right up to continue our adventure. The view was honestly one of the most beautiful things I have ever seen. Judging, I was at the top of the clouds. This is how we knew we were closer to the summit.

We were so close we saw the tip of the mountain. Oxygen was running out but we were determined to make it to the top. I was right there. I really was.

I was at the summit of Mount Everest!

Written by Sonaya

SPORTS

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It's been a busy couple of weeks for Winter Sports at TAI! Nine students went to Glenfield College to teach Dodgeball, a game we're really into, thanks to Michael.

We also had two football zone days, where both teams made it to the finals, and our netball teams did great at

Te Puni Reo Poitarawhiti, winning the mixed grade!

Hockey teams are gearing up for zone day next term, and Year 8s have after-school training every Wednesday with Whaea Stacey.

Remember, it's the last chance to sign up for AIMS; one student is already representing us in BMX! Contact Matua Tony for details; entries close June 5th.

Our afterschool netball, basketball, and water polo teams are going strong. Next week, we have Chess and Table Tennis events before camp week.

Last but not least, a big thanks to Auckland Blues, our Blues Crew, and Northern Mystics for the game tickets this weekend—it's an awesome chance for our students to see top players in action!

TE PUNI REO

It was the second time attending Te Puni Reo netball tournament for T.A.I. With over 70 schools attending and participating in the Reo speaking Netball tournament, our teams did exceptionally well. Prizes and accolades were awarded for netball and THE level of Te Reo. Both teams did exceptionally well with the Te Atatū whenumi (mixed) coming first in their division and the Kōtiro (girls) placing third.



DODGEBALL

On 17th May, Michael took 9 students to Glenfield College to do a joint Dodgeball Lesson. The highschool has been learning how to play and we decided to help them out, all while gaining some really valuable experience playing against older students. It was a great afternoon and we got to play against the highschool kids - we even won a few points! The older children definitely learned a lot from us and we represented TAI with pride!

FOOTBALL ZONE DAYS

We participated in the girls' football zone day at Crum Park. Playing was enjoyable, and we performed well, coming second place out of 14 teams. Despite losing in a penalty shootout against Blockhouse Bay, it was a valuable learning experience. We had a great time, playing hard and fair, and felt exhausted afterward. We're grateful for the opportunity to participate and compete, especially alongside our friends.

Written by Tilly & Hania R7

The boys' football zone day was a good day. Our Year 8 team performed well, finishing third overall. We played some good football and scored lots of impressive goals. Despite a loss to Glen Eden Intermediate in a penalty shootout and drawing two games, we won everything else except the last game. It was a fun day playing football with the team, and we're grateful for the opportunity to participate.

Written by Facundo R15

