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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau. [Malo e lelei, Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga | Welcome to Tongan Language Week 2022.](#)

Another busy week with great learning happening. This week, all classes attended the Engineering Expo organised by Matua Tony which was a highlight. We are focusing over the next few weeks on Arotahi Ano - Refocusing, where we are making sure that we focus on our core expectations and school values - we believe in great character creating great people and we have had some great examples displayed by many students the last few weeks.

School Photos - class and individual ordering

Class and Individual photos were taken last Friday and will be available to view and order online with PhotoLife Studios. **Your child will bring home a unique Access Key on a flyer a couple of weeks after Photo Day, or it will be emailed to you.** It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photographs. If the order is placed within two weeks of the Access Key, free delivery for all orders will be sent to the school for distribution. PhotoLife has agreed to dispatch all the orders placed before the expiry of the free delivery period to the school for each child to take home. Any orders placed after this three-week period will be sent directly to a provided delivery address and will incur a \$6.00 Postage & Packing charge. This message will be displayed when you order online.

TAI Enrolments for 2023

All Year 6 in zone enrolments should now be in. If you have friends or whānau whose children are coming to TAI in 2023, can you please encourage them to get their enrolment forms in ASAP. Enrolment forms are available from the school office and also online - see our website www.teatatu.school.nz on the enrolment tab.

Enrolment interviews at Rutherford College 2023

This Saturday 10 September, Rutherford College is holding enrolment interviews from between **9:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Please book an appointment time on the website [here](#) or just turn up between the times mentioned.

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Student success- McIntosh Dental Scholarship

Congratulations to **Lucas Braid (Room 1)** who has been selected as one of the McIntosh Dental Orthodontic Scholarship winners! There were a large number of entries from across the West, including TAI students, and to hear one of our students was selected is fantastic news for Lucas and his whānau.

Student Events

Kids literacy quiz

Last Wednesday, Mrs Clarke and some parent helpers took two teams of students to the **Kids Literature Quiz at St Cuthbert's College**.

This quiz was about three hours long, and we answered 10 rounds of questions on a whole range of different books and authors. Everybody had their area of expertise, but some of the questions were tricky - we had a hard time puzzling over the colour of Paddington's boots. This event was the second heat in Auckland, and the winners of the two heats are going to Wellington for the national final in November.

For the first year TAI entered this competition, **both teams did very well, with one placing in the top half and the other coming second, just 2.5 points behind the winning team.**

This was a very enjoyable experience, and our school looks forward to participating next year.

**Report by
Autumn Bell**



AIMS

1) AIMS individual students

Best wishes to the following students, **Nicolas Armitage (Room 8)** and **Shayla Marais (Room 7)** who are representing TAI at this week's AIMS Games in Tauranga. **Nicolas is competing in BMX**, a

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sport in which TAI has done very well previously and **Shayla is competing in Swimming**. We wish both students the very best of luck.

2) Totara Springs Sports Camp 2022

Only two weeks until our sports teams head to Totara Springs in Matamata to represent TAI at sports camp. **30 Year 8 students will be competing against 9 other Intermediate Schools** from around New Zealand in a variety of sports during the week. Teams are preparing and excitement is building. A special thanks to the parent support and coaching that is going into these teams. Mr Felix and Mrs Satele will be accompanying the TAI team.

Science and Engineering Expo

Throughout the past three days, the students of Te Atatū Intermediate have experienced four types of activity, **VR, Robot Spheres, Engineering/Science, popcorn & candy floss machines**. While participating in each activity, students got to learn about Science and Engineering.

In the VR, students got to experience Auckland university and see a group of kids from TAI participating. It was very weird but cool seeing ourselves in the VR and hearing everyone saying (oh I see Matua Tony ...) that was very funny hearing all of them saying that. Popcorn~Candy floss- Amera from SPIES, taught every group about how the fancy popcorn and Cotton Candy machine works.

They also got to learn about the robot spheres and how to use them and what they do.

For the robots you could challenge yourself with the coding and programming part, or you could just have fun and play around with them. Some groups of students from TAI had ideas of having races with the robots, and that was very interesting because we haven't had anyone do that

before and that was very exciting that they thought of that. We all really loved the Expo along with the activities and learning about them was really exciting.



Report by Sophia Reihana, Waihi Tepou Freeman and Olivia Tuivaiti

Mathex Competition

On Thursday, 25 August , **8 students represented TAI in the annual AMA Casio Mathex competition.** The event was held at Barfoot and Thompson Stadium in Kohimarama.

The squad was meticulously selected after completing a series of problem solving challenges. There were four Year 7's and four Year 8's.

They are (in the top row) **Ruby Paapu, Maire Hohepa, Caleb Denton , Max Dean, and (in the bottom row) Lucas Zhang , Isaac Oloi , Elijah Quay , Spencer Edwards-Mckeown.**

The students carried themselves with pride. The nerves were quickly replaced by determination and 'brain power' as soon as the hooter was sounded. They stayed in the battle to the last second. Both teams scored well. Each member earned/received a fancy-looking pen as a token of appreciation.

It was a particularly late night, so thank you to all the parents who showed their support.

Report by Mr Morkel

Have a great rest of the week!

Ngā mihi nui,

*Lloyd Evans,
Tumuaki/Principal*

