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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau.

As we come to the end of another term, I can't believe how fast the year is flying. I would like to congratulate all the students, staff and parents that attended Sports Camp last week - this was a very successful week, with the students winning 22 trophies! Quite a haul. However, the sportsmanship, friendships and memories are the real highlights for the week.

Finally, school will finish tomorrow at the normal time of 3pm and we will resume for Term 4 on **Monday 17th October**.

Photolife update

Information from Photolife - they will email parents directly with their keycode to order photos. The photos will not be issued immediately as Photolife will send 'proof' photos to the school for a final check before sending orders. The ordered photos will be sent to school to distribute. These will not be available until the middle of term 4.

Upcoming

I have had notification from Ventia that there will be some major road works on Harbourview Rd from the roundabout down to the RSA on **Friday 21st October**, this takes in our main and second gates. This work will get underway from just after midday, and will continue throughout the Labour long weekend. In discussion with Ventia, I have decided for the [safety of students and as it is just before the long weekend - school will finish at 12 noon on this day](#). This will allow the students to get away from school, along with student pick up to be completed before the road works get underway. [Please note this early finish on Friday 21st October \(first week of term 4\) AT buses will operate as normal.](#)

Student News

Marine Metre Squared and Hauraki Gulf Monitoring Project

On Thursday the 22nd of September 2022 the Scientist of the Future class was lucky enough to participate in a project called Marine Metre Squared as part of the Hauraki Gulf Monitoring Project. Since 2018 the school has been involved with this project to help monitor the mudflats at Orangihina. We were guided by Elle Uleland, a Marine Biologist from the University of Otago's Marine Studies Centre and were also joined by local Ecologist Dion Pou from Te Atatū Marae Coalition who shared his expertise and knowledge about the area. We were also lucky enough to have help from Sustainable coastlines and Isla's Mum, Armani's Mum and Mackenzie's Dad.

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We used a 1 by 1 metre square to get samples of the mud in the area to get a good idea of what animals and plants live on and in the mudflats. We identified each animal and shell we were able to find and took notes of it on our data sheet. And when we got back to school we put our data into the website: <https://www.mm2.net.nz/>. We would like to thank Elle, Dion, our parent helpers and Sustainable Coastlines, without you this wouldn't have been possible. Also a big thank you to Community Waitakere and Wild about Te Atatū for loaning gumboots for our students. **By Tara Rm 4**



Basketball Zones

GIRLS - On Tuesday September 27th, 10 Female students were chosen to participate in Basketball Zones. They all competed against 7 different schools and came 2nd overall. They all did an amazing job representing Te Atatu Intermediate and showing the school values while playing other teams. We are proud of ourselves because we had tough competition and most of the girls in our team are new to the sport. Overall, it was an amazing day and we are grateful for the experience; considering we have not been able to do cool stuff like this since Covid. **By Olivia and Waihi.**



BOYS - The same day, the boys entered an interschool basketball tournament. It was a great day and some good clashes on the court. We had played two games to go through to the semi finals and won both against Avondale and Henderson. In the semis, we went head to head with Glen Eden. It was a tough game at first but we ended up winning 30-13. We headed to the finals excited and energetic but sadly lost 28-23 to Rangeview. There was good sportsmanship throughout the tournament and good competition. We actually did better than I expected because the competition was tough. **By Tamilo and Rylan.**



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NETBALL NEWS

Netball uniforms to be RETURNED before Friday 30 September, please.

Return to **Whaea Ngaire in Room 3.**

Sports Camp Report

On Monday 19th of September, the Sports Camp team headed out to **Totara Springs, Matamata** to commence a week full of sports. Our squad of top athletes went up against 8 different schools from around the North Island participating in **34 different events ranging from Chess to Rugby.** With each day hosting a different, compact timetable with different sports going from 9am-9pm, our team rarely got a break.

Monday held the athletics, swimming, and kayaking all of which we felt like we did pretty well in. The team sports went on during Tuesday and Wednesday and more sports happened after dinner each day. Once all the heats were finished a timetable got posted out for Thursday morning's semi finals and with Te Atatu making it into 16 of the 17 Semi's, we all had a big day ahead of us not to mention any finals happening in the afternoon!

With some intense games we managed to win around 12 of our semi finals and headed into the afternoons finals with energy. After a successful round of sports, our team couldn't have been happier with the result. Friday morning went quite quickly, there was breakfast and then a camp prizegiving which **Te Atatū managed to come out on top of, winning the overall trophy, and 21 others along with it!** The whole team worked incredibly and personally I could not have been prouder for our school! **Report by Charli (Room 15)**



Have a great rest of the week and a relaxing holidays!

*Ngā mihi nui,
Lloyd Evans
Tumuaki/Principal*