

COVID-19 lockdown learning  
**ALERT LEVEL 3 AT TAI**  
Thursday 20 August 2020



Dear Parents/whanau of Te Atatu Intermediate.

Kia ora koutou to you all. This week we have once again begun our distance learning with students. Hopefully all students have now had the chance to connect in with their teacher and have tasks that have been set on Google classroom or Hapara. We have delivered some school made hard copy packs as well for those with connectivity issues.

### **ONLINE LEARNING**

Our specialisation teachers (Art, Science, PE, Music and Performing Arts) have all set tasks - there are codes that they have for their curriculum areas, which class teachers have shared. Technology has also got activities to work on, in fact Mrs Brailsford and Mrs Perry, our Food Tech teachers have combined to coordinate another competition - My Breakfast Rules! A cooked breakfast competition. The other technology teachers all have tasks set under their codes as well. Again, class teachers will know these codes if students require them.

As last time, we suggest that learning doesn't become a battle between your selves and your child. Some students will prefer the co-ordinated set times for their work, others may prefer the grazing method of dipping in and out of different activities or even times. A good idea could be that students follow their normal school timetable during the day. Teachers have set their Google Meet/Zoom times for the morning and Spec/Tech have organised theirs for afternoons to avoid clashes.

### **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SUPPORT**

The Ministry of Education has again set up Home Learning TV. Papa Kāinga TV is back on air with new lessons to support learning for students at home or at school. All of the previous content, including lessons for 12-15 year olds, is available to watch anytime on [TVNZ OnDemand](#).

They have also provided support for helping children and young people cope with the changes caused by COVID-19. This means providing accurate information, discussing facts without causing undue alarm, and re-establishing routines. More guidance for parents, caregivers and whānau is available [here](#) and online at [Te Rito Toi](#).

There is advice for parents on looking after their wellbeing, and the wellbeing of others, on the learning from home website. There are also [three COVID-19 Wellbeing Guides](#) available providing further advice to parents and teachers.

### **CAMP INFORMATION PLEA FROM MR COLLINS**

With camps not till November, we are optimistically at this stage hoping that we will be able to go ahead with them. At this stage we will take a wait and see approach depending on the levels. **Motutapu Camp Parents** Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to join us at our camps on Motutapu Island. We are looking for FOUR more parents to volunteer. Camp 1 **Sunday 15 November to Tuesday 17 November** we would like a female volunteer, please. Camp 2 **Wednesday 18 November to Friday 20 November** we would like a female volunteer and two male volunteers.

Volunteers need to be 18 yrs or older, have a sense of humour and lots of patience. Please contact me via email [steve.c@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:steve.c@teatatu.school.nz)

### **AUCKLAND REGIONAL DENTAL SERVICE (ARDS)**

Finally, A message from the ARDS;

*With the change in Covid-19 Alert Level across the Auckland region, the wellbeing of our community is paramount.*

*We would really appreciate it if you would be able to send the attached letter, regarding the Children's Community Dental Service, to the Te Atatu Intermediate school community.*

***Elizabeth (Beth) Phillips | Patient Care Assistant  
Auckland Regional Dental Service | Waitemata DHB***

Please see below the information from the ARDS for your information.

Along similar themes of teeth, McIntosh Dental awards scholarships towards orthodontic treatments. This year, Te Atatu Intermediate is one of the selected schools. Information here

<https://www.mcintoshdental.co.nz/our-services/the-mcintosh-dental-orthodontic-scholarships/>

If there is any way in which we can support your child within their learning, please let us know. In the meantime, stay safe and stay well.

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans  
(Principal)



Tuesday, 18 August 2020

**To our Auckland whānau**

With the change in COVID-19 alert levels to Level 3 across the Auckland region, the wellbeing of our community is paramount.

Practicing guidelines set jointly by the Ministry of Health and Dental Council of New Zealand state that all routine dental treatment should be postponed. Therefore, the Children's Community Dental Service (Auckland Regional Dental Service) is only able to provide urgent and emergency dental care to children, once the child's condition has been assessed by a dental clinician over the phone.

The Dental Council of New Zealand has further advised that if a child's dental condition can be accurately diagnosed and effectively managed *without* needing to see the child in-person, then that is best. This means the child's dental condition may be able to be managed with medication alone.

From 12 August 2020, we will have seven essential dental care clinics open across Auckland (please find the list below). Opening hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-4.30pm.

Clinic name	Direct dial	Direct email
Silverdale	09 426 8470	<a href="mailto:ARDS.Silverdale@waitematadhb.govt.nz">ARDS.Silverdale@waitematadhb.govt.nz</a>
Glenfield Intermediate	09 444 6160	<a href="mailto:ARDS.GlenfieldIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz">ARDS.GlenfieldIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz</a>
Henderson Intermediate	09 838 9571	<a href="mailto:ARDS.HendersonIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz">ARDS.HendersonIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz</a>
Point England	09 570 4309	<a href="mailto:ARDS.PointEngland@waitematadhb.govt.nz">ARDS.PointEngland@waitematadhb.govt.nz</a>
Browns Road, Manurewa	09 264 0047	<a href="mailto:ARDS.BrownsRoad@waitematadhb.govt.nz">ARDS.BrownsRoad@waitematadhb.govt.nz</a>
Buckland Road, Mangere	09 442 7208	<a href="mailto:ARDS.BucklandRoad@waitematadhb.govt.nz">ARDS.BucklandRoad@waitematadhb.govt.nz</a>
Pukekohe Intermediate	09 237 1070	<a href="mailto:ARDS.PukekoheIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz">ARDS.PukekoheIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz</a>

If your child is in pain or you have concerns about their teeth, please phone the nearest clinic to you from the list provided above. Our dental clinicians will be available to discuss your concerns with you and to make a plan for your child.

If you need to contact a health professional outside our operating hours, please phone Healthline on 0800 611 116.

We kindly request you *do not* present to the clinic unless you have phoned the clinic and have been offered an appointment. Please note that we are required to ask COVID-19 pre-screening questions prior to all children and their whānau attending an appointment in our dental clinics.

Please review our website for further updates to our service delivery:

<http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/dental-oral-health/>

Thank you for your continued support,  
The Children's Community Dental Service.



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Waitematā DHB



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Waitematā DHB