

**COVID-19 lockdown learning
ALERT LEVEL 3 AT TAI
Thursday 30 April**



Dear Parents/whanau of Te Atatu Intermediate.

Greetings to you all as we emerge from the shadow of Level 4, into the changes that Level 3 brings. I must admit to enjoying take-aways again on that first night of level 3.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for responding to the request last week for letting us know your intention for your child under level 3. This was a fabulous response, which we appreciated. We were able to plan accordingly with staff to make sure we had bubbles covered. As it turned out - we have had 97.1% of you keep your child home during level 3. This means that at school, we have created two bubbles with the students who have come back under level 3, with teachers supervising these students who are also continuing the same programme that the students at home are doing.

At this stage, Monday 11 May is the day that we will find out whether we continue back down through the levels, and once we know, I will inform you of what this will entail for your child and their return to school. Until that time, we continue our distance learning. Unfortunately, none of our students have received devices /modems from the Ministry of Education, even though we requested them, and as far as I know, no TAI families have received the hard copy pack from the Ministry either. Therefore, rather than wait, we have created further hard copy packs for students to work through which were delivered yesterday, and we have loaned out a number of school chromebooks for students to continue their distance learning work.

Finally, teachers are continuing to put a variety of quality tasks on Google class for students to work through. Please also note that the **specialist** and **technology** teachers all have Google pages also - students do need a code to access these pages. Class teachers will be able to let students know what these codes are.

Students just need to click the + button on their Google class page, select 'join class' and enter the code. They will then have access.

I know that **Food Technology** has a great '**My Kitchen Rules**' challenge. Other challenges that teachers have created are in **Performing Arts**, where students can create dance moves to our school song. Also I will include the information around a **Minecraft** competition, should any students wish to look into. Also, **Whaea Ngaire** has been challenging students in how fast they can say the longest place name in New Zealand, apparently she has got some pretty fast times going. Here it is to practice; **Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu**

If anyone has any queries about distance learning, please could you contact your child's class teacher first. They have been working hard to create lessons that are purposeful and interesting. I can also be reached at lloyd.e@teatatu.school.nz as can my two DP's, Steve Collins at steve.c@teatatu.school.nz and Kelly Clarke at kelly.c@teatatu.school.nz

Hopefully things will all be back to normal soon, here's hoping!

Stay safe,

Nga mihi nui

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