

Monday 23rd August 2021



August COVID level 4 lockdown (#2)

Dear Parents/Whānau of Te Atatū Intermediate.

Tēnā koutou katoa to you all.

As we begin a new school week in lockdown, it does seem highly likely that Auckland will be in lockdown for longer than tomorrow evening. We will know more after today's 3pm announcement. However, during this time, we will continue with our distance learning.

Teachers are up and running with online learning through **Google Classroom** and arrange Google Meets with their students regularly throughout the week to support students in their work, give feedback and help with connecting in. They also have the codes for students to access the specialist and technology Google class tasks also.

Over the last few days, the Ministry of Education (MoE) has been sending information to schools in regards to learning from home for students during level 4, and how we can best support whānau to continue the learning process from home.

Subsequently, the MoE has allowed staff to be onsite, however, in a limited capacity and only to prepare and arrange for delivery of hard pack materials and devices. This week a very small team of our staff will be on site and working to provide students with devices, however distribution of devices and other materials remains difficult under level 4 as we must continue to comply with the level 4 rules and restrictions. **In limited circumstances**, some parents, caregivers or students will be able to come into a school in order to collect materials or devices to support distance learning. The conditions for this exemption are;

1. those resources are necessary to enable the student to participate in remote learning through their education provider; **and**
2. it has not been feasible or possible for the education provider to deliver or arrange for the delivery of the education resources to the student. For example, where it is not practical or safe to arrange for delivery or the education provider has been unable to obtain an address for the student.

Therefore, should you wish to access a school Chromebook/charger for your child during our distance learning, please make sure that you complete the Google form [\(click here\)](#) to register details and we will organise for these to be delivered where best we can.

We will only deliver Chromebooks up to Friday 27th August.

If you request a Chromebook after that time, please arrange to pick it up at school - this will then become a limited circumstance exemption.

Should you have any questions or queries around the devices, please send an email to the following address: chromebooks@teatatu.school.nz

***We will inform you if there is a limited circumstance required to collect a device.**

I would like to remind whānau that online learning can be quite different from a traditional 9-3 classroom. Whatever works best for you and your child, please make sure that your family's well being is at the forefront at this time - Remember; ***'Learning happens everywhere and your home is already a learning environment. However, you don't have to turn your home into a classroom and you are not expected to replace your child's teacher.'***

Some great learning opportunities can be through baking, designing, learning new tasks, making and creating all sorts of things away from a computer screen and I would continue to encourage this hands-on approach. There are many opportunities that are really great learning opportunities that can continue to be worked on away from a screen.

I will include the previous tasks from the last newsletter that students can continue on with as well that do not require devices.

● **Write a cinquain poem** about being your best. Illustrate your poem:

The word cinquain comes from the Latin root for "five." Notice that the cinquain has five lines that follow this sequence:

Line A: One vague or general one-word subject or topic

Line B: Two vivid adjectives that describe the topic

Line C: Three interesting -ing action verbs that fit the topic

Line D: Four-word phrase that captures feeling about the topic

Line E: A very specific term that explains Line A

Here's an example:

Insect

Hidden, hungry

Preening, searching, stalking

Waits as if praying

Mantis

● **Daily writing:** Write a journal entry about how you feel about going into lockdown again.

● **Free writing** each day. A day in the life of a famous sports star/ movie star/ doctor... Invent a new animal-/ vehicle / game... write a creative description of your animal / vehicle /game...and illustrate it.

● **Maths:** design your dream house. Draw it as a 'plan', try to keep your drawing to scale. Label your rooms. Think about the outside also – how will it be landscaped?

- **Maths:** Keep practising your basic facts and then challenge a sibling or someone in your family to a times table duel.
- **Maths and measurement:** find a recipe and bake something yummy to share with your family. You may need to double or half the recipe! Make sure that you tidy up the kitchen afterwards!
- **Challenge** your family to a card game or board game. Create your own board game.
- **Watch a family movie together**, then write a movie review including plot, characters, best moments, ending, full review and give a rating. Then design the movie poster for this – include an image/title and one line hook.
- **Reading:** work towards your reading gold club badge. You might like to re-read a book that you haven't read in a long time.
- **Health:** Our school WAKA values of Whanaungatanga, Ako, Kaitiakitanga, and Atawhai are more relevant than ever. Think about what each of these values mean and represent, and create a poster that could be displayed in your classroom. The best posters from each class will receive waka points and displayed once back at school.
- **Phys Ed** - Create a circuit of activities that could be worked on within your house or back yard, or structure in time each day to be active within your home bubble.
- **Science** -check out these tasks
<https://www.scienceweek.net.au/event/at-home-science-scavenger-hunt-2/>
- **Social studies/science:** What do you think is 'the best' ever invention? (the wheel? The automobile/car? Mobile phones? TV?) Draw the invention and explain why you believe that it is the best ever invention.
- **Take a look at the food/ingredients** that you have available in your fridge. Invent a crazy, creative recipe for 'the best' meal that you could make using these ingredients. Write up your recipe and draw what it might look like. (DO NOT actually make it!!)
- **Interest** - Students could also create a presentation about themselves- sharing a special interest, skill or talent that they have. They could take a photo or short video of themselves which could be shared with the class on return to school.

The Ministry of Education has provided online contents for whānau to access via **the Learning From Home and Ki te Ao Marama** websites. **Papa Kāinga (TVNZ) and Māori TV On Demand** educational channels are also available now. They've also created an online info hub for Pasifika parents, families and communities to support learning during Alert Level 4. **You can find the information hub here.**

Please let us know if there is any way that we can support you or your child in their learning over the coming week.

Stay safe, and once again I wish you all the best during these trying times.

Ngā mihi nui

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INFORMATION FOR WHĀNAU - From West Auckland Maori Thought Collective and Vision West to support families during level 4.


Tamaki Makaurau - FOOD BANKS

 Auckland Council

Aucklanders unable to afford groceries or in self-isolation with no access to other support networks can call 0800 22 22 96 between 7am and 7pm, seven days a week. Callers must meet government criteria for assistance.

 Salvation Army

Text your name and postcode to 4114 and a rep. will contact you within 48 hours.

 Presbyterian Support Northern

09 309 2054

Collections between 11am – 12pm, Monday to Friday from 8 Madeira Lane, Grafton. No walk-ins.

 Foodbank NZ

022 045 8184

info@foodbank.co.nz

www.foodbank.org.nz

 Auckland City Mission


09 303 9200

Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Contact Ian 0508 CHANGE LIVES / (0508 242 643) / 027 477 1092 / ian@sacbf.org.nz

 Takanini Sikh Gurudwara

Collections only. Mon–Fri, 4pm–6pm. Drive in entry gate and open your boot. Do not leave your car. Drive out through exit gate once boot has been loaded.

 The Fono (Pasifika only)

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