Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September



# August COVID level 4 lockdown (#4)

Dear Parents/Whānau of Te Atatū Intermediate.

# Tēnā koutou katoa to you all.

I hope this newsletter again finds you all safe and well within your bubbles, especially after the huge storm on Monday – Mr Collins informed me that we lost one of our trees in the native tree grove which collapsed, though thankfully there was no other damage.

The beginning of this week saw **lockdown again continuing for the next two weeks** in Auckland, and so we continue on with our distance learning. There is also likely then to be a period of time around Level 3 and I will send information about what this means for schools' once announcements towards this level are confirmed – it is pleasing to see the Covid cases beginning to plateau!

As staff, we Google Meet regularly to check in, share any latest updates, to support each other in the online teaching process and to share how things are going. On our Monday staff meet, we discussed **student etiquette** when online and want to make sure that as systems would be in place during the school day in person, the same etiquette rules apply when online. Teachers have been reinforcing this with their classes this week to make sure all online interactions are appropriate. A reminder, the **Family Zone app is still available for parents**. Any questions around this, please email <u>syd.a@teatatu.school.nz</u>

Teachers are doing a great job to continue the learning online. A reminder that specialist and technology teachers also have set work that students can also participate in. In particular, the Food Tech teachers have created a '**<u>Baking</u>** <u>challenge'</u> that covers all levels with a prize attached as well. Information is on the food Tech Google Class page and is being shared with class teachers.

Mrs Collins has asked me to pass on that should any students who have completed the delivered hard copy packs, can Mrs Collins be contacted at <u>angela.c@teatatu.school.nz</u> and she will organise another pack. Should you still require a chromebook please email <u>chromebooks@teatatu.school.nz</u>

As mentioned last week, our school production -<u>The X Factory</u> will continue and we will confirm dates once we are back at school. A reminder for students to make up for lost time, and learn those speaking parts/songs/dancing, ready for when we are all back together. <u>Check out the Dance/Drama Google page for the dances</u>.

Due to the **cancellation of the AIMS Games**, Mrs Squires, our office administrator is putting together an information letter for parents who have paid money towards AIMS Games to be reimbursed. Mr Felix and the AIMS. Teachers are working on some possibilities for Auckland based events for the students who were in the AIMS teams to participate in once we're back at level 1. More information will come once these are confirmed.

Thanks again for those who have completed the <u>Community health consultation</u>. I will put the link in again one last time, it's great to get your feedback. if you haven't already done so, and would like to comment, **please complete the survey by** <u>clicking here</u>

In regards to **enrolments**, all our information around enrolling, is on our school website – <u>www.teatatu.school.nz</u> under the enrolment tab on the home page. Should you have friends/family of year 6 children, could you please refer them to our website. <u>We will be extending the 'out of zone' application process</u> as per MoE guidelines to **Friday 1 October** and a ballot drawn if required on **Friday 8 October**.

Also, all <u>enrolments for Rutherford College can be done online</u> via the Rutherford College website.

All information is put on our website, including these newsletters and they can be found on the home page of the website under the newsletters tab.

Congratulations also to Mrs Stoddard and the Enviro group who in the week prior to lockdown planted **638 native trees** on a bush block out west, which included harakeke, karamu, manuka and ti kouka. These seedlings had been raised in our school green area. Well done team!

A final reminder - The Ministry of Education have provided online contents for whānau to access via the <u>Learning From Home</u> and <u>Ki te Ao Marama</u> websites. <u>Papa Kāinga (TVNZ)</u> and <u>Māori TV On Demand</u> educational channels are also available now.

Stay safe, and once again I wish you all the best.

Ngā mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal / Tumuaki Te Atatū Intermediate School

\*\*\*\*\*Please see below a list of services available at level 4 for support for families which the MoE have asked us to share to whānau.\*\*\*\*\*

### SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

COVID-19 info & advice translated into different languages

**COVID-19 Welfare Contact Cards** in English and 9 Pacific languages contains contact info for health, housing, accommodation, food, financial support.

- 1. Cook Island Māori
- 2. <u>Fijian</u>
- 3. <u>Kiribati</u>
- 4. <u>Niuean</u>
- 5. <u>Rotuman</u>
- 6. <u>Samoa</u>n
- 7. <u>Tokelauan</u>
- 8. <u>Tongan</u>
- 9. <u>Tuvaluan</u>
- 10. English

COVID-19 Advice for Māori

Information for whānau, hapū, and iwi Māori

Information for Pacific Peoples

Information for disabled people

Support your community

#### **Pasifika Futures**

If you need a Whānau Ora Family Support Package, please call this number 0800 890 110, or click on the following link to connect with one of our partners – <u>CLICK HERE</u>

#### Golden Rules for Level 4- videos in several languages

Punjabi Arabic Cantonese Mandarin Spanish Hindi

Tagalog Portuguese Urdu Farsi Foodbank Support Auckland

North Auckland

Central Auckland

West Auckland

East Auckland

South Auckland

Access to food or essential items.pdf

### Agencies which offer assistance

Support services that remain open:

Women's Refuge 0800REFUGE or 0800 733 843

Shine 0508 744 633

Alcohol and Drug Helpline 0800 787 797

Oranga Tamariki call centre 0508FAMILY

CADS 0800 367 222

Narcotics Anonymous 0800 628 632

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 229 6757

Lifeline 0800 543 354 or free text 4357

Youthline 0800 376 633 or free text 234

Samaritans 0800 726 666

Outline (LGBT) 0800 688 5463

Depression Helpline 0800 111 757

Suicide Prevention Helpline 0508 828 865

The Fono West (Social Services) 09 837 1780

Counselling Free Call or Text 1737

Healthline for COVID-19 health advice: 0800 358 5453

#### For people with disabilities or autism and their support

**people-**The Explore 0800 000421 phone service available to provide advice or support. This includes advice or support around challenging behaviours. To access this service, you don't need a referral and it doesn't matter whether you're new to Explore, currently on their waitlist or you've worked with them previously. The service is available Monday to Friday 9.00am–5.00pm. When you phone the 0800 number you will be connected with an administrator who will then book you an appointment with one of the specialists.