

# **NEWSLETTER / PANUI**

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### A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou parents. Hard to believe that we are in September and (supposedly) springtime! Though there are times that this year feels to have been more than one year in length already! I want to thank you all for your support of us during the level 3 period. If anyone has any feedback about what worked well, or what we could improve should we go back into another lockdown event - I would love to have your feedback -lloyd.e@teatatu.school.nz

#### Level 2 return

We have had a smooth re start to our new level 2.5. We have gone back to the same systems that we had previously at level 2 for consistency. This means our school day is starting at 9am and we are staggering the end of the day times to ease the gate congestion. These times are from 2.50 /2.55/3pm with a different syndicate daily. The uncertainty around level changes has really hit home that this might not be the last time we have lockdowns and the importance of being prepared!

#### **EOTC week**

At this stage, we are adopting a wait and see approach in regards to our EOTC/ Camp weeks. Students have missed out on a lot this year and we would love for camps activities to go ahead, however, the reality is likely that should we still be at level 2 or further down the levels, we won't be able to do these activities. We are hoping for the best, so in the meantime, could all the health forms please be returned as soon as possible. All health forms are kept strictly confidential by the school. Any queries about Motutapu camp - please contact Mr Collins <a href="steve.c@teatatu.school.nz">steve.c@teatatu.school.nz</a> Queries around Lakewood Lodge camp, please contact Mrs Chung <a href="shel.c@teatatu.school.nz">shel.c@teatatu.school.nz</a> Mrs Clarke, <a href="kelly.c@teatatu.school.nz">kelly.c@teatatu.school.nz</a> is the contact person for the back at school activities.

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#### **Enrolments at Rutherford College**

In an attempt to enable families to catch up on enrolments at Rutherford College for 2021 they have decided to offer another Saturday morning; **Saturday 12 September from 9:30 to 11:30.**They ask that you please phone the school office to book an appointment - 8349790

#### **Enrolments at TAI**

We are also still awaiting a number of year 6 enrolments for 2021, if you know of anyone within the in school zone of Te Atatu Peninsula, we need the enrolment forms in as soon as possible. The deadline has now passed for all out of zone enrolments and the ballot for places will take place next Wednesday 9 September at 3.30pm.

#### **TAI Open Afternoon**

Unfortunately due to level 3, we missed our open evening. We will replace this instead with an open afternoon on Thursday 17 September, starting 12.30pm in the hall. From 1-2pm, year 6 students and their whanau will be able to tour the school to see the school in action. Our students will be involved in this afternoon for our incoming 2021 student families. If you know any students coming to TAI next year, could you spread the word and also make sure they enrol! This will only occur if we are at Level one however.

#### <u>Daffodil Day No uniform fundraiser</u>

Every year, TAI have supported the Daffodil Day fundraiser by organising a mufti day to raise funds for this very worthy cause. As this date was during level 3, we would still like to support the Cancer Society and the amazing work that they do. Therefore, we will be having a Daffodil Day no uniform day next <u>Friday 11</u> <u>September</u>, with a gold coin donation for the Cancer Society.

#### **Sport**

Congratulations to Andre Duggan (Room 7) who represented at the Kiwi Indoor Tennis Junior Championship in the 12 and under in Christchurch. Andre won his first national title against a boy from Queenstown 6-1, 7-5. Andre then went on to win the doubles final 6-3,6-3. Congratulations Andre, and good luck for your next tournament representing in the 14 and under section.

#### **Community Events - Project Wy**

I received notification from the coordinator of Project Wy that this programme has been cancelled due to Covid. Hopefully all families who were involved have been notified.

Kia pai te wiki, Have a fantastic rest of the week.

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal/Tumuaki

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