

Thursday 4th November 2021



COVID level 3 lockdown (Newsletter #12 –Term 4 – Week 3)

Tēnā koutou katoa o whanau o Te Atatū Intermediate.

Week 3 of the final term is almost at a close and that will bring us nearly to a full term of being in lockdown. I am attending a meeting today for Auckland Primary/Intermediate Principals via Zoom, around the possible, or indicative return to school for years 1-8 students on the 15 November. At this stage, a decision will be made early next week around whether this date will go ahead or not. What Liam Rutherford, the NZEI President (Primary Teacher Union) stated in his weekly update to members, rings very true for us as a school. He stated;

“We all agree that the biggest concern is keeping staff, tamariki and whānau as safe as possible, and this needs to be the number one consideration for the Minister and Cabinet when they make their decision next Monday. We know all principals, teachers, support staff and parents will be keen to get some certainty so they can make plans.”

Once we know more information around the decision, I will share with you the outcome and what the process would be for a safe return of students back to school should that be the decision.

In the meantime, we continue our priority for students to develop **ROUTINE** and to **RECONNECT** with each other online again next week to be ready to continue to develop, grow and nurture the learning journey in whatever form that has taken this lockdown period. Should we return to school, we will have this as our main focus as it is incredibly important to support all students to feel safe.

The Great TAI Bake-Off - Mrs Perry and Mrs Brailsford were very impressed with the many, many entries that came in for the TAI BAKE-OFF.

The students were offered several categories and many students presented more than one entry. Baking is alive and well on the Peninsula. We are so proud of our winners.

Supreme Bake-off Winners

Ella O’Leary-Ryan / Cleo Duirs

Category 1: Basic

Marley Ruka

Category 2: Developing

Charli Casely

Category 3: Proficient

Diza Sangadiya

Category 4: Advanced

Emma Coup

Category 5: Baker’s Choice

Winner: Charlotte Apps

Highly Commended: Kelsie Black

Leonitus Spurr-Wood / Maddy McClellan

Maire Hohepa.

Congratulations to you all!



Our Supreme Bake-off winners!

I popped this into last weeks newsletter, but will put in again with the link to the College website for enrolling students for Year 9 2022;

Rutherford College testing – As mentioned last week, the year 8 students **will not** be testing at the College as they normally do this year, due to the uncertainty around school return and mixing across school bubbles. Likewise, we **will not** be testing the year 6 students from the primary school. We will meet with our local contributing schools to share information at the end of this term to support student success at College or from primary to intermediate. If your Year 8 child has not enrolled at College – please do so – Rutherford have online enrolling <https://www.rutherford.school.nz/enrolment-information/>

Enrolments – On the note of enrolling, if you know of any Year 6 students who live locally and are at our Peninsula schools, who have yet to enrol, could you please encourage them to do so. We need to know numbers for our staffing for 2022.

Enrolments can be found on our website www.teatatu.school.nz and can be filled in and emailed to office@teatatu.school.nz or to linda.s@teatatu.school.nz

Until next week, have a great end to the week and a relaxing weekend.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, noho haumarū.

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