

COVID-19 lockdown learning
Thursday 16 April



Dear Parents/whanau of Te Atatu Intermediate.

Tena koutou katoa to you all. I hope that you have all successfully navigated the first days back of the new school term in our new world bubble of distance learning. During this lockdown learning time, I will be sending weekly newsletters out to you, likely Thursday, updating you on any information as it comes to hand. We will be all watching with interest Monday's announcement from the PM about whether we move out of Level 4 next week, and what this may look like for schools and businesses.

Yesterday morning, all teachers had a Google Meet session where we outlined the next few weeks under lockdown learning. All teachers are setting work on their classroom platform, likely Google classroom Hapara, which all students should know how to access. Students who are able to go on devices, teachers have set work that can be accessed for online learning. There are some great activities that they have set up.

Specialist and Technology teachers have also created Google class pages - These codes are as follows;

PE: 2qq4elh

Art: kir45dj

Science: xm4ycck

Dance: wzxho4l

Music: 33quwo7

Students who received the hard copy pack, delivered just before we went into lockdown, you should be receiving a hard copy MoE pack in your mailbox with resources included, hopefully this week. There was also the possibility of receiving a device, as Mr Andrews and myself sent his information off to the Ministry, though priority was being given for College students first. **If you haven't received a hard copy pack by early next week, could you let your class teacher know and we will sort something for your child.** Hopefully, in the meantime, the original pack should still have work students can work through. Teachers will be in contact around the learning process with your whanau this

week if they haven't already done so, and we will support you as best we can around learning.

I mentioned in the last newsletter about making sure that learning times are not forced and to do what will work best for you. Some students will prefer to have a structured work time, in which case a daily timetable might work best, whilst others may need to dip in and out of learning times. Psychologist Nigel Latta was in fact on Seven Sharp on Tuesday night, explaining to parents to not stress or battle with your child and make this time one of conflict.

My advice is to set learning times in the morning and the afternoon with a mixture of screen and non screen activities. Teachers are organising times to support students in learning and some are creating Google Meet times to catch up. As teachers, we are also trying to create tasks that the teacher can connect in with your child, or that create interest or wonder. Allow areas of interest to develop, if they run with an area of interest, then let this happen.

The Ministry of Education has made the following website available for parents for students learning from home. <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/> as well <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/age/years-5-8> which has specific work for the intermediate age group.

There is also the learning TV station - **Papa Kainga on TVNZ2+1 / Sky Channel 502** which has lessons between 9-3pm - most of the upper primary /early secondary programming is on in the afternoon.

Please let us know if there is any way that we can support you or your child in their learning over the coming weeks. All newsletters can be found on our webpage www.teatatu.school.nz under the newsletter tab on the home page.

Best wishes to you all as you navigate the home-schooling journey.

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal / Tumuaki

Te Atatu Intermediate