

Thursday 23rd September



August/September COVID level 3 lockdown (Newsletter #7)

Dear Parents/Whānau of Te Atatū Intermediate.

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Warm greetings to you all. What a difference a week can make. I hope that some of you have managed to get that much needed take-away coffee and that break away from cooking with a take-away meal. I must admit, the queues have put me off getting some just yet.

Currently, we have a very skeleton bubble school of staff/students at present during level 3. Time. These students are following the same online programme that the rest of the students are doing. **Our full 'online lockdown learning' will continue on until next Friday 1 October.** The school holidays will then commence for the next two weeks until **Monday 18 October, where we hope we will be at level 2** where we will be able to welcome all students back to school. And switch back to face to face learning.

There is one final chance this term that should any whanau require another hard copy pack, contact Mrs Collins at angela.c@teatatu.school.nz and she will organise another pack to be delivered.

It has been a real highlight to see the **student work that has been done during lockdown**. Mr Andrews has put a link to student work on our website - www.teatatu.school.nz and scroll down to 'Lockdown labours. Keep up the awesome mahi students!

Finally this week, the Ministry of Education has included the following information for parents and whānau **who may be feeling anxious** about their children's behaviour and routine changes through alert level changes and extended alert level restrictions.

In response, they asked Dr Hinemoa Elder (child adolescent psychiatrist) and Nathan Wallis (neuroscience educator) for some tips and advice.

[In the video we've made](#), they describe what parents can do if they have concerns. If parents, you are still concerned your tamariki aren't coping, it's important to reach out and talk with a health professional. [There's lot of support, information and help available.](#)

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

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

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