

Thursday 28th October 2021



COVID level 3 lockdown (Newsletter #11 –Term 4 – Week 2)

Tēnā koutou katoa o whanau o Te Atatū Intermediate.

As we complete our second week of term 4 in lockdown, it's hard to believe that we have been in lockdown for almost a term. At the time of writing, the government has announced an **indicative** date of 15 November for a possible return of years 1-8 students to school. At this stage, obviously there is still a lot to be worked out and I will keep you up to date with any information. As a Principal, we receive information at the same time that everyone else does, and we then await MoE information to share to our community. This information does take some time to process, and all decisions are made to make sure that student and staff welfare is first and foremost at the front of all decisions.

A reminder that this term our priority for students is to develop **ROUTINE** and to **RECONNECT** with each other 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 would continue this as it is incredibly important to support all students to feel safe.

On a different note, I was made aware of some incredible science tasks from year 7 students that Mrs Aratema has shared. These, and other work students have created, can be viewed on our website www.teatatu.school.nz under 'lockdown labours'.

Year 8 leavers sweatshirt - If you have paid for a sweatshirt, it is important that you have also emailed Kelly Clarke in order to place your order (kelly.c@teatatu.school.nz).

As mentioned in previous correspondence, payment was due by tomorrow, **Friday 29 October**. You can also cc email to your classroom teacher to keep a record, too.

There are **two** ways to pay;

1. **Via Kindo** - this can be accessed via the school website –(preferred method of payment.) You can set up an account for this service, similar to internet shopping. Click on 'create an account' link on the school website www.teatatu.school.nz

2. **School bank account** -School Bank Details:
ASB BANK LTD
TE ATATU.
123038 0270528 01

Please make sure you put your child's name and 'sweatshirt' in the subject line.

Rutherford College testing – This year, the year 8 students will not be testing at the College as they normally do each 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.

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.

Our local zone enrolments are very slow to come in and 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

Mr Felix our sports coordinator has also had notification from the Auckland Intermediate Schools coordinator (AAIMS) that all summer sports zone days/events for term 4 have been cancelled. No surprises, but adds to a very disrupted year and disappointments for our students.

Let's hope the sun shines this weekend. Have a great rest of the week!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, noho haumarū.

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