

NEWSLETTER/PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL Tena koutou katoa o Te Atatu Intermediate whanau.

Well, here we are again returning from a lockdown. Fingers crossed there will be no more interruptions to the school year.

Also, a huge 'Thank You' for supporting the mufti day just prior to lockdown for our family of the house fire. The family were very grateful for the generosity of our school community. Ka mau te wehi!

Linewize information / Music information evening

Again, due to the Level 3 lockdown and Level 2 restrictions, we had to postpone this evening which was to occur last week.

As a school, we have signed up for Linewize, which specialise in content and filtering, cyber safety support. As part of our sign up, there is also a Family Zone, in which parents can also monitor devices used by your children when they are at home. We would like to be able to present to you what Family Zone can do. I have included the information letter of what this is at the end of this newsletter again.

Therefore we have <u>re-rescheduled</u> this event to next <u>Thursday 18th March at 6.30pm in the school hall</u>, (Level 1 dependent) we will be having an information evening around this important area of safety online.

At the end of this meeting, from around **7.15pm**, we will also have the much interrupted **Music information/Have a Go** instrument evening. Students are invited to try different instruments to participate in the Beginner Concert Band. They will also give the information to get in touch with the Tutor In charge of the Rock Bands. Senor Francisco Barros <u>francisco.b@teatatu.school.nz</u> is the contact person for all things regarding music. Fingers crossed it will go ahead this time!

Class /Individual photos

Class and individual photographs will be taken **Tuesday 30 March** (Lockdown depending). Students will bring home a Photolife Studios envelope this week. Prices and instructions for payment will be on the envelope Photos are to be paid for before photo day (pre-paid). Money or credit card details to be enclosed into the envelope and returned to the school office (*Eftpos or KINDO payments are NOT available for this service*). There are online payments available with Photolife (please see envelope). *Sibling photo envelopes are available at the office*.

Fundraising

Next week we'll be kicking off our main fundraising venture for the year. This year, money raised will go towards sports and cultural uniforms. **Please see the information letter attached.** Should you wish your child **not** to participate (it is purely voluntary), please either complete the newsletter portion or email your child's teacher.

Te Atatu Intermediate's Environmental Group 2021

Te Atatu Intermediate's Environmental Group have some projects this year; this includes Trees for Survival, Garden Club, as well as two worm farms and compost bins. We are looking for parent volunteers to support our students to learn kaitiakitanga, to work alongside students weeding, sowing vegetables, transplanting native seedlings and encouraging students to be good stewards of our environment. If you would like to get involved please contact Pamela at pam.s@teatatu.school.nz.

AIMS Games 2021

The AIMS Games is a multi-sports event for intermediate students to compete at an elite level in Tauranga from **Sunday 5th to Friday 10th of September 2021**. This year we will be entering the following teams:

- Boys rugby 7's
- Boys football
- Boys basketball
- Girls football
- Girls netball

We will also be entering a few individuals as well. If you would like your child to enter into one of the individual sports, please email me at ian.f@teatatu.school.nz and I will let you know if they qualify for that particular sporting code. All the information about the AIMS Games and which sports are available, can be found on the Anchor AIMS Games website: www.nzaimsgames.co.nz

Trials for the AIMS teams will be starting this week and is open to year 7 and year 8 students. Mr Felix - Sports Director.

Netball

If anyone is keen to coach one of our TAI school netball teams please contact either Mrs Satele or Whaea Ngaire. **We are needing coaches** to accommodate the amount of players that are eager to play netball this season. However, if we do not have enough coaches then our teams will be severely limited throughout this season.

Mrs. Satele - marie.s@teatatu.school.nz Whaea Ngaire - ngaire.s@teatatu.school.nz

The Tread Lightly Drain Game





The Tread Lightly Drain Game mobile environmental classroom has been visiting Te Atatū Intermediate. Students have had fun learning about the difference between the stormwater and wastewater systems, where the different drains lead to, and the effects that pollutants, contaminants and rubbish entering the different systems has on freshwater and marine environments. At the end of the session the students made a pledge to take action to protect our waterways. Many thanks to our wonderful parent helpers who helped with the activities.

On Saturday March 13th a community beach clean-up is being organised by Sustainable Coastlines at Orangihina Harbour View Beach Reserve. For details on how to register visit https://sustainablecoastlines.org/event/summernova-waitamata-harbour-clean-up/ (spaces are limited due to Level 2 Covid restrictions)

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

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal/Tumuaki Te Atatu Intermediate

(Please see below for information about fundraising and Family Zone)

School Fundraising

Our main fundraising activity for the year starts on Monday, March 15th and will run for three weeks, finishing on Wednesday, April 7th. We will be selling bars of chocolate.

Please note that in our Health lessons for the duration of the fundraising, the health message that chocolate is a treat and not everyday food will be emphasized.

Each participating student will be given a box of chocolate to sell. **The money received can be paid to Mr Collins in Workshop 2 from 8.15 to 8.40 each morning**. Those students who wish to sell extra boxes must first have paid for their previous box before they can collect another box from Mr Collins' Office each day at 2.50 pm.

The three students who raise the most money will receive \$100.

The class with the highest total receives a mufti day.

The last day for issuing chocolates is Wednesday, April 7th. To be eligible for prizes both individual and class, all money and unsold bars need to be returned to school by 3 pm on Wednesday, April 14 2021.

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Mr Steve Collins	
Deputy Principal	

If you **do not** want your child to participate please complete the slip below and return it to your Classroom Teacher

Name of Student		
	Room	Does not
have permission to participate.		
Signed	Parent/Guardian	

Family Zone Create a cyber-safe community with Family Zone Premium

Online safety for our school and your family

As a school, we are committed to providing safe online learning environments for children and young people. To support this we have partnered with leading online safety provider, Linewize by Family Zone. As part of this partnership, all families and whānau will receive access to a Family Zone Premium account to use at home.

What is Family Zone Premium?

Family Zone Premium provides families and whānau with increased visibility of how children and young people are using devices and online spaces. It provides information to help guide conversations and support online safety at home, and also the tools to manage time and activity online including:

- Prevent accidental exposure to inappropriate content
- Social media, game and app reviews
- Weekly online summary activity snapshot Manage screen time
- Alerts for access to inappropriate content

Once your Premium account has been activated, you will also receive unlimited access to the Cyber Safety Hub where you will find all the latest, up to date information from online safety experts.

What does this mean for your family?

During school hours, the school will have rules and expectations in place around device use and online activity. Outside of school hours, families and whānau can choose to activate the Family Zone Premium account which provides the same level of online management that we have at school.

Is Family Zone Premium mandatory?

No. Activation outside of school hours is optional and at each family's discretion. We do however recognise that online risks and challenges don't stop at the school gate, and so we hope you will support the school in this online safety initiative.

Does Family Zone Premium **provide content filtering?**

Yes. A Premium account provides flexible filtering which can be easily tailored to suit your family's needs or turned off altogether. By default, filtering rules set by online safety experts are in place, however, we strongly encourage all families to review and set filtering expectations together.

What information will the school see? The

school has no visibility or any activity outside of school hours other than what happens within the school Google account (if applicable). Premium helps families understand how devices are used at home and provides the tools to manage online activity.