

NEWSLETTER/PANUI

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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou katoa o Te Atatū Intermediate whānau.

It's hard to believe that we are now half way through term 1. Over the disrupted term, our main focus has been to provide as normal a programme for the students as we possibly can, whilst keeping as safe as possible whilst the extremely contagious Omicron variant takes hold. This means that, for the most part, students have had their consistent classroom teacher that has been able to follow the core curriculum programme. There have been some changes to the specialist timetable - however, each mini school has had a designated specialist and technology teacher connected allowing for this. All classes have had their regular PE sessions.

TAI Covid update

Unfortunately, like around 90% of Auckland schools, we continue to have positive cases reported within our school body who are isolating. Again, I wish all affected students and their whānau, a very speedy recovery and we look forward to your child's return to school once they are well. A reminder that under phase 3 of the red light setting, schools no longer conduct contact tracing.

Latest MoE requirements for schools is that we now only need to let them know daily numbers of positive cases. We no longer require the names and test information as mentioned in previous newsletters.

I would like to thank parents for sending through previously, all the required information that we then inputted as per MoE requirements. Here's hoping we are reaching the peak and coming out the other side! Some classes have been impacted by teachers isolating. Where teachers have been sick, we have managed to cover classes whilst continuing the class programme - however, teachers that are isolating and not sick have been able to Google Meet with their class and teach online, with a supervisory staff member in the class. Another new experience for many. The aim - to keep things as normal as possible!

Health guidelines from the MOE for **phase 3** state that household members of positive cases **MUST** isolate. Therefore, if anyone in your household tests positive for COVID, new regulations require you all **must isolate for 7 days.** (Day 0 is the day of the positive test- if asymptomatic, or the onset of symptoms. Household contacts now test day 3 and 7) **On the 8th day, provided students who have tested positive have no symptoms and are in good health, or have returned negative tests if a household contact, they can return to school.**


(This reduction in days comes into effect from Friday 11 March at 11.59pm)

Please monitor your child's health and keep them home from school if they are unwell.

Teachers have set tasks and work on Google Classroom should your child need to isolate. We also have hard copy packs that we can deliver to local addresses - contact Deputy Principal Kelly Clarke on kelly.c@teatatu.school.nz

I hope you find the below graphic helpful. Thank you all for your understanding during this time.

How to report your RAT result



There are two ways to report your rapid antigen test (RAT) result:

- 1 You can do it online at MyCovidRecord.nz**
 - set up a My Health Account if you don't already have one and you're over 12 - you will need your own email address and a valid form of ID
 - if you already have a My Health Account, log in
 - scroll to "Self-report a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) result," click "Report test result" and follow the instructions
- 2 You can do it over the phone by calling 0800 222 478**
 - select option 3
 - call any time between 8am and 8pm, 7 days a week
 - use this to report RAT results for those under 12

You can find detailed step-by-step instructions about reporting your results online here: Covid19.govt.nz/RATresults

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Non Covid related news!

Prefects for TAI 2022

It has been an absolute delight interviewing and hearing from the students who have stepped out of their comfort zone and applied for Student Prefect position for 2022. I would like to thank the Year 8 students

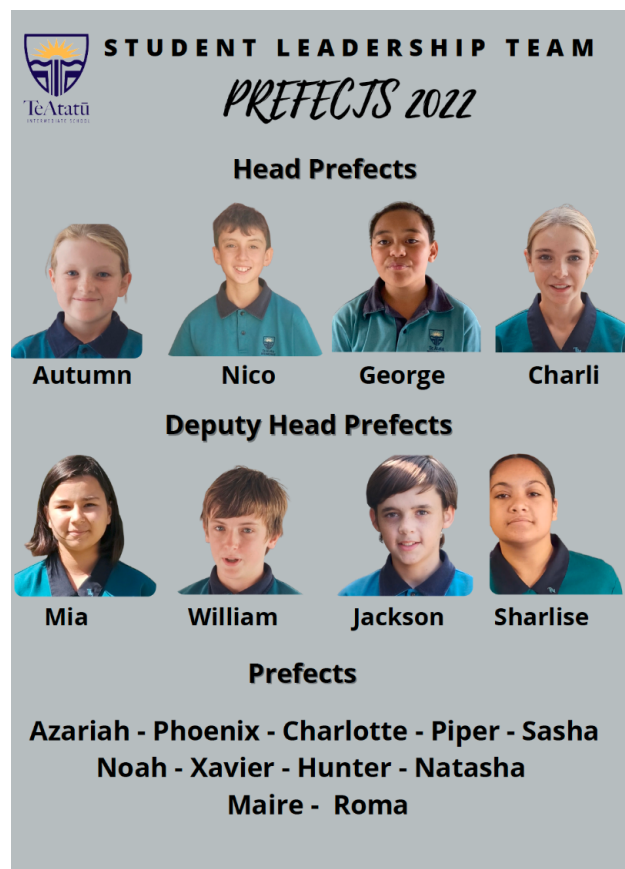
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for their time and although they were nervous, they all want to do the best for the school. Congratulations to them all. Below is a message from the newly appointed team!

Kia ora T.A.!!

On behalf of our newly appointed TAI Student Leadership Team 2022 - Head Prefects, Deputy Head Prefects and our Prefects; we thank you all for your participation on our elections day on Friday last week. We are so grateful for your votes and support. We're really looking forward to hearing your ideas and opinions about matters that you are passionate about. Please come and talk with us when you see us around the school or during the breaks and we will try our best at what we can do. We are very excited to be working better as a team to serve you and to make our TAI an even better place.

Thank you again from the 2022 Prefects!



Linewize

I've included this information again from last week's newsletter. At TAI we are using Linewize to both filter and monitor the internet traffic of our students. This application allows us to block inappropriate websites and to ensure that what your children are searching and visiting online is safe and appropriate for them. The company that provides this software for us, has also provided an online safety hub with information on various topics. Just visit: <https://teatatu.onlinesafetyhub.nz/> and look under the Parent Advice tab at the top.

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Netball news

Kia ora e te whānau o Te Atatū. Firstly, Ngā mihi nui ki a kōutou. Thank you for your patience and support on our revised netball plan for 2022. Due to restrictions under red light, Te Atatū Intermediate will not be holding netball trials for 2022. However, we endeavour to register teams into the Wednesday night Intermediate competition held at Te Pai Courts, Lincoln Road.

If your child is interested in representing the school in the Wednesday night competition, please read and complete the google form attached. [T.A.I Netball 2022 Google form](#)

Ngā mihi maioha
Ngaire Smith
Netball Coordinator

Lunch ordering

As mentioned last week, we are very close to getting this system up and running. We hope to have Zeki's Bakery, and definitely Pita Pit as our lunch ordering system. Orders will be able to be placed via KINDO for Pita Pit and we will let you know more once we have it completely set up. We hope to start this system **Monday 21 March**. More information next week.

Community Notice



A small number of hard copy newsletters are also sent to classes for those unable to access email.

Should you not be receiving these newsletters via email, it will mean that we don't have your correct details. Could you please let the office staff or your child's teacher know so that we can input the correct information in our system. (office@teatatu.school.nz)

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

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans

Principal/Tumuaki