

Thursday 2nd December 2021



COVID level 3 Newsletter - #16 -Term 4 – Week 7

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As we look ahead to the new 'traffic light' system which comes into effect from tomorrow, the Ministry of Education has stated that all **'Schools will retain their existing COVID-19 settings'** until the end of the 2021 calendar year, but guidance will recommend that schools outside of Auckland align their practices with the COVID-19 Protection Framework settings, which will come into effect for all schools from **1 January 2022.**

Therefore, we will be **continuing with our alternate Year 7, Year 8 day programme for the remainder of the school year.**

Therefore, from next week;

Year 8 days – Monday 6th /Wednesday 8th / Friday 10th / Tuesday 14th December (last half day) – **ALL EVEN CALENDAR DAYS.**

Year 7 days – Tuesday 7th / Thursday 9th / Monday 13th / Wednesday 15th December (last half day) **ALL ODD CALENDAR DAYS.**

End of Year – As mentioned, we will continue the same alternate day system we are using for the remainder of the year. Unfortunately, there are no events that we are able to run. This does include the Year 8 ball, we understand that this will be a huge disappointment. We will be incorporating a fun day for the year 8s that follows all necessary protocols next Friday 10 December.

The final day for **Year 8** students will be **Tuesday 14th December finishing at 12 noon.**

(Students who have not been back to school, should you wish to collect your desk items – please email your class teacher to arrange to come in on the afternoon of the 14th to collect.)

The final day for **Year 7** students will be **Wednesday 15th December finishing at 12 noon.**

Year 8 mufti – From next week, Year 8s will be able to wear mufti to school for their remaining days of the term. If you were able to consider donating your child's uniform, that would be fantastic. ***If all donated uniform can be washed, put into a paper bag and given to their class teacher, this would be appreciated.***

We will be having our second hand uniform sale on **Tuesday 25th January 2022** for our incoming Year 7 students, and I know many families benefit from this. Year 7s, you will still need to be in school uniform – it will be your turn next year!

Our end of year Prizegiving is going to be via video – This will be pre-recorded and we will play the video to students on their individual last day. Due to the nature of the year, our focus is around class based awards. We will put the links to the videos (separate Year 7 / Year 8) on the website for parents to view.

Chromebooks – Could all Chromebooks that have been lent out to students for online learning be returned to school **Monday 6th - Tuesday 7th December** to Mr Andrews in the Creative Media room.

Please make sure the student's name and room number are written on a piece of paper and placed inside the Chromebook to assist with the checking off when returned. This will allow Mr Andrews time to organise the computer pods and get them sorted and ready for 2022.

If you have a device, but your child is **not** attending or returning to school, they can be dropped off at the school office. If for any reason you are unable to return them to school, contact Mr Steve Collins (steve.c@teatatu.school.nz) to arrange the return. Please make sure Chromebook and charger are returned. Many thanks, your support in this is appreciated.

Netball – Whaea Ngaire would like to have **ALL** Te Atatū Intermediate Netball players to **URGENTLY** return their netball uniforms. Uniforms can be placed in the **box outside Room 3**. Please let Whaea Ngaire know so she can check your return off her list. All uniforms must be back by Wednesday 8th December.

Year 8 Graduating sweatshirts payment reminder – Sweatshirts should be arriving next week – **FINAL PAYMENT IS NOW REQUIRED** If you have ordered a sweatshirt, but haven't paid, please make payment- There are 2 ways to pay;

1. Via Kindo - this can be accessed via school website
2. School bank account -**School Bank Details:**

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

School Leavers – notice re ezlunch / Kindo school shop - If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use ezlunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, **log in, go to My Details and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.**

If your new school is **NOT** on the list, use the 'close account' button on that screen. You can choose to donate your balance to school or have it paid out to your nominated bank account.

Tuck shop – As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Covid lockdown has impacted on the owners of the Tuck Shop business and they are unable to continue this in 2022.

We are now looking for someone to take over the running of the Te Atatū Intermediate School Tuck Shop for next year. Any queries, please contact Tere Tamarua (Whaea Tere-tere.t@teatatu.school.nz)

NB: Start dates for 2022 for students returning as Year 8 will be: Tuesday 8th February 2022.

Have a great rest of the week and a relaxing weekend – 'Till next Thursday;

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, noho haumarū.

Lloyd Evans

Principal / Tumuaki

Te Atatū Intermediate School