

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September



**TeAtatū**  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## August/September COVID level 3 lockdown (Newsletter #8)

Dear Parents/Whānau of Te Atatū Intermediate.

**Vaiaso o te Gana Tuvalu – Tuvalu Language Week is Fakaakoigina tou iloga kae tukeli ke magoi mote ataeao which means, embracing our culture and a more secure, vibrant future.**

**Also, Happy Chinese languages week - 向大家问好**

### **Tēnā koutou katoa mo tenei wiki.**

This week designates the end of the strangest term I've ever been involved with in my 25 years in education. We have all had over 6 weeks of online learning and we can't even guarantee that we will be at level 2 by the time school restarts on the 18<sup>th</sup> October.

I would like to take this opportunity to **'Thank you'** parents for all your efforts to maintain your own jobs and expectations whilst encouraging your children to keep up their schoolwork. Definitely not easy. Let's hope this is the last time this may occur.

If you have one of our school Chromebooks at home, please look after it over the course of the holidays. Mr Andrews will be disabling YouTube from the school accounts over the holiday period. Should we be at level 2 by the beginning of the new term – please can they be brought back to school and taken to Mr Andrews in Workshop 2.

Finally, as we look towards a possible return to school next term – we will be focusing as a school on **ROUTINE and RECONNECTION**. These are two core elements for students to be able to get back to normal as soon as possible. We will be re-establishing our normal routines and taking the time to re-connect with each other again.

### **Year 8 Leavers Sweatshirts / T-shirts**

Yesterday information about the 2021 Leavers sweatshirts was emailed to year 8 whānau. Purchasing the sweatshirts is optional, the cost is \$55 which can be made via the Kindo app. If you would like to order, please email [kelly.c@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:kelly.c@teatatu.school.nz) with your child's name and room number.

**Please note that this year all year 8s will also be gifted a leavers t-shirt.**

### **Kindo -Contactless Payments to School**

Kindo is a great way to make contactless payments as we move through the Covid-19 lockdown levels and back to our 'new normal'. We will add items that are sold through the school for example, our School Production ticket sales in Term 4.

Kindo has been supportive of our school when we had to cancel school camps and AIMS tournament in 2020 and AIMS tournament again this year in 2021 by helping refund families. Covid-19 has caused a loss of revenue to them too.

Kindo works with several schools (primary through to college) so some families already have an account and others may have a 'school managed' account set up for them. We are aware that Year 8 students only have one term left with us but we would appreciate your support by using 'Kindo' as they provide a great service to our school. **Please see the attached information to register.**

**From Matua Tony** - Last week the AIMS Sports group had a Q&A with a former Black Stick, Host of 'Happy Athlete' Podcast and Player Welfare Officer for NZ Football – Rachel McCann. The 40 minute interview covered many different questions, covering disappointment through building to building success. We are very grateful to Rachel giving us her time and energy last week. Below are some of the students feedback.

***“I thought that Rachel talked about many good topics that relate to young sports people.”***

*“I especially liked the topic of watching what successful athletes do, and trying to incorporate that into your own sporting performance.”*

***“I thought that The Q&A with Rachell McCann was very cool and inspiring. She taught me to work hard and never give up even if you aren't the best at what you are doing.”***

*“Rachel talked about how sport isn't about winning or losing, it's an opportunity to make new friendships and getting exercise for your health.”*

Finally, 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 very best. We hope that we will see you again for the start of the new term on Monday 18 October, starting at 9am.**

**Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, Have a safe and happy holiday.**

Lloyd Evans  
Principal / Tumuaki  
Te Atatū Intermediate School

## **Parents: Introducing our Cyber Safety Hub**

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to introduce you to a resource made available to you through our partnership with Family Zone - our school **Cyber Safety Hub**.

You can view a short introductory video about the Cyber Safety Hub [here](#).

As you may already be aware, our partnership provides your family with access to the Family Zone tools to use at home with your children, if you wish. The purpose of the Cyber Safety Hub is to complement those tools with practical guidance and information to further support you in engaging with your children in their digital development. These tools and resources also allow the school and parent body to work together on creating a holistic approach to guiding each student's online journey.

You can access the Cyber Safety Hub using the link below:

<https://teatatu.cybersafetyhub.nz/>

### **About the Cyber Safety Hub**

The Cyber Safety Hub includes resources to help your family better understand the different Family Zone tools available to you and how to use them, plus access to regular cyber safety events to help you stay informed about the latest digital trends.

Also, the Cyber Safety Hub provides expert advice from leading cyber experts, ySafe, on the most pertinent issues and frequently asked questions around platforms like TikTok, Fortnite, Instagram, and more. There are app reviews with age and safety recommendations, along with a range of guides to help ensure healthy boundaries around screen-time & gaming, plus step-by-step instructions for using parental controls and filtering out inappropriate content.

We are very excited to be able to offer you this level of expertise and support in an area that we know has been challenging for many parents to manage. We look forward to working closely with you as we develop the cyber safety conversation within our school community.