

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,

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te kura Waenga o Taupo

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Greetings to all of our families



Kia ora Koutou Katoa , nau mai haere mai ki tenei kura, te kura waenga o Taupo
Greetings and welcome to Taupo Intermediate School especially those who are new to our school. We do look forward to an exciting and fruitful year with many opportunities being organised here, and all that we ask is that our pupils make the most of their opportunities.

On Thursday all our pupils were placed into classes for the year and I would appreciate it if you would allow some time for them to be able to settle into their classes over the next few days, weeks, months then year. They will be inundated with much information about our administration and organisation both in their class and around the school, so we all need to relax about this and just let the dust settle.

All class teachers will have sent home introductory letters yesterday outlining some of the important things and this will be followed up as the weeks go by.

- *Expect this newsletter to be published and sent home on Fridays of each week*
- *Notices and information is shared at weekly assemblies – Fridays at 12 noon*
- *Each morning we give out notices about practices, meetings, upcoming events via our “9 o’clock News”*
- *Class Teachers will send out newsletters concerning their own class organisation*
- *Notices for trips outside the school will be sent out by the teacher in charge of the group and often with a permission slip attached to be returned*
- *Notification about any major events eg: school camps will be shared at the*

‘Meet the Teacher Evening’ - Tuesday 15th February @5.30pm.

At this time I will share some thoughts and ideas with all our parents in the hall and then you will be released to go into your child’s class and meet the teacher. They will discuss with you how their class will operate for the year, share aspects of the programme, signal early in the year upcoming events and also open lines of communication between home and school.

Communication can also come through our front office:

- **Email:** admin@taupointermediate.co.nz
- **Phone:** 07 378 8097 **Fax:** 07 378 8618

This information is particularly important for absences / changes to the pick up and delivery of pupils / messages for individual pupils. Pupils can also use our phones to contact parents and caregivers throughout the day.

We therefore find it difficult to justify any cell phones in the school and have therefore placed a ban on their use here. We do not want to be dealing with texting bullying, videos of negative activities and other associated nonsense. We take no responsibility for the loss or damage of cell phones, iPods, cameras and other such equipment

We would appreciate your support in these matters

- **FRONT GATE MAYHEM CAN BE AVOIDED IF YOU;**
 - Please take extra care at our front gate when picking up and delivering pupils. Don’t drive up into the drive way especially when buses are there. Just deliver to the loading zone at the front of the school or Kiddle Drive entrance.
 - WET WEATHER IS WHEN YOU WILL SEE SOME INTERESTING MANOEUVRES. Cheaper to buy a raincoat or umbrella.
- **THANK YOU ALL:**
 - For the way you have dressed your kids up in the uniforms they look really “sharp”.
 - Those who have paid their technology fees and also paid their donation which we really appreciate and yes, we know it’s not compulsory and yes, we get reminded many times about “free” education. After all the money is spent on your kids. Thank goodness I have a very friendly front office group of staff who work very hard to please.
 - For paying for their stationery packs @\$25.00 so far and we have issued all the packs out so some will be invoiced and yes, you could have got it cheaper if you!

It has been a very positive start to the year and I look forward to sharing my thoughts and ideas each week as I often write "in my opinion" comments that you may or may not agree with, but just relax about this, and yes, you probably could have done it better.

In my opinion I like the Blues rugby team, and expect them to do well this year. For the Holdens to dominate the V8 Series and so on. I disagree with Phil Goff's philosophy on the finance of New Zealand but I will deal with that issue next week.

Another thing I have been promoting for a number of years and via this newsletter is the "Mondayrization" of our important days such as Waitangi Day and Anzac Day. Queen's Birthday falls on a Monday and it is not the official Queen's Birthday. It is also particularly disruptive when Waitangi Day and Anzac Day fall mid-week, so let's hope we can all get behind a move to lobby our MP's to get this sorted. Look at what's happened this year.

So have a great weekend and don't forget the Super 15 game at OD Park tomorrow.

Bill Clarke
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 15th February 2011 - Tuesday - School Photographs – envelopes going home shortly
- 15th February 2011 - Tuesday @ Taupo Int. 5.30pm Meet the Teacher Evening
- 19th February 2011 - Saturday - Round the Lake Relay
- 21st February 2011 - Monday - Taupo Int. School Triathlon @ Wharewaka Point
- 26th February 2011 - Saturday - Across the Lake Swim / Bevan Docherty Award.
- 01st March 2011 - Tuesday - Taupo Int. School Swimming Sports @ school pool
- 05th March 2011 - Saturday - NZ Ironman

School Dental Clinic

The school dental clinic is now based in the hospital ground next door to our school. Students are able to walk in pairs to the clinic when requested and return together. The school office will send for the students where they will sign out and in on their return to school. The Dental Therapist is Jenny Abraham and can be reached on 378 9470.

Taupo School of Music

Enrolments for instrumental tuition are now being taken. Lessons are on a Tuesday after school starting on the 1st March. So if you are interested in learning: guitar, bass guitar, violin, cello, ukulele, flute, Keyboard, trumpet, bagpipes, clarinet or sax please contact the Principal - Jo Paull on admin@tsom.co.nz
Keynotes Choir - is for children who love to sing.
This is a cost free group who rehearse on Tuesdays at 5.30.
Please contact the Principal if you are interested in this.

COME PLAY TENNIS

National Open Day

Fall in love with Tennis all over again! Taupo Tennis will be hosting a free and fun tennis experience on Sunday 13th February 10am – 2pm. We promise you time on the court and a great hit! Kids welcome! A programme of the open day's events will be on www.taupotennis.co.nz

FLEMING FAMILY PARENT CHILD TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Juniors (and you adult children too), ask your Mum, Dad, Guardian or Grandparent to dust off their rackets and come play with you in this popular parent/child Tennis Tournament – it's a great day! Where: Taupo Tennis Club, Redoubt St

When: Saturday 26th February at 9am Entry Fee: \$5

There are three sections: Competitive – (Child under 18)
Social – (Child under 18): Open Age Group (Eg child over 18)

All welcome - you do not have to be club members

Entry forms at www.taupotennis.co.nz or contact:

Moira Peters Ph: 378-2929 Email: mjpeters@farmside.co.nz.

Entries close Wednesday 23rd February 2011

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