

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
te kura Waenga o Taupo
Greetings to all of our families

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In My Opinion:

Yes, week 3 has just been completed and we have really "hit the ground" running. Monday evening saw us host our first BOT meeting for the year and we were able to share the major property development that has happened over the December / January period and through to the end of this year.

We have:

- Repainted the interior of the school swimming pool
- Repainted the exterior of all the "chocolate brown" buildings
- Chem-washed the remaining buildings and these are due for a touch up of the flaky areas
- Completed major refurbishing of the interior of the Food Technology room and equipped with the latest Fisher and Paykel equipment - cook tops, wall ovens, fridge, freezer, washing machine and dryer along with a new dish-washer. The food and art rooms have also been network cabled and set up with computers to complement the design process
- Major refurbishing of the Art room
- Major refurbishing of the interior of Room 2 with Room 1 almost complete
- All our classrooms are completely networked with at least 5 computers to each classroom and fixed data projectors and sound systems.
- The computer suite has 30 new computers installed and our 2 Interactive Classrooms are about to be reinstated with 15 computers in each, along with data projectors and interactive whiteboards.

Our workshop and fabric rooms are the two remaining teaching spaces to be completed.

We have plans to continue:

- our refurbishment of the hall and administration block
- upgrading our playing field
- completion of the hard surfaces including the front entrance

We will continue to ensure that our school facilities and resources are maintained and or upgraded as the need arises to ensure that we give our pupils the best learning environment we can.

Our pupils have also had a busy introduction to our school both in and outside the classroom, with teacher priorities being to gather as much information about your child using the various systems we have set in place. We intend to verify this information in the first week of March with our batch of Standardized tests - PAT, Star and AsTTle. We will then compile a profile and send this out by the end of this term in the form of a written report.

Great to see so many pupils "getting involved" in the:

- Lunchtime Interclass touch with a serious grade and a social grade
- Round the Lake relay along with the finely tuned Taupo Intermediate Teachers team
- Entering the Taupo Intermediate School triathlon - Monday 21st February at Wharewaka Point
- Trialling for the Waikato/BOP triathlon - 23rd February
- Trialling for the Taupo Int. Sch. Cricket team - first game 23rd Feb. @ OD Park.
- Entering the Across the Lake Swim - 26th February
- Entering into the Swimming Sports - 1st March here at TIS
- Trialling for the Bay of Plenty Touch teams - 1st April
- First expressions of interest meetings for the planned overseas trips to Noumea and Japan.

Some of the above events are components of the Bevan Docherty Award which a large number of pupils have signed up for. With all this going on we have pupils going through a transition stage and I am pleased that the majority are coping really well.

Thanks to everyone for the excellent support, and great to see so many parents take advantage of the 'Meet the Teacher Evening' which we held on Tuesday evening. At that meeting you would have received information about how your child's class operates, and how we will communicate between home and school. We would have also alerted you to any upcoming events for the class such as the day trips and end of year proposed school camps.

Hope we all have a great weekend and isn't it great to see the Super 15 Rugby start this weekend??

Go the Blues!!

I would like to have one of the discarded BMWs from Parliament after all I think I am a share holder. The only problem I have with this whole saga is that they could have bought new Holdens in my opinion.

W D CLARKE - Principal

Taupo Intermediate Triathlon: This is being held at Wharewaka Point on Monday, with the start order being individual Yr 8 boys, Yr 8 girls, Yr 7 boys, Yr 7 girls and then the teams. The Yr 8 boys will start at 12.30pm, with the remaining starts approximately 5 minutes apart. Where at all possible we ask that parents take their child's bike out to the event as we have over 100 students involved. We will have staff on site from 11am, though bikes can be dropped off up until 12.15pm. The students will be bussed out to Wharewaka Point and back to school after the event. However if parents wish to take their child with them after the event they can sign them out from there. Students who live nearby and wish to walk or cycle home afterwards will require a note.



Great day for a scenic bike ride

Across the Lake Swim: We have 51 students entered in the swim on Saturday the 26th March. Where possible, students should be training daily leading up to the event. A final newsletter will go out to the students entered later next week.

Go By Bike Day: This is on Wednesday the 23rd February, students meet by the Great Lake Centre between 7.00 & 7.30am and will ride up to school together at 8.00am. Breakfast is free to participants.

Charity Tri: Any students who have energy still to burn after our school triathlon on Monday can go back out to the Wharewaka course and do it again at 6pm.

Taupo Fishing Club Annual Open Trout Tournament
26th - 27th March 2011 Open to all Lake Taupo and tributaries only
\$30 Adults & \$15 Juniors
Entry forms available at: The Fly & Gun Hunting & Fishing, Greenstone Fishing, The Taupo Fishing Club, - AC baths reserve Fridays 5.30pm - 7.30pm. For details ph: Leanne 07 378 8357 or 027 200 8709 Or email: taupofishingclub@hotmail.com

Junior Soccer 2011 Season
Junior soccer registrations will be held on the following dates from 5.30-7.30pm Tuesday 1st, Thursday 3rd, Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th March and Saturday 5th March 9am -1pm. Registrations are at the clubrooms, Crown Park, Taharepa Road. Full information regarding fees etc can be found on www.tauposoccer.org.nz.



Oh - all the training all the pain - but it is worth it when you cross the finish line.

THE CREATIVE CAFE!!!
The Creative Cafe is CLOSING in Taupo and moving north to Whangarei.
We will be closing up at the end of the April holidays when the lease comes to an end - so be quick and come on in and enjoy being creative with a friend or as a group. Even just drop in for a coffee or book an evening if preferred!
It's the end of an era for The Creative Cafe - operating since 2002. We have an excellent customer base and had a lot of fun, made heaps of great friends!!
ALTERNATIVELY - Become your own boss - Buy the business? Call Paula if interested on 07-377 0261.



**Hinemoa Kindergarten
Hinemoa Ave Taupo**

Have you placed your preschooler on a waiting list for Kindergarten? New enrolments are welcome, at any age.
You can choose morning or afternoon sessions for your child with siblings attending the same session.
Morning Sessions - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.45am - 11.30am
Afternoon Sessions - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 12.30 pm - 3.15pm
Wednesday Combined session for older children 8.30 - 12.30 pm
For more information phone 378 7430.
You are welcome to visit us at any time.

Kiwi Sport Netball - Free afterschool programme
-Venue: Taupo Nui A Tia College Courts,
-Dates: 15, 22 Feb & 2, 8 March
-Time/age: Yr 1, 2 & 3 Students 3.30 - 4.00pm
Year 4, 5 & 6 Students 4.00pm - 5.00pm
-Mum and Dad welcome to join in!
-Bring a snack, shoes & drink bottle
www.kiwisportwaikato.org.nz

Taupo Autistic Spectrum Disorder Support Trust Ph 378 0136
We are holding a community meeting to let people know about the new Autism NZ field worker.
taupoasdsupport@gmail.com



King Country Rugby in association with NZRU is hosting a Trophy Tour and Road Show
Where: Tongariro Domain, Taupo; When Friday 18th March 2011; Time: 4.00pm;
As part of this Road Show the following will be coming:

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| • Bledisloe Cup | • Tri Nations Trophy |
| • U20 Junior World Champ Trophy | • IRB Women's World Cup |
| • Rugger, William, Webb & Alice | • Ruggerland bouncy castle |
| • Rugby Skills & Drills | • Past & Present King Country RAMS |

There will also be the opportunity to register to play Junior Rugby in 2011.

