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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:

Interesting times these, especially the price for establishing our westernised form of government called democracy, when a lot of death and destruction must take place first to be replaced by a group called “rebels”. There will always then be two camps who will continue to fight for many years to come, destroy the infrastructure, live in constant fear of suicide bombings etc. and then claim that this is a better life than we had before.

How many elections will be held in Libya for a start before they will declare a valid vote, or will elections continue to happen, until they get the desired numbers?

How many other countries have we seen go through this cycle who are still trying to establish this system called ‘democracy’?

Democracy in the Cassell Concise English Dictionary is: *“the form of government in which the sovereign power is in the hands of the people, and exercised by them directly or indirectly; a democratic state; the people esp. the unprivileged classes”.*

I am not sure whether this one system suits all countries. I believe it is because some political systems are ingrained from generation to generation and maybe we should let them take their own time to work on a better system if there is such a system. In the meantime we all suffer with the price of petrol climbing because of the war zone now being created in the Middle East - well that is one excuse, along with the fact that all the oil companies’ head offices are in Sherwood Forest is another excuse. Our travel will be affected with more stringent checks at the Airports because of the fear of reprisals, caused by threats of terrorist action.

I can see sometimes why it is so difficult to talk to our pupils about not using force to solve their problems when they see the examples being set by the ‘big’ guys, whether we think that the other person is right or wrong.

And speaking of what is right or wrong why in the world would we be thinking of considering changing the colour of the Silver Fern on the All Black jersey and making it a red fern? We might consider that it will somehow appease the people of Canterbury, I think these staunch rugby followers would not like to denigrate the most famous icon in New Zealand Sport? It is bad enough our team having to consider playing in a grey coloured All Black jersey. Note the words are ‘All Black’ not ‘All Grey’. Apparently at this year’s Rugby World Cup we don’t have to change the colour of our jersey for any of the games and rightfully so, as we are the hosts.

I did note that we have to go into a draw for the best hotel and practice playing fields in Auckland where the All Blacks will be based. Shouldn’t we as host get some home advantage and get first pick of the facilities that we own which would give our team an edge; after all we need to find something based on our past record.

And speaking of edges wasn’t it great Rugby last weekend?

Huge Congratulations and Thank You go to:

- *All those fantastic runners of ours who have been entering the weekly runs on Wednesday afternoon, organised by the TAUPO HARRIERS. Thank you all for supporting this event and using the venue to help with your training programmes. Because of your fantastic effort and commitment we have received a cheque for \$300.00 for taking 1st Place in the Youths’ 5 Kilometre event. Special thanks to Peter Smith from Starlight Cinema Centre and the Harriers club.*
- *The Milo Cricket Team for their comprehensive win over Te Puke Intermediate at Rotorua on Wednesday. We await the outcome of the next part of the competition to see if we continue into the second round.*

“Have a great weekend and let’s show more tolerance for each other, part of democracy is for people to have the rights to a peaceful existence without fear of intimidation and bullying, not to be judged but be entitled to a fair hearing, and remember it is not we who own the foreshore and seabed, we are only its guardians”.

W D CLARKE

Principal

Assessment and Evaluation:

In the past two weeks we have undertaken Standardised testing with all our pupils using the

- **PAT** - Progress and Achievement test in Reading Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension and Mathematics
- **ASSTLE** - In Writing
- **STAR** - In Reading

These results have now been collated and we are able to produce individual reports for all our pupils which will be issued before the end of this term. These reports will enable you to see the levels that your child has achieved so far this year.

We have also entered data on the level of achievement your child has reached on the National Standard Scales in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.

There is an opportunity for some comments from your child about how they think they are going - self evaluation and a comment from the teacher. You will also be able to add a comment when you receive the report which will come home in their personal portfolio.

At this stage I am working on a school profile to see where our strengths are and also the areas we have to work on.

Kiwanis Run For Fun:

This is on this Sunday, starting at 10am from the Acacia Bay South Boat Ramp. The run finishes at the Riverside Park and is approximately 7km. Students are encouraged to enter preferably in teams of four, but also as individuals.

Kids Mountain Bike Jams:

The closest one to Taupo is being held in Rotorua on Sunday the 3rd of April, go to www.kidsbikejams.co.nz for details.

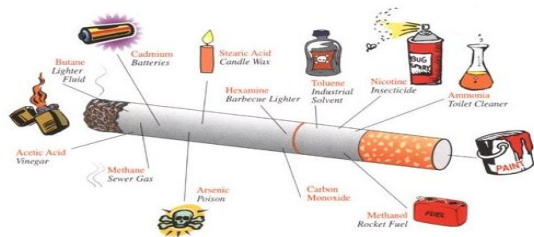
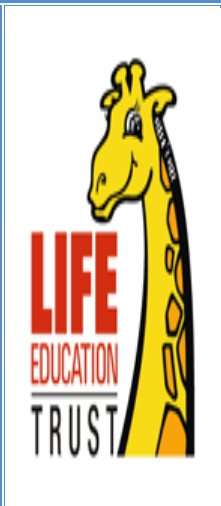
NZ Schools Triathlon Champs:

Good luck to Ben Negus who is travelling to Queenstown next week to compete in the National Triathlon Championships.

Please don't smoke while you are in the car with children.



Second hand smoke is causing lots of health issues in our young people. Thanks. Harold and Andrea



BLUELIGHT DISCO!! 

Music from DJ Jace

Celebrate Taupo Bluelight's 1st Bday with an "everything blue" party!

Friday April 8th
Senior Citizens Hall
Age 10-13 years
7pm to 9.30pm

Blue drinks
Blue lights
Bluelight wristbands
Awesome spot prizes

Tickets \$5 from Central Plateau REAP
 Be BLUE - wigs, hats, or paint yourself blue! Whatever - just go for it!



EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

- Friday 8th April Bluelight Rave 10yrs - 13yrs
- Sunday 15th or 22nd May Action World Open Day
- Friday 8th July Bluelight Rave 10yrs - 13yrs
- August (Date to be advised) Trip to Rainbows End
- Friday 30th September Bluelight Rave 10yrs - 13yrs
- November (Date to be advised) Bluelight Trolley Derby

THE CREATIVE CAFE - CLOSING

30th April 2011.
 Last chance!! To paint ceramics as we are moving North to Whangarei.
 So KIDS and PARENTS come on in and create some art works to treasure!
 OPEN Tues - Sun from 10am:
 83 Heu Heu Street.

Hockey

Students wanting to learn to umpire hockey please contact Dean Collins a/h 377 3595 or 0274 445433



JUNIOR MUSTER

Fri 1 April 4:30
 Hickling Park
 Skay Rangī - 027 387 7640
taupophoenix@hotmail.co.nz

Free Kiwisport Basketball

After school Program
 3:15 - 4:15pm Taupo Events Centre
 Every Thursday for next 3 weeks

Christchurch evacuees in Taupō need to make contact

The Taupo Civil Defence Welfare group welcomes all evacuees from Christchurch to the district. Any evacuees now in Taupo need to make contact with Community Link, Taupo's WINZ office, and fill out a Red Cross registration form. Another source of info www.canterburyearthquake.org.nz or call 03 941 8999. "It is important that people register as it also allows us to point you in the direction of further help, including accommodation, financial assistance, food, clothing and counselling services."

Other National Contacts

- Government Helpline 0800 779 997
- Red Cross Helpline 0800 733 276
- Victim Support 0800 842 846
- Education Department 0800 858 7130
- Housing New Zealand 0800 435 700
- Healthline 0800 611 116
- Waikato Hospital 07 839 8899