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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:

The question of leadership has been under the spotlight in the last few days and in particular the decisions a person would make when faced with a serious situation. As a leader you are constantly under pressure to make the right decision, but often what I think is right, is sometimes wrong, and sometimes it does depend on the context or who is involved.

You can't but feel some sympathy for people like Phil Goff and John Key who have to often make some key decisions about members of their teams, especially when the Media is waiting for an opportunity to "roast" them. As a leader it's hard enough having to explain your own actions, then having to make excuses for someone in your team. It's also difficult for a parent to explain their own actions, let alone the actions of their children when they let you down.

One political commentator said this week that it is much easier to cope with these situations as you become more experienced, older and wiser. But I don't think you ever get to the stage where you can handle all these situations competently, let alone to everyone's satisfaction. One can only hope that the events are few and far between and I don't think that it is any worse for politicians than it is for all of us.

A question for me is, "Is it only the Rugby or League players who have to front up on television to apologise for their actions and letting their team, family or friends down?"

Yes there are more pressing issues for people to deal with than to be spending so much time on the bewildering behaviours of individuals, like rising petrol prices, rates, electricity coming up to the winter months and the effect on our economy of the Christchurch Earthquake.

Do I think that insurance premiums and levies will rise? - Yes I do.

And speaking of role models and behaviour, it is not my intention or the intentions of this school to get parents and supporters to sign codes of conduct when watching sports teams in action. We would expect that you would want to support your child and their team mates and not embarrass them with your poor conduct. Take up refereeing if you are the only one at the venue who knows all the rules and leave the umpires alone.

We will however be issuing some guidelines to our coaches and managers who wish to work with our pupils this season giving clear understandings about what is required, they will not require signatures as we are in support of your generous help. So thank you to all of these people, including all my teachers, who give willingly of their time to coach and or manage our sports teams.

I think sometimes you have to realise as parents, that your child is one of many from around eight different schools who now attend this school. Where they could have been one of the best at their previous school, they now have stiff competition for a team place, particularly where we select graded teams. Some sports we always start the season with lots of initial enthusiasm and numbers, until it gets wet and cold and then the attendances at practices and games drops off and we begin to lose players, so we always start with bigger squad numbers.

Both netball and hockey trials are underway and the teams are almost sorted for this season, so thank you to all the trialists.

Speaking of large numbers, we need all those rugby players who have not registered to do so by filling out the forms at the front office. The group running the Saturday Competition needs the time to sort out teams ready to start week one next term.

REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE AT OUR SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FOR FORMS AND MONEY FOR FEES.

Have a Great weekend and maybe support some of the events that are happening in our town - The Warriors take on the Cronulla Sharks on Sunday and go the mighty Blues!!

W D CLARKE
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Matilda Fulljames - for a fantastic week of achievements.

Starlight Cinema 5km run series winner - Trophy for 1st Place Year 12s

She travelled to Auckland last week to enter into the New Zealand National Performing Arts Championships with each contestant vying for placings in Speech and Drama. There were 4 categories - Drama, Open, Comedy, Sad, with each routine being at least one minute long, needing to secure a Gold or Silver placing to be considered for a trip to Los Angeles. Matilda secured Gold medals in all four areas and now qualifies for the trip to LA in July of this year.

She was also awarded the trophy for National Champion across all ages in Acting.

The very next day she competed in the Tri NZ National Aquathon @Port Chevalier.

Cameron Smith - a talented pupil who attended our school in the previous two years also secured a place for the trip to LA with his dance routines, gaining a Silver and Bronze.

Sophie Hill - also here with us for the previous 2 years, has again qualified for the trip to LA in the singing category.

To all the Kayakers - who have completed their kayak with Baz Haydon down to Reid's Farm as part of their Bevan Docherty Awards, and to those who have been selected for the Kayaking team who will be competing in the event at Waimarino.

To Bella Davis - Sarah Clarke - Alex McConnon - Benedict Brondial who are the "Fantastic Four", and who will compete in the Great Maggi Cook-Off in Auckland later on this year.

To the Boys Class - for their superb effort with their window display at the Sport Shop, advertising the game Warriors versus the Sharks.

To the Basketballers who compete on Wednesday Evenings at the Stadium. Some excellent games being played and thank you to all the parents who are helping coaching and supporting.

Taupo Rugby Sub Union late registrations will be taken at Sports House (105 Tamamutu Street) on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays during school hours.

Please bring a photo of your child and payment (\$40/individual, \$60/two siblings and \$10/sibling after that).

There will be no registrations accepted after the end of Term 1.

If you have trouble making it during those days or have any questions please call 378 4875.

Looking forward to seeing you when the season starts first week of Term 2.



Waikato Captain
Hugh McLaren holds
the Ranfurly Shield.
Image courtesy of the
Waikato Rugby Union.

We also need a photo caption for every photo submitted, (brief description of what is in the photo) and don't forget to include a postal Address so your photos can be returned to you!

Waikato Museum

Rugby fans, we need you!

Have you got photos that capture Waikato Rugby moments? If so, please scan and send them to us, to be included in our new rugby exhibition, Red, Yellow, (All) Black - a local look at our national game. We are going to create a digital photo wall in the exhibition - and are calling for your photos that capture Waikato rugby moments - whether it's you scoring a run away try, a favourite fan photo, or a picture of your junior rugby club team.

You can submit your photos [online](http://www.waikatomuseum.co.nz), at our website www.waikatomuseum.co.nz Alternatively you can post your photos to us, please address to: Rugby Photos
C/O Surrey Jackson
Waikato Museum
Private Bag 3010
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Taupo SPCA - a great opportunity to stock up on winter reading. We will have books, jig-saws and games galore. All going at amazingly cheap prices!!!!

This is Taupo's biggest Book Fair as Aged Concern has decided not to run one this year.

The Book Fair is Saturday 16th April 2011 10am-2pm at Bernie Purcell's new shop @ Cnr Titiraupenga @ Heu Heu Street.

We are now collecting for our Book Fair so please drop off your old books, magazines, puzzles and games at our Centre in Centennial Drive or ph 07 378 0825 0274472990.

Kiwisport Basketball free after school programme for all year 5 - 8 students. Taupo Events Centre Thursday 24, 31 March & 7, 14 April, 3.15 - 4.15pm. Bring shoes, water bottle & all your energy!

To register text Phil Taylor 021 803 543 or email basketball@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz www.kiwisportwaikato.org.nz

Taupo Badminton Club

Have a Go Day - Taupo Event Centre
WITH TOM ARMSTRONG FROM SPORT BAY OF PLENTY
SATURDAY APRIL 9TH 2011 11AM - 2PM
JUNIOR BADMINTON STARTS MONDAY 4TH APRIL 6.30- 7.30 pm
Club Rackets available



10-13 Yrs 7-9:30pm Friday April 8th Senior Citizens Hall Tickets \$5
BLUELIGHT DISCO!! Be BLUE - wigs, hats, or paint yourself blue!! Whatever - just go for it!
Celebrate Taupo Bluelight's 1st Bday with an "everything blue" party!
Music from DJ Jace