

# TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## Striving for Excellence

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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:

Welcome back to Term 2 to all our pupils parents and teachers.

In my visits to the classes over the past few days it was good to see the smiles of those who are happy to be back in school and the enthusiasm of our pupils who are looking forward to the upcoming challenges and events. We will publish a calendar of events today which you will be able to cut out and place on the fridge for future reference or you can from time to time go to our website: [www.taupointermediate.co.nz](http://www.taupointermediate.co.nz) and get an update on what is happening and also refer to our weekly newsletters which will also be posted there.

The important aspect of this is for your child to keep informed about what is happening, and if they are interested in participating then they need to turn up to the trials and or meetings. Also sent out to classes every morning is the **9'o clock News** sheet which has messages and reminders of the meetings, or trials, for the upcoming events. We present or repeat the information at our end of the week **Assembly** which is held almost every **Friday around 12 noon**. The teachers who are responsible for the activities or events present this information to the students and meet with those interested parties. From there, trials or practices are held and pupils are selected for the event.

And speaking of events; yes we have already started with the first of many, and yes, this the first week back:

**The Jump Jam Team** has been selected after rigorous trialling and practice sessions, and will continue for the remainder of this term with a video to be produced and submitted as our entry for acceptance into the finals, now to be held in Auckland instead of Christchurch.

**6 x Basketball Teams** are playing in a Competition on Wednesday evenings at the Events Centre.

**10 x Netball Teams** have been selected and our premier netball team has already started their competition in the senior grade on Saturday afternoons, where in fact the first game was held on the first Saturday of the holidays. Our girls played the 2010 grade champions and won the game quite comfortably. All the other teams are hard out practising and will start this Saturday.

**6 Hockey Teams** started Thursday - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

*Int 2 vs. Hilltop @ 3.40pm*

*Int 4 vs. Kura @ 4.30pm*

*Int 1 vs. Int 3 @ 5.20pm*

*Int 5 vs. Int 6 @ 6.10pm*

NB: Because of the increase in team numbers some of the Intermediate games will be played on Wednesday evening -the draw for *Weds*.

*Int.5 vs. Int. 4 @ 6.00pm.*

**Literacy Quiz - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011** - a team of 8 students along with Mrs Sandham, Miss Olsen and Mr Clarke travelled to Tauranga, leaving at 3pm and returning to Taupo at midnight to take part in the Literacy Quiz evening, facing challenges from a number of Intermediate and Middle Schools. Again our students get the chance to compete for a place in the New Zealand finals so All the Best to them!!

**The School Kayak Team** has been selected and has travelled to the Bay of Plenty Intermediate Schools competition based at Waimarino Aquatic Park - Tauranga - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Here's hoping we recapture the schools trophy which has eluded us lately.

### **Leadership Camp - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011 @ Kennedy Park Napier**

This year Mr Clarke and Mr Haydon along with 19 students will travel by school vans to a leadership course being hosted by Taradale Intermediate in Hastings, also included will be students from Illminster Intermediate in Gisborne. We will be based at Kennedy Park in Napier but will travel to various venues for the activities. Each teacher has chosen one pupil from their class who has the potential to lead or has already shown leadership skills. This has been an extremely difficult task as there are probably a number of students in each class who we could have selected, but for this year we decided to take just one from each class.

The programme involves listening to keynote speakers and working with students from the local secondary schools. They will also get the opportunity to interact with the other schools on team building activities and challenges and of course there will be an element of fun in the programme.

This is the first year we have been invited into the programme, and part of the procedure is that we host the leadership camp here in Taupo, and will be responsible for the programme of helping to develop leaders. This is an exciting new concept and we are looking forward to being involved. It also adds another dimension onto the opportunities available in this school.

### **Noel Leemings - Taupo 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

They are offering our school a fundraiser which will help support ventures like the Leadership Course and it is available only this week, finishing on Mother's Day. I have sent out brochures outlining what you could do to help. If you are going to purchase electrical goods and gadgets then do so through the store and we will benefit with 2% of the total sale.

**Matilda Fulljames** is also running a sausage sizzle fundraiser on Saturday outside the store to raise funds for her trip to Los Angeles. All the goods have been generously supplied by **Noel Leemings** so a big thank you to them for their thoughts, for their help and for their continued support to our local community.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Lett Junior Nationals Motor X Competition held in Tokoroa during the school holidays. Wyatt Chase gained 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cohen Chase 6<sup>th</sup> for best in NZ for their age group out of 40 riders. Awesome achievement!

Have a great weekend and good luck to the Kiwis vs Australia and go the mighty Blues!!

**W D CLARKE**

Principal

## What's On the Calendar this Term

09	May – BOP Golf	10	June – BOP/ PB Mountain Biking
10	May – BOP Amazing Race	17	June – BOP/ PB Ultimate Frisbee
12	May – BOP Bowls	21	June – ICAS - Spelling/Writing
15-17	May – Leadership Course – Napier	20-24	June – Sponsored Clean-up Walk
23-27	May – Book Week – Hall	01	July – BOP/ PB Climbing Comp.
24	May – ICAS – Computer	06	July – Parent Interviews
27	May – BOP – Squash	08	July – BOP/ PB Winter Tournament
08	June – ICAS – Science	04-15	July – Class Ski Trips

### Lit Quiz 2011

Last night two teams of four students from our school went to Tauranga Intermediate to take part in the Bay of Plenty/Waikato kids Lit Quiz 2011. TIS Team 1 came 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 23 teams. TIS Team 2 came close to team 1 getting 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Both teams also won a category section. It was a very fun night with one hundred questions in ten categories.

Team 1: Hannah Wilks, Ben Simmons, Jack Taylor and Curtis Painter.

Team 2: Toby Gray, Ben Cudby, Connor Winmill and Tamara Peez.

Well done to those two teams!

*By Toby and Hannah (Rm 8).*

### North Island Orienteering Secondary Schools 2011

On Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April I competed in the North Island Secondary Schools competition for Orienteering. I got first in the sprint, fastest leg time for the relay, and my relay team came first but because we were a composite team it didn't count (although we got the winning medals anyway).

*By Susan Eatson (Room 8)*

### Book Week

On Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we begin our annual Book Week where we celebrate and promote reading as a pastime. A Scholastic Book Fair will be on display in the Hall from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> after school with a wide variety of very competitively priced books for sale. Families are welcome to come and view this. A percentage of sales go towards new books for our own library.

### Western Heights High School Moto-X Tournament

Well done to Daniel Cumming, Max Baker, Cohen Chase, Wyatt Chase, Jake Tomblin, Bronson Leiataua, Kaden Parkinson, Bowan Hewson and Dylan Walker who all competed at the School Moto-X Tournament in Rotorua recently. The day was well attended with large fields of riders in all classes, with our boys all doing well, especially Cohen who came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wyatt who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the 13 years and under 85cc class.

### The Online Family

These days Tweens and Teens are connected to their phones, computers, and social networking, as you'll know if you've ever tried to separate one from the other! This technology is a great thing, but at times they may need your guidance to remember that family is still the most important thing. Model and hold boundaries around how to get the most out of phones and computers - show them how to live a life that's enhanced, rather than dominated, by technology. Family guidelines can promote balance between time spent online and offline - for example you might decide that technology is off-limits during mealtimes and after 8pm. - [www.parenting.inc.co.nz](http://www.parenting.inc.co.nz)

### Danceworkz Taupo Dance School proudly presents

#### "HAIRSPRAY SHOW"

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> May 2011.

Great Lake Centre 2pm and 6pm.

Adults \$20, Chn \$10 Senior Citizens \$15  
A lively entertaining performance with a fun story involving children from 3 yrs to adult!!

Tickets available at the door or Dance School. Ph Joanna 377 8977 or 0274 829 673.

### Taupo Badminton

resumes at Taupo Events Centre

Juniors Monday night from 6.30 – 7.30pm

Adults & experienced players Mon 7.30 – 9 pm.

Club members please encourage friends and family to join us.

### ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE ROAD SAFETY CONTRACTOR - TAUPO, WITH WINTER JUST AROUND THE CORNER. Remember to:

- \* Protect all children.
- \* Choose safety over convenience. Park away from the entrance and walk to the gate. This can be a very special time for conversation.
- \* **NEVER** call out to your child from across the road- excited children forget to look for traffic.
- \* Obey and support our school's personnel, including student monitors and the rules laid down by the school for everyone's benefit.
- \* Parents are the most important role models for road safety behaviour and they will model your behaviour- good and bad.
- \* Always set a good example when crossing the road. It instils in your child the correct procedures and thus protecting them when you're not there.
- \* **ALWAYS** have children use the car door on the footpath side, keeping them away from traffic.
- \* If crossing the road **ALWAYS** use the school crossing.
- \* **NEVER** stop on the yellow no stopping lines- they are there to ensure children can see & be seen.
- \* Children are vulnerable road users. They are not mini adults, and they do not see things as adults do. They have physical, social & intellectual limitations when making sound road safety decisions.

**Road Safety is everyone's responsibility. To teach road safety is to touch the future. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of tomorrow's adults**



## EVENTS CALENDAR Term 2 2011

Sunday 15th or 22nd May - Action World Open Day

Friday 8th July - Bluelight Rave 10yrs - 13yrs

