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Striving for Excellence

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Greetings to all of our families

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In My Opinion:

Another week in the Life of Taupo Intermediate School has past, with a group starting in Napier on Sunday evening with a leadership course alongside two other Intermediates, Taradale and Illminster from Napier and Gisborne respectively.

We had an interesting two days observing the dynamics of the individuals and the groups of those who seem to have the gifts of leadership and confidence, to those who might have struggled with the concept, however we may never know what our true potential is unless we are placed in this environment.

We will all have our own views and opinions regarding this field of study. Who knows what lies within the rest of the school as far as leaders are concerned and whether we were able to put together a fair and reasonable representation across the school.

The emphasis will be on us providing opportunities for our students to take a lead in certain areas. This can happen in the field of sport, cultural, arts and indeed in our everyday classrooms.

All I will say is that I continue to be proud of the way our students represent your families and our school, especially when you see them operate alongside other students, and that is not to say the other schools did not perform, but to reinforce the fact that our students do a fine job of representing us.

We are hosting the Seminar next year in Taupo, but we do look forward to some of the outcomes this year from our leaders, whether they were on the course or whether they will emerge from their class group.

Pupils from Taradale - Illminster - Taupo Intermediates performing the 'Sasa' a Samoan Dance and interacting with each other.



Next week we are holding 'Book Week'; a time when we can emphasis the value of books and reading and where a majority of the class programme will revolve around books. The major theme is "Bridges" which opens the creative minds as to how each class will evolve this theme.

Next Friday there will be an opportunity for pupils and teachers to come along to school in fancy dress depicting a book character. Please be creative and no, it is not necessary to go out and 'hire' a costume, try to recycle.

Thoughts:

- *Why don't we build kit-set houses in Taupo or other parts of the country and then truck them down to Christchurch. This would mean builders, plumbers, electricians, joiners and painters here would continue to get work, and they wouldn't have to live or travel to Christchurch putting extra strain on the infrastructure. If someone has already thought of that idea then sorry for raising it.*
- *Why do we have to have a finals play-off in sport when, for example, in the netball the Australian team - whose name escapes me- has not lost a game all season after playing everyone at home and away. Yet the Mystics - (the mighty blues) have lost 4 games and could win the finals game. Sorry I think that is wrong. It should be the same in the Super 15. Adopt the same as English Football where Manchester United has already won their competition even before the competition has finished, as they deserve to. Why? Because they have won the most games. Only have a 'finals' if two teams finish on the same number of points at the end of the rounds.*
- *What will happen to Daniel Carter's contract if we don't win the World Cup, or is that already in the contract?*

Have a great weekend and thank you all for your continued support.

W D CLARKE Principal

ALSO COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Monday 23rd May Board of Trustees monthly meeting held in the School Board Room.

Tuesday 24th May 2011 - International Competitions and Assessments for School - ICAS - previously referred to as the Australian Tests. This one is for Computers.

Tuesday 24th May 2011 - Professional Development Meeting for Staff - facilitator Ann Giles - topic is Literacy and National Standards. **NB: This is NOT a Teacher Only Day. School is open as per usual.**

Friday 27th May 2011 - Bay of Plenty Squash competition - Whakatane

Mountain Bike Trials: The 3rd and final Mountain Bike Trial will be held on the Tourist Trap at the Craters of the Moon on Sunday the 29th May at 3.30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tui Glen Equestrian: To the "Horseys" which is my affectionate name for the Equestrian team for their successes at the Tui Glen Event a couple of weeks ago, who will have their medals presented at today's assembly. Thank you to Sherryl Crawford for your organisation and the parents who take the sole responsibility to deliver both horse and rider to and from the events.

North Waikato Championships Motocross: Bronson Leiataua who raced in the North Waikato Championships for Motocross on Saturday in the 65CC class and placed 2nd overall. It was fantastic racing and a few spills but both rider and bike emerged unscathed!

The Chase boys both raced as well and we understand they were both placed second in their respective grades. Both Taupo and Taupo Intermediate were well represented on the podium by all three boys.

BMX National Championships: Logan Hirst attending the Nationals at Easter in Albany and is now NZ No. 2 for 11 Yr Boys. Logan led the final but just got beaten over the finish line.



Winners of Book Week Dress-up Day 2010

Book Week

This exciting week of activities begins on Monday 23rd. The Scholastic Book Fair will be on display in the hall from Tuesday 24th. This will be available for viewing and for purchases until 4pm daily. Eftpos will also be available. The week will culminate in a dress-up day next Friday when all staff and pupils come to school dressed as a book character.

On Wednesday 11th May a group of 8 very dedicated equestrian riders and their horses braved the torrential rain and competed at the Tui Glen Annual Horse Riding Competition in Kawerau against 17 other teams.

Team 1 - Baelei London and Sox, Aimee Janssen and Galaxy Jungle Fever, Mackenzie Barclay and Max, Annaleeza Stockman and Tonka Toy;

Team 2 - Jemma Isaacs and Barney, Claudia Branco and Saydee, Taylor Des Barres and Misty and Daisy Morgan and Chance. They all did extremely well under very trying conditions.

In the Showcrosse (jumping) events Team 1 came third overall, Team 2 came 4th overall in the Games events and Team 1 came 5th. Individual results - In Pre-Training Aimee 2nd, Jemma 3rd. In Training Annaleeza 4th.

Well done girls, you all did a fantastic job with your lovely horses.

Miss Crawford

Taupo Junior Football

There are still places available for Grade 11. If you were born in 2000 and would like to give football ago, please contact Steve on 021 242 1162.

The Child First Aid Course will be held in Taupo on Saturday 25 June 2011 at a cost of \$65.

For more information phone St John's



Sunday 22nd May

Friday 8th July

August

Friday 30th September

November

Action World Open Day

Bluelight Rave 10yrs - 13yrs

Trip to Rainbows End (Date to be advised)

Bluelight Rave 10yrs - 13yrs

Bluelight Trolley Derby (Date to be advised)

Treating Influenza Symptoms - Stay home, rest to let the body fight the virus. Drink plenty of extra fluids. Control fever, aches and pains with aspirin or paracetamol, children under 18 should avoid aspirin. See your doctor if symptoms worsen, or you have increasing breathing problems, coughing up yellow or green coloured phlegm, severe headaches or dehydration. Always ring your doctor or practice nurse if you are worried or phone Healthline on 0800 611 116.