

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:

I have just signed my new contract as Principal which will allow me to travel overseas and work for another school. When I am fully rested I will be able to come back to Taupo Intermediate and take back my original position and be ready to take on the world.

This will not be available to all Principals, just to those we think are good at their game, and will ensure that becoming a Principal will be a job that every young person will aspire to.

I would have to choose a place where the weather would be warm and the food and beverages would have real posh names, and I could impress my friends and neighbours with my ability to speak another language.

I would probably have to give up my favourite Holden and buy a Peugeot or Skoda or even an Audi, and maybe purchase a retail shop selling Principal Fragrances or just promote underarm deodorant, maybe start 'planking' on the wall of lounges?

I might book in for a medical..... as I think all those years of playing rugby and taking blows to the head has affected my thinking.

Wouldn't it be great if we could have the opportunity to make such choices and maybe you might think that this is envy at its worst, or that I don't like Dan Carter or Richie McCaw or S.B.W.

My point is the amount of money being spent on keeping them here in New Zealand 'after' the World Cup. At grass roots level for all sports, parents, schools, and clubs have to pay ever increasing subscriptions and take part in fundraisers to keep their various organisations up and running. I can speak from experience at all levels and witness the struggle at our kids' level.

I believe quite strongly that the balance is wrong and all the funding and support is at the wrong end and we should let the high profile players go onto the open market and if they are any good at their own marketing then they will be able to fund their own lifestyles.

There are many talented students at the schools and clubs who can take their place, after all that is what has been happening for many years.

You need only look at the interschool competitions such as our NZAIMS – New Zealand Intermediate and Middle Schools competition, our Bay of Plenty inter schools competition, the Secondary Schools competition and the number of sports our kids are involved in, to know that our stocks are full.

When I go to the courts and fields during the week and see the huge numbers of students involved in the various sports I know we can replenish our stocks and this is duplicated throughout the country.

I watch the interschool 1st XV rugby on Sky and see the huge talent on show in this country and so I say 'cut them loose', those professionals and put the money into fostering the sports at grass roots level. Imagine if the money was given to clubs and organisations and we didn't have to ask for fees or subs, it may solve some of the youth problems as well.

So, well done to all of us who work tirelessly and without personal financial gain to ensure that our cupboard remains full with talent, and no, we don't have the luxury of being pampered beyond our use by date. Best wishes to all of these people and to the many students who participate each week. Just remember that these coaches and managers volunteer their time and effort and that includes my awesome teachers, so treat them with respect and thank them for their efforts.

It is disappointing when they are subjected to abuse or criticism, as without them - *I have heard this in many speeches* – we wouldn't have a team or a game. The abuse of referees is also a common pastime, and I know personally that at times I need to refrain from offering advice, but I do ref. on occasions.

Thank you all again for your continued support and effort for our pupils and teachers, I appreciate your efforts as I appreciate the efforts of my staff.

Have a great weekend and we will catch you back Monday.

W.D.Clarke

This week at Taupo Intermediate we:

- The final mountain bike trial will be held this Sunday at 3:30pm on the Tourist Trap.
- Focussed on Reading and Books with our theme being "Across the Story Bridge. I have been impressed with the engineering displays with our bridges in the hall and there is a book display with sales in the hall throughout the week, until next Tuesday with many students and teachers taking advantage of what is available.
The big dress up day was held today with many impressive costumes so I thank you all for getting in behind this event.
- Held an ICAS test in Computers for some of our pupils on Tuesday
- Held our Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday – we have now a vacancy on our board following the resignation of one of the Board Members - Bronee Stanfield. (information further in this newsletter as to the process involved in replacing a member). I would like to publicly thank Bronee for her work whilst she was on our Board and wish her well in her personal endeavours.
- Undertook a Teacher Professional Development Day for all staff
– Anne Giles was the Facilitator on Literacy – "Writing Focus"
- Supported the H.P.V Vaccinations campaign for our girls which was administered on Tuesday.
- Sent our Squash team to Whakatane today – Friday – Results next week.

Youth Art Exhibition

The Youth Art Exhibition was a great successful. Thanks to all the students who entered.

Winners

Student's Choice – **Harrison Painter** – He won an experience day with Judi Brennan making mosaics.
Photography – **Phoebe Slee** – She won an experience day in photography with Jeremy Bright.
Winner Intermediate Age Group
– **Ellie Van Leeuwen and Liana Edwards**
Runner Up Intermediate Age Group – **Aimee Nicol**.

Taupo Intermediate School Board of Trustees

Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.
If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.
Any eligible voter who wished to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to: Chairperson, Board of Trustees,
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by: Friday 24th June 2011.

Taupo DeBretts Thermal Hot Springs

are offering a sensational deal on our 12 month family membership exclusively to school families in the Taupo area. Normally priced at \$250, our school fundraiser offers this to school families for only \$145, with a further \$20 from each membership sold returned to your school.

This represents fantastic value for a family (2 adults and up to 4 children aged 3-17 years).

Membership includes all main thermal pools, fresh water pools, spa pools, our 12 private pools and unlimited access to our 4 story high hydro slide.

With winter not too far away, what a great way to unwind in the evenings with a relaxing soak in the thermal waters of Taupo Hot Springs. Offer expires 31st October 2011.

To take up this offer or find out more, please contact Jill Steele on 07 3788559 or Amy Price on 07 3776502.

Transform your Health, Weight and Vitality!

A seminar with self-cured health researcher and longevity expert Jason Shon Bennett. Feel younger, get energized and live longer – the natural way.

Discover the power of food and the direct link between what you eat and how good you feel, how fast you age, how well you sleep & what your disease risk is.
Learn - how to live a long healthy life free from drugs and disease
-how to easily and naturally lose excess weight and keep it off
- what foods may be causing your health problems
- how to transform you energy and vitality levels
- how to grow younger and healthier and achieve glowing healthy skin.

Taupo Intermediate School Kotare Street Taupo
Saturday 18th June 4:00pm to 6:00pm

To register interest please phone Maxine on 021 223 7736
or e-mail tammy.mac@ihug.co.nz

This Sunday head down to Taupo Primary School between 10am and 2pm for the Taupo Safe District Community Safety Day featuring live safety demonstrations, puppet shows, and plenty of fun for the whole family.

Put on by Taupo District Council in conjunction with ACC aims to promote Taupo district as a safe place to live, work and play. Features include safety demonstrations from the NZ Fire Service, NZ Police, Taupo District Council and many more.

INVITATION FOR OUR YEAR 8 PUPILS:

We have been invited to attend a Matinee performance of the Tauhara High School Musical "Chicago" which has been rated – PG – Parental Guidance.

Even though it is being staged by one of our Secondary schools it requires permission from you as a parent.

We have the opportunity to see a matinee performance of Chicago Tuesday 7th June 11:00am. This is advertised as an "All singing, all dancing show" rated PG with adult themes similar to "The Wedding Singer"

Those students who do not attend will be required to attend normal classes here.

So please complete the slip below which needs your signature, and return it to school.

We give permission/withdraw permission for our son/daughter Room:

To attend the show Chicago at Tauhara College. Signed.....