

# 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:

As we head into our long weekend it is an opportune time to take a wee break, catch our breath and then back into the run towards the end of this term.

Last week saw us celebrate reading, with Book Week, and the book character dress up day was fantastic with some excellent costumes, especially those that had been put together by yourselves from what you have stowed away in your wardrobes. Great fun was had by all, so thank you to Colleen Westerman for her enthusiasm and organisation of the week and also to those who "got involved". From the bridge construction, posters, dressing up and to those who bought books from the Book Fair – congratulations and thank you. A percentage of the book sales are credited to us so we can also purchase books for our own library.

Speaking of raising funds for our library, we are putting together our organisation for the **Great Sponsored Clean Up** of the roadsides leading into and out of Taupo and around the Lake shore. Please rest assured that the rubbish they will clean up will be monitored and will involve dry rubbish, not animal or human waste or anything dangerous that we may encounter on our walk.

This week Baz Haydon and myself met with our class leaders to outline their responsibilities for this venture and how they will generate support in each of their classes. At today's assembly Baz Haydon will outline the full organisation for the school, including all the processes and procedures we will go through to ensure we raise the maximum amount of money whilst performing a community service. We will be working in conjunction with Traffic Management and also with support from the Taupo District Council and Taupo Multi Sport to cover aspects like health and safety, collection bags, disposable gloves, trailers, high vis jackets etc. We will be looking for parental support on the day to walk alongside our students, this is to be organised by our student leaders in their own classes.

Each pupil will need to seek your permission to be involved in the sponsorship and also in the collection of the rubbish. They will be issued with a numbered card and this will be a record of what is being collected and will also at times be used in a prize draw for some sports and other prizes as incentives – eg: collect 10 x sponsors and you go into a draw for .....

Last year we raised approximately \$17,000.00 and this money went to support our sports, cultural trips and programmes, library books, music equipment and furniture.

We would like to think that we could match or better this total with your help and support. We also realise that much of the available sponsorship dollar has been taken up by the support for the disasters, but we certainly need this support to maintain our programmes.

Being involved and being positive is a key element to ensure that our pupils remain on the straight road. It was interesting to watch and listen to the comments on 'Breakfast' about why our kids today are behaving so badly, with truancy, drugs and alcohol, physical and verbal abuse of parents, teachers and other pupils. Their research indicates that the problems start at the pre-school age and I guess that is where they believe we should be putting extra funding and support. I don't totally agree, as we see many pupils make radical changes from their previous records, based on the fact that here we have so many opportunities for them to get into that it shifts their focus on to more positive things.

Developing strong relationships between teachers or adults here helps their learning and social behaviours, and in our case always trying to attend and support our kids at the various events and experiences. This shows them that what they do must be important.

There is a switch that must be turned on and the trick is finding the right power source – the individualised programmes, the gender balanced curriculum, the extra-curricular activities, the indoor and outdoor programmes and the specialisation programmes all help to put a smorgasbord of activities in front of them.

I think Taupo Intermediate does work hard to help cater for the needs and wants of this very complex age group. We have been responsible for changing pupil's attitudes and behaviours and we have been able to establish strong relationships between pupils, teachers and parents.

You will get your opportunity to discuss our programmes and pupils progress at our **Pupil – Parent – Teacher Interviews during the week of 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July 2011. We will hold our late night interview on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – finishing our school day at 1pm, so arrangements will need to be made to care for your children.**

We will be looking after our kids next week by allowing a **"Mufti Day"** to be held Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June @ a minimum of \$2.00. This is being coordinated by the Class Leaders as well, and they will also decide on how to use the funds to provide wet weather activities for their class.

Speaking of uniforms, I have had a number of girls and parents making submissions about the wearing of plain black tights during the cold winter months, and I have agreed to this compromise. They do look very smart and tidy, as long as we don't start introducing variations, they will continue to be allowed during the winter months, we also offer long plain navy-blue tracksuit pants.

- I don't want to comment on the standard of refereeing at the Crusaders vs. Reds game last week but I think it was fairly obvious to a 'blind horse'.
- Go the Blues and have a good game Chiefs (this is for Josh)

**Have a great weekend and enjoy the extra days; holiday on Monday.**

W.D.Clarke

### **Abel Tasman Great Walk:**

After looking at 56 resumes & interviewing the 56 applicants, the 16 students selected for this adventure were this week notified. The process in the selection of these students involved marking them in a range of criteria along with discussion with class teachers. Understandably and unfortunately many students were upset at not being chosen and we apologize that due to hut sizes we are not able to cater for more than 16 students.

### **Waikato/BOP Mountain Bike Champs:**

On Wednesday this week eleven of our students competed in the Waikato/BOP Mountain Bike Champs held on the Cambridge Moto-X track. The 6km race was over fairly steep terrain and against tough competition. Top placings were gained by Susan Eatson 1<sup>st</sup> Year 7 Girl, Olivia Flight 2<sup>nd</sup> and Loren King 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 8 Girls, Wyatt Chase 4<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Boy, Cohen Chase 1<sup>st</sup>, Ben Negus 2<sup>nd</sup> and Manawa Pereka-Owens 4<sup>th</sup> Year 8 Boys.

Next Friday we will be hosting the BOP/Poverty Bay Intermediate Mountain Bike Championships at Craters of the Moon where 19 of our students will be competing.

### **BOP/Poverty Bay Squash**

**Competition:** Last Friday Cole Robinson, Natasha Donald, Brooke Menzies, Tom Wilson and Charlie Rouse all travelled to Whakatane where they competed against students from seven other Intermediate schools. The students all played well against tough competition (two of the year 8 boys were graded C!), with Cole attaining the best result, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 7 Boys.

**ICAS Science:** This test is next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### **ADHD Fund Raiser**

#### **An Australian Evening with The Pierce Brothers**

Do you like good food, good music and good company?

If so come along to our ADHD fund raising evening.

Pub and Grub will prepare some delectable sacks for you to enjoy whilst you listen to some excellent music performed by The Pierce Brothers, a talented musical duo from Australia who will be performing specially for us whilst they are in NZ. Check out their website

[www.piercebrothers.com.au](http://www.piercebrothers.com.au)

If this sounds like something you would enjoy you can purchase your tickets from the ADHD office. Bring along your friends and help make this a successful event. Tickets are limited so get in quick

**Where: Pub and Grub**

**When: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 7.00pm**

**Tickets are \$25 pp for supper & band, drinks extra. To purchase tickets and for more information please contact the ADHD Office on (07) 3481946**

### **THE WORLD TAUPO FAMOUS HILLTOP SCHOOL SKI TEAM ANNUAL CAR BOOT SALE**

Sell Your Pre-loved Ski & Sporting Equipment, Furniture, Homewards, Wind-Surfers, Water Skis, Wake Boards, Skates, Helmets, Boots, Wetsuits, Fishing Gear, Toys, Tables, Fry pans and pretty much whatever else you can get in the back of your car.

Any donated gear to be sold is most welcome

**Cost per Car: \$25.00**

or pay \$20 for early registration at Hilltop School Office -Rokino Road  
phone 378 7583

**SUNDAY 5th June, 9am-12pm  
NORTHCROFT RESERVE**

(in front of Suncourt Hotel)

Sausage Sizzle, Bouncy Castle, Cake Stall, Sweets, & Volcanic Coffee

Buyers: Come and get a Bargain!

Be there on the day to win a 2011

Mt Ruapehu Season's Pass

**THE WORLD TAUPO FAMOUS HILLTOP SCHOOL**

### **This Saturday at the Riverside Market SPCA Garage Sale – WE NEED STUFF!!**

We would be very grateful for any household items that can be turned from Trash to Treasure.

Please drop your pre-loved items off to us here at the Animal Centre, access now via Owen Delany Park on Centennial Drive, Taupo SPCA 07 378 0825 021 607 329 *Visit our New Website* [www.spcataupo.org.nz](http://www.spcataupo.org.nz)

### **WE HAVE A BOT VACANCY TO FILL**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD ENJOY THE CHALLENGE AND REWARDS OF JOINING THE TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES PLEASE CONTACT US AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR PHONE 378 8097 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

