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Greetings to all of our families

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In My Opinion:

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honourable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well" - Ralph Emerson.

One can describe this week, in our school, as being reasonably quiet by our standards, with our Bay of Plenty Wall Climbing Competition being held today, which we should do very well at, in fact "climbing walls" should be a specialty for some of us?

The Big Sponsored Walk / Clean-up

Our success will be celebrated at our weekly assembly today Friday @ 11.45am. The school band will also be playing a "gig" and if time allows we will hear the two top speeches.

The fantastic news is that from the sponsorships, our magnificent group of students, teachers and community have raised, as of Thursday afternoon, \$17,800.00 – sixteen thousand dollars in the bank with still some money to arrive. This, with all the generosity shown for those in Christchurch, the way the economic situation is at the moment, is an outstanding effort.

The most outstanding efforts from classes that raised the most money were

Year 7 Room 1 - Mrs MacRae - \$2162.00 Year 8 Room 2 - Mrs Robinson - \$1349.00
Rooms - 3, 8, 7, 13, 15, and 23 also raised over - \$1000.00 each.

As a community project alone, the task of cleaning the roadsides itself is an effort we can feel very proud of. Thank you all for the wonderful support and generosity.

Taupo Intermediate Science Fair

There has been much activity in school and around the district as the final touches are put on the exhibits. These will be displayed in the hall on Monday (4th July 2011) for judging, and then they will remain up for the week until Thursday.

Parent / Pupil / Teacher Interviews

These will be held from Monday 4th July to Thursday 7th July 2011. We have sent home a letter to that effect. Times allocated include mid-week times and some after school. **We will also be running an intensive day on WEDNESDAY 6th July 2011 – these will be starting at 1.45pm. School will not be having normal instruction at this time, as this will be finishing at the usual lunch break time of 12.50pm. Pupils will be released to go home at this time.**

- *Buses will run as normal for bus pupils and other schools are not affected by our decision.*
- *Students who are not able to go home at the earlier time are able to stay at school and will be supervised here.*
- *Under NO circumstances are any of our students permitted to visit any other school in our area for any reason. We do not want any classes disturbed by our presence. I will be contacting the schools to let them know what our arrangements and instructions are:*

Frequently asked questions / answers

- Yes, students do attend interviews, as it gives them an opportunity to share with you what they are learning and what they will need to do to continue to improve.
- Yes, we will be reporting on their testing and sharing results and examples of work via their portfolios.
- Yes, it will include reporting on where they are on the National Standards and be able to share the evidence of how we came to that conclusion.
- It is important to remember that we, did not put the National Standards together, but are required to make a Teacher Judgement. This has been reinforced by our teachers working together on moderation, and helping to try and get some consistency with our teacher interpretation.
- Yes, you can make an appointment to see the Technology Teachers as well, by using the booking form that has been sent home.
- Yes, you can use the Obstacle Course beside the School pool as a parking area, just remember, it is an obstacle course for children not for your cars.
- Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp that no decent human being would eat?

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

- * Thursday 7th July 2011 - Pukekohe Secondary School Music Group and Band will be visiting us and playing a concert at 9.15am in our school hall.
- * Friday 8th July 2011 - Bay of Plenty Winter Tournament - to be held in Mount Maunganui / Tauranga for Netball, Hockey, Soccer and 7-a-Side Rugby. - Big Day Out!!!

Some Interesting Thoughts:

- A few years ago the country was aghast at the death of twins; a new legislation was drawn up and hotly debated at government level. On Thursday morning Breakfast Television a doctor reported that at least 60 children had suffered head injuries in the past 5 years since??
- Book, what book?? I thought there was a code of silence? For goodness sake Mr Wishart, spend your time and energy writing about people who have done something positive with their life?
- It's a chronic situation, when the inventor of 'kronic' now tells us that it can make you chronically ill, again why didn't the inventor spend his time finding a cure for cancer?

Have a great weekend and may the Blues and the Crusaders do us all proud, and no I don't care if it is world cup year. Why do we have to lose the Super 15 and the Tri-Nations just to win the World Cup? What happened in the past is past? Did they have a major disaster in the last host country months out from the cup??

Bill Clarke - Principal

Cycling:

Congratulations to Ben Negus, who placed first in his age group at three cycling event in Cambridge last weekend. The events were Hill Climb, Criterion and Time Trial. Good luck to those students entered this weekend in the North Island Schools Road Cycling Champs also being held in Cambridge.

North Island Cross Country Champs:

Best of luck to the students entered in the North Island Cross Country Champs hosted by the Taupo Harrier Club at Spa Park on Saturday.

Bubble Dome School Holiday Programmes

Ever wondered how 3D movies like Toy Story and computer games are made? Learn the latest in 3D Computer Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop, July holidays. For students aged 6 to 18 years. Tel: 0800 438 282 or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Book online at: www.bubbledome.co.nz

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Lake Taupo Christian Camp Trust - Kids Camp

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd July 2011

Action packed with fun filled programs designed for children and young people. The purpose of LTCCT Kid Camps is to give young people the opportunity to see the Christian life in today's world where Christian values are shared in a fun and entertaining way.

Theme: Time after Time-Through the Ages

A week with lots & lots of fun & challenging activities with good food. Camper Brochures are for children between the ages of 9-12yrs. Leader's registration is for 13 yrs and over (Camp starts on Sunday 17th July 2011 for the leaders). For more information phone

Lake Taupo Christian Camp Trust assistant@ltcc.org.nz
Phone: (07) 386 7967 Fax: (07) 386 0169

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Taupo Events Centre, 18th-29th July. Come and check out our great choice of programmes, loads of activities like rock wall climbing, trips to the movies, river cruises, arts and crafts, swimming, skiing and mystery trips all at a reasonable price. WINZ Subsidies Available. Programmes and enrolment forms available from A.C. Baths/Taupo Event Centre Reception from 24th June. Get in quick as spaces are limited.

Lake Taupo Christian Camp Trust.

On the 24th - 26th June - 2011 we are running a Boys Teen Camp at Ruapehu Christian Camp for 13 - 19 year olds. Teen Camp is a weekend for teens to have heaps of fun, and at the same time be encouraged and equipped so they can go back into life and make their mark. Phone: 07 386 7967
Email: assistant@ltcc.org.nz
Website: www.ltcc.org.nz Fax: 07 386 0169

Scrapbook Cottage

Looking for something for your children during the holidays, check out Scrapbook Cottage (formally Krazy Krafters Taupo) for a fun class. School Holiday classes include: Scrapbooking ~ Cards ~ Mini Albums ~ Canvas ~ Teen Scrapping Day ~ Monogram Letter ~ Shadow Box ~ Tissue Box cover ~ Wall Hanging.

For boys and girls aged 8 years and up.

Located at The Castle, Cnr Spa Rd & Taniwha St, call in or phone on 378 1890 for more information and to book or check out www.scrapbookcottage.taupo.com

