

# 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:

Again I have to apologise for not getting my newsletter out to the multitudes last week as I had a family bereavement. I had to return to Gisborne for a flying visit, and on top of that, the "Rugby World Cup" opening, and aside from that, we have a visiting group from New Caledonia – Noumea. The students and teachers are from **Jean Mariotti College** who were our gracious hosts when we visited Noumea a few weeks back, so it is great that we can renew friendships and return the hospitality.

At times their students will spend some time in our classrooms working alongside our teachers and students, and will also take part in some of our out of school activities, like a visit to the mountains for an overnight ski trip. It's really interesting in the mornings to catch up with the 'gossip' from the night before, and the weekend adventures including the Day / Night Thriller. This caused much interest amongst our visitors, that plans are now afoot to enter a team or teams from Jean Mariotti College, if they are here during next year's events.

There has also been discussions amongst the two schools about the possibilities of having two of our students go to Jean Mariotti College next year and stay for up to 5 weeks, with a reciprocal arrangement being done with two students from their College coming to us for 5 weeks. The Home Stay arrangements would need to be on a reciprocal basis.

The finer details of this exchange however will be formalised firstly at Board of Trustees and Governing Board levels of the respective schools before any exchange of this nature could take place. The main focus would be on building on the languages of the students, by being immersed in the culture for a longer period of time, something exciting for the future.

And speaking of exciting we have also had some students involved in the **NZAISMS Games – New Zealand Association Intermediate and Middle Schools** with outstanding results in the Netball competition. With 4600 competitors and 900 coaches, managers and officials, from the length and breadth of the country, attended this major event covering a huge range of sports for pupils who are Year 7 and Year 8 at their respective schools. This event is the biggest sporting event for students in this country if not in the Southern Hemisphere. So to gain a medal at this event is a truly exceptional performance.

Our school sent representatives in: **The Multisport, Swimming, Gym-Sports, Hip Hop (Boys Class), and Netball.** Our netball team achieved a **Silver Medal** after their week of games, playing Range View Intermediate who are the current Auckland Champions, in the finals and only losing by 6 goals.

This netball team has in fact capped off a very successful year, after winning the first round of the local Taupo netball competition was then promoted to the Senior Woman's grade. They then went on to win the Bay of Plenty Intermediate Competition and then to come runners up in the New Zealand Tournament competing against 55 other Netball Teams. They beat Newlands Intermediate on the first day of competition, the current Wellington Intermediate Champions, and then Tamatea Intermediate who are the current Hawkes Bay Champions as well.

To cap this week off, **Summer Tai- Rakena and Phoebe Slee** were also named in the NZAISMS Netball Tournament Team for 2011. My grateful thanks and congratulations go to **Lisa Hemopo the coach** for her very successful year. An announcement is pending regarding the selection of some of these netballers into the Waikato Development programme for the Under 15s age group, so I congratulate and wish them all the very best if they are chosen for this programme.

Speaking of **Champions** on Tuesday this week we hosted the local **Chess Competitions** for Primary and Intermediate age group and dominated the results board. We will be sending a representative group to Auckland to compete in the New Zealand Championships on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Also huge congratulations to the **Jump Jam team** who have qualified for the Nationals on the North Shore – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – qualifying in 2<sup>nd</sup> place – but it means we can improve and as we were last years' Champions, we will not be relinquishing our crown without a decent battle.

### In my opinion .....

- I would like to comment on the current World Cup campaign and the experts who have now decided that after one game versus Tonga, and our next game with an injury ridden team against Japan, that we look like we will fail again in this campaign. Great to see our own media getting in behind our team and our country – NOT – That we would believe

ramblings of an Australian journalist, who witnessed the "bad mannered and loud boorish" behaviour toward the Australian team, by one of our Government Ministers – who they could not identify. I can only say we must have learnt off those experts from across the Tasman.

- Wasn't it great to see the fantastic opening ceremony, the creativity and the sheer effort into coordinating the event, but no, let's concentrate on the idiots who wrecked the opening by their lunatic behaviour, meddling with the safety systems on the trains, and then all trying to get to Eden Park at the same time. Which part of the opening days has been repeatedly shown and talked about this week? Should we hang our dirty laundry out in public? No we should not, we should just do what is being done and that is learn from our mistakes and get on with fixing it.
- That will teach the English Rugby team a lesson in messing around with our Black Jersey and tampering with our Koru designs on their Rose – funny how the jerseys all fell apart during their game with all their numbers falling off? Mmmmmmm. Interesting!!

Have a great weekend and let's stop the negative nonsense and get in behind your team.

**Bill Clarke - Principal**

### **AND COMING UP ON GONE FISHIN.....(one can only hope & dream)**

- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011** – North Island Road Cycling Championships @Taupo Motor Racing Track
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011** – South African Rugby Team – Public training 10:00am -11.30am.
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011** – **MATHSMATTERS – Year 5/6** 6:30pm
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011** – **MATHSMATTERS – Year 7/8** 6:30pm
- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011** – South African Rugby Team –Public training 10:00am -11.30am.
- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011** – Board of Trustees meeting – 5:30pm Board Rm
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011** – Navy Band to visit – Concert @ 2.00pm
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011** – Taupo Intermediate's Got Talent – The Show @6.30pm in the School Hall
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011** – Tuwharetoa Kapa Haka Festival – Our group performs 8.30am at the Taupo Events Centre
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011** – THE GREAT WALK THROUGH - through **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011** ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK.
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011** – "Big Day Out" – Music Festival @ Great Lake Centre – concert at 4.30pm.
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011** – End of Term – School Holidays.

### **Ode to Marble**

By Benjamin Ferguson Rm 1

Roses are red  
Violets are blue

I can't stop thinking of you

Your eyes sparkled in the sunlight  
Now a tombstone guards you  
through the night

The love that binds you and me  
Is still very strong you see

For you I write this  
My dear Marble

I loved it when we were together  
My love for you shall live forever  
I loved to snuggle you  
Until death came to smuggle you

### **Congratulations:**

- Ryan White from Room 5 has been selected for the Waikato Federation Football team to play in the Weir Rose Bowl Tournament, hosted by the Northern Football Federation held in Albany, North Harbour on 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Ryan has also been selected for the Ricky Herbert Academy and will be travelling to Sydney to play against Australian Football Teams.
- Bay of Plenty Under 13 Girls Collier Hockey Team. Making the team is Bethany Hoyles; Tash Donald & 1<sup>st</sup> reserve player Xanthe Sando. The girls have been training hard every Sunday in lead up to Nationals in Palmerston North in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the school holidays.

**Taupo Intermediate School Rave**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October (Week 10)**  
**\$5 per ticket - includes free glow stick**  
**You must return the signed parent permission form when buying ticket.**

**Fluro Party!**  
**6.30pm - 10pm**  
**Tickets to be purchased at the school office.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give my child \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend the  
Taupo Intermediate School Rave on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October.  
I will pick my child up at 10pm in the School Hall. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

