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Greetings to all of our families

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In My Opinion:

"Cowabunga Dude"!! I know some of you will be thinking that I should be seeking some professional help at this stage, but it is all brought about by one of our guitarists in the **Taupo Intermediate Schools Got Talent** playing or picking the theme to Benny Hill, and our minds were cast back to the 'ole days'. Like who was the famous New Zealand Guitarist who used to perform songs from movies like 'Bonanza' and 'Apache'? I am trying to describe the intense cultural week we have been immersed in this week, which just goes to show that we do provide activities other than sports for our students to excel in.

Our **Jump Jam team** has been rehearsing every day to try and perfect our routine for the National Championships to be held on the 12th November on the North Shore. We had an announcement that 3 of our students; Tom Wilson, Sarina Towers and Alex McConnon have made the finals of the New **Zealand Jump Jam Idol** competition and will compete on the 11th November.

We held for the first time an **Art Workshop** for year 7s and 8s on Tuesday 27th September and schools from Mangakino, Hilltop, and Mountview, joined our kids for a day of activities, and by all accounts thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

- *"Sally they LOVED it. Thank you so much for organising it. We would love to take part in it again" A comment from Jenny Bohan at Mountview*
- *"I just got home and found an email from one of the parent helpers telling me what a fantastic, well organised and welcoming day they all had, so thank you a million, Sally, now it is time for you to sit back". Sue and Robbie Graham*

We were also privileged to have the **New Zealand Navy Band** perform for us on Tuesday afternoon for a free concert, and also spent an hour working with our school musicians at some workshops. The concert was targeted at the kids' level and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Huge thanks to Jon Wood, who being a past member has retained contact with the band, and is the reason for their visit each time they pass through Taupo.³

Then Wednesday night we showed Taupo, and the world, the talents of the students who attend this school.

- **The TIS Band** –formed this year and who have been working with Tauhara College's music department. In musical terms 'Tight'
- **Sarena Towers / Stella Wilton-Stuart** Drama items – "Very clever and hilarious"
- **Olivia Pearce / Madison Hunt/ Marissa Davidson** who all sang individual items. "Very brave and at times quite emotional – dust in the air"
- **Heart Break Nation** – Band members were: Angus McNicol, Michael Kok, Fipe Foai, Chloe Travers, Stella Wilton-Stuart, Sarina Towers, Christopher Roper, Camryn Nel, and Blake Woodfield.
- **Azur** – Band Members were Madi Hunt, Benedict Brondial, Angus McNicol, Aidan Rivers, Anahere Whatu, Nicola Gebauer. Pheobe Slee and Kurtis Thompson.
- **Terrible Twins – Flautists** – Bella Davis and Sarah Clarke.
- **Phoebe Slee – Pianist**- who performed as a solo artist and also in the TIS band and the Band Azur.
- **Kane Henson** – Solo Pianist
- **Jacob Klein** – Guitarist – some people thought he should have performed on a bale of hay – This was the guitarist who evoked memories of yesteryear. Well done Jacob. Peter Posa was the New Zealand Artist.
- **CWUA** – 'Children With Ukulele Ability' – From Room 8 'Children with Academic Abilities Class'. Excellent whole class participation.
- **Bethany Hoyles** – a beautiful Ballet performance.
- **Frosine Henderson** – 'hip hop' solo dance performance.
- **Wearable Arts Group** – who displayed the costumes from the concert in Hamilton.
- **Dance Group 'Gold'** – Choreographed by Tessa Sandham.

