

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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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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Tena koutou te whanau o tenei Kura, nau mai haere mai ki te Kura Waenga o Taupo

Greetings to all our families and welcome to Taupo Intermediate School – “the best Intermediate in Taupo”

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible”- St Francis of Assisi.

In my opinion;

What a start to the year we have had, made more difficult I feel with the staggered starts of the schools here in Taupo, and of course compounded by the Auckland Anniversary weekend and the following week with Waitangi Day falling on the Tuesday.

I am sure as schools, we could make this more streamlined and I am sure that we could sort out the Waitangi Day by “Mondayising” it within the week which the 6th February falls. This would mean less absenteeism at school and eliminate the need to have a “sickie” from work, after all the Treaty was negotiated over a number of days and not just the 6th February.

Moving on to school things has meant, starting up classes this year with staff changes happening right up to the end of this week. Thank you for your patience and understanding where in the majority of cases I had asked that you give us some time to allow the students to settle into their new classes. We will have placed students according to the information we have received from last years teachers and schools, and I am aware that we may not have got all things right, but placing 600 students is a big task.

Building resilience is one of our aims for our students and making new friends and acquaintances, and getting a new teacher is the start of our 2 x year journey.

We have issued all students with their stationery packs and some of you have paid the \$20.00 already which is great, but please make an effort to catch up with payments before the year gets much older. This has ensured that all students get to start the year with the necessary equipment and not be waiting around for things to happen.

Taupo Intermediate School does not ask for a school donation, and in fact we haven’t for the past 4 x years, but we do ask for a Technology Fee to fund the product that your child will produce or maybe eat in the five technology classes. We highly recommend you start making weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments to cover upcoming costs throughout the year. These costs will be for Sports, Academic or Cultural trips or activities, and in some cases to pay for your laptop. We will make arrangements to help you facilitate these payments and it will somewhat lighten the financial burden.

At Taupo Intermediate we also make a conscious effort to help out where we can to ensure that no students will miss out on curriculum based activities because of finance. From time to time we make an effort to fundraise but these activities are generally once or twice a year.

Our first **Fundraiser** involves selling freshly picked corn – kindly donated to the school by the “Garland” family and we thank Roger for helping to organise this for our benefit. We expect that we will be starting to harvest early next week – weather permitting – and these will be on sale starting with us fulfilling those order forms which we sent out today.

🚩 Major events coming up this term

❖ Meet the Teacher / Parent Evening was held on the Thursday Evening 8th February 2018

Thank you to all our parents who turned up for this meeting. I am positive that you would have received information that may alleviate your concerns, and will have helped you and our teachers put a face to a name.

❖ 17th February 2018 - Great Lake Relay – Staff team

As part of our commitment to be involved in Community events we have entered a team of supremely prepared athletes, the likes of which you have never seen and are most likely never to see again. After a vigorous trial Baz Haydon selected the team and of course some of our staff are devastated they never made the grade. I could name the team, but I don’t want to rub “salt into the fresh wounds” but on a personal note, I am please and thrilled to have been selected.

❖ **24th February 2018– Across the Lake Swim – Saturday**

A number of our students will be swimming in this event, but will be swimming at 3 Mile Bay boat ramp around a series of buoys depending on the distance they have selected. We will need some assistance on kayaks to help with swimmers. **Please note, it is important that you realise you will be asked to assist all the swimmers and not just your child, so realistically you can't just paddle beside your child. Baz Haydon will meet all the helpers at 3 Mile Bay – if you intend to help us please contact Baz at school here – 07 378 8097 – We will support this event with our TIS Boat.**

❖ **25th February 2018 - Iron Kidz – Sunday**

This event is organised by Waipahihi Primary School and our students are encouraged to enter.

❖ **26th February 2018- TIS Swimming Sports**

This event will be held in our school pool.

❖ **3rd March 2018 – NZ Ironman – Saturday**

Another event that we as a Staff support, is running the Special Needs Bike Station on the second leg of the NZ Ironman. We hand out the food and drink supplies to the cyclists on their second leg out of town, stationed on Crown Road. Unfortunately we are not allowed to get students to help on this station.

❖ **Student Leadership Camp with Taupo Nui a Tia to be held in Papamoa – 8-9th March 2018**

This is the first of our Leadership Camps. Each class teacher is to nominate up to 3 x students from their class to be selected for this camp to be held at Papamoa. We will be working with Taupo Nui a Tia Year 12 students who are also 'honing' their leadership skills as part of their Physical Education programme prior to going to the camp, and will also be part of the Papamoa Camp. This is an overnight venture and those selected will be given a letter closer to the date.

❖ **12th March 2018 – TIS Triathlon – Monday**

Entries are now being taken for our school triathlon, which is held each year at Wharewaka Point. We use the same course and organisation as the Taupo Tri- Club which runs their events on Monday evenings, so if your child wanted to know the course you could join them for a small fee – get to know the course and also train before our school event. John Kuper (Room 21) is the contact person for the Tri-Club in our school.

Hei, thanks for a great start to the year and we look forward to us all getting involved in 2018.

Thank you for the support – “WIREMU”



Student Leadership Camp 2017



Cameron Brown, Meredith Kessler & Laura Siddal
Ironman Contestants 2017 – Special guests at our assembly

“Mini Maestros”

Join us for our fun Pre-school Music groups on Tuesday mornings. A child is never too young to benefit from music. We hold our sessions at St Pauls Union Church. Starting on Tuesday 13th Feb. First session is free to try out. For more information please email the Principal on

admin@tsom.co.nz



Taupo School of Music

Keynotes Childrens Choir

Does your child love to sing ? Our childrens choir is for students aged 6-14yrs old. It is cost free and audition free. A willingness to attend most rehearsals on Tuesday 5.30-6.15. Rehearsals start on Tuesday 27th Feb. For more information please email the Principal on admin@tsom.co.nz



Taupo School of Music

PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:50am INTERVAL 11:25–11:45 LUNCH 12:55 – 1:40 CLOSES 3:00pm

Reminder: Laptops will not be issued to students until the full deposit is made of \$80 for Year 7's.