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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
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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”

In my opinion:

“No matter what kind of challenges or difficulties or painful situations you go through in your life, we all have something deep within us that we can reach down and find the inner strength to get through.”

Alana Hamilton Stewart -born May 18, 1945) is an American actress and former model.

The past two weeks have seen us take on some challenges that I can say has tested our “inner strength”.

Let’s start with last weekend’s “Length of the Lake Relay”, where the Teachers participated and recorded a fantastic Bronze Medal. As Bronze medals are the fashionable medal at the moment, we can be very proud. In all the years we have participated, we have never been ‘placed’, but this team of 2018 Teachers had to dig deep. In fact you will find some deep holes still along the highway, but with some strong words of encouragement and some individual brilliance, this team of superb athletes rated at ‘above the standard’.

The results for the Length of the Lake – Congratulations to our other Taupo Teams

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Length of the Lake Relay Running Team

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Unlike the Winter Olympic team who has had success in the past with Annelise Coberger, a New Zealand former alpine skier. Born in Christchurch, she became the first person from the Southern Hemisphere to win a medal at the Winter Olympics when she won silver in the slalom at Albertville in France in 1992.

The efforts now fall onto our students who tomorrow – Saturday 24th February - will compete in the **Across the Lake Swim** where the majority of our swimmers will be swimming around some buoys at 3 Mile Bay @ 8am. Parents and supporters are welcome to come along and support. If you are in a kayak /canoe then we would respectfully ask that you help supervise all the swimmers and not just attach yourself to your child.

On Sunday 25th February some of our students will enter the **IRONKIDZ** Event on the Lake Front and we wish them all the best as well – This event is organised by Waipahihi Primary School.

REMINDER about Upcoming Sports Events:

- Monday 26th February – School Swimming Sports – Year 8's 9.15am to 11.30am. Year 7's 12 noon to 2.15pm
All students encouraged to enter at least one event.
- Monday 12th March – TIS Triathlon, students wanting to tick it off on their Bevan Docherty Award, must complete it as an individual. Entries due by the 7th of March.
- Thursday 15th March – BOP/Poverty Bay Intermediate Swimming Champs – Students will be selected from our school swimming sports.
- Other events our students are entering and training for are; the NZ Schools Triathlon & Aquathon; the NZ Schools Mountain Bike Champs; and the Waikato/BOP Individual Triathlon.

NETBALL

Has kicked off to a terrific start. Trials began Monday week 2 and commenced through to week 3. It was a tough decision for both Year 7 and 8, with a huge amount of talent displayed. Miss McMillan has selected an A and B team for year 7, as well as six class teams. Miss Carpenter was able to select an A and B team for year 8 and two class teams.

Overall it was a great turnout for 2018 trials, and as netball coordinators (twin-ordinators) we are excited for a competitive and enjoyable season of netball. There are teams still needing coaches, managers and umpires, if you are interested please call the school office ph 3788 097 and give your details.

We have been informed that there would be some changes to how Netball is to be played this year in the Year 7 and 8s, so we can provide you with a summation with some information from Taupo Netball Association.

This season there will be some changes set by Netball NZ and the Future Ferns programme, and as it is a first for our Year 7s and 8s then we would ask that you give our Coaches and Managers your continued support.

This has been rolled out over the past 4 years starting at Y1 & 2, and this is the final transitional year where it now includes the Y7 & 8 players. The changes are out of our hands, so these are really just player development rule changes, there are no rule changes to the physical game on court.

The Future Ferns name is misleading and could confuse people, but although it is officially called Future Ferns Y7 & Y8 Programme, in everyday life it will still be the Intermediate Grade.

The only rule changes that will affect us are:

- 50% GAME TIME
This means 50% minimum, obviously some players will play more if not full games, and we would like to think that the 50% min game time is best for players development anyway, to ensure fairness and to engage all players.
- ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS
The rolling subs is totally at the coaches discretion, they can choose to sub during the breaks still or they can sub mid game, this is what the ANZ Champs trialled last year at the very elite level and it proved exciting and successful. As a Coach this is a huge benefit, if something isn't working you don't have to wait for the break to make the change... you can do it straight away.
- PLAYER ROTATION
Player rotation is open to interpretation at this stage; it could simply mean playing two positions within the court, e.g. playing mid court/defence, midcourt/shoot.

It is really just to ensure players are given the opportunity to play more than one position every week (even if that means playing GD & GK within a game, this is still a rotation technically), which tends to happen anyway naturally and is for the benefit of the player that this occurs.

As these rules are compulsory in NZ for this age group, even if they played in the senior comp they would still have to abide by these rules.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Write that Essay

All students are part of this writing programme adopted and financed by our school at \$25.00 per student and teacher. This programme is part of the Taupo Community of Learning (COL).

In the past, it has only been trialled with selected students, but we feel strongly about the merits of having it available for all our students. This is in the hope to increase their ability and or attitude towards Writing.

'Write that Essay' is a ground-breaking academic writing programme transforming writing outcomes in schools today. Catering for all levels, it includes modules based around many different aspects of writing and tasks made and set by the teacher that directly relate to topics taught in class.

All our staff have been undertaking Professional Development this week - Wednesday and Thursday on this programme provided by the facilitators of 'Write that Essay', so they can confidently deliver this in all classes across the school.

Have a Terrific weekend and let's see you out there participating or supporting.

WIREMU

A display of fine-tuned athletes competing in the Length of Lake Relay



Photolife

Our school photos are scheduled to be taken on Wednesday 7th March 2018. As we are waiting for delivery of the individual envelopes for parents to place their order and payment, Photolife have extended the time for orders and payments to be made to them until Wednesday 21st March, to give you time to budget for this extra expense.

Details of how to order will be explained on the envelopes, and we endeavour to get these to you as soon as we receive them.