

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”

In my opinion:

“Procrastination isn’t the thief of time, but the death of talent.” Pam Brown 1928 - 2014

Our school and student leaders have attended a Leadership Camp this week at Papamoa and we are waiting their return later this afternoon, so we do not have an insert from the Principal this week

We have received letters of thanks from some of the Ironman contestants who were here last week.

Below are some of their comments.

Right - “I received an awesome note from Caitlyn in Room 18 in my Ironman registration bag. My name is Ed Overy and I’m competing in my first Ironman. Please pass on to Caitlyn my thanks, and if she sees number 1093 go past her please give me a shout of encouragement.



Left- Thank you so much for my support letter, it was a great boost of support to get me through. It was tough out there but I handled the jandal!! I came in 11hrs 55mins. Thanks again, I am now an Ironman.



Right – Freya Edwards receiving a thankyou gift from Ironman Taine Rose after receiving a letter of encouragement from her.



Firstly, let me say thank you to Tai for the attached letter (left). I competed in my second Ironman NZ on the weekend and this well written letter gave me a big boost the day before the event.

The irony is that it is usually me that tries to inspire children with my books and inspirational sessions, not the other way round.

Regards **DREYDON SOBANJA**

Author **Inspired Kids Ltd**

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<http://www.inspiredkids.co.nz>

Hi Taupo Intermediate School, My name is Ian Hainsworth and I live in Perth Western Australia. I did want to reach out and say a big thankyou to a young gentleman called Jermaine, who is at your school. I was the recipient of Jermaine's Ironman New Zealand drawing. I came over from Perth without my family initially, who arrived the day before the race. Natalie (my wife) and Gabrielle (my 8 year old daughter) were also rapt and impressed with Jermaine's effort in the drawing. So - thanks to your school in having a caring student like Jermaine, and thanks to Jermaine in taking the time and effort to do the drawing.

Regards, Ian Hainsworth.

Reminders: NZEI meeting being held on Tuesday 20th March - students will be sent home at 1:00pm only if they have returned their signed slip from the information letter sent home last Friday. If you have misplaced it please ask your child to get one from the office. There will be supervision provided at school if needed. School buses will run as usual.

School photos were taken this week - you have until the 26th March to put your orders in. There are spare envelopes at school if you have misplaced it.

School starts at 8:50am every day.

Taupo Intermediate Triathlon:

This is being held at Wharewaka Point Monday 12th March with postponement day being Tuesday 13th March.

The start order being individual Yr 8 boys, Yr 8 girls, followed by Yr 7 boys, Yr 7 girls and then the teams. The Yr 8 boys will start at 12.30pm, with the remaining starts approximately 5 minutes apart.

Where at all possible we ask that parents take their child's bike out to the event as we have over 200 students involved. We will have staff on site from 8.00am, though bikes can be dropped off up until 12pm.

The students will be bussed out to Wharewaka Point and back to school after the event in time to catch the busses home. However if parents wish to take their child with them after the event they can sign them out from there.

Students who live nearby and wish to walk or cycle home afterwards will require a note for their teacher on Monday morning.

If you are coming out to watch the event, please if it all possible, come out before 12.30 and not to park on Wharewaka Rd to save congestion on the cycle leg for the students.

Growing Through Grief - Taupo

This year we are offering the Seasons For Growth programme in schools with more being prepared for Term 2.

An after school programme is also being held in Term One at St Andrews Anglican church.

On Saturday 18 March, we have been offered an "Open Home and Garden" Rotonui Lodge, 208 State Highway 1, Waitahanui. Elegant B&B with beautiful gardens meandering down to the lake edge, full of amazing antiques and art objects. Music and afternoon tea served in the grounds. Tickets \$25 available from Flirts Fashion or St Andrew's Anglican Church – ph 378 6059.

For more information please contact Marilyn Collins-Dawson – coordinator Growing Through Grief – Taupo.

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Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

Open Day 2018

Anglican Boarding School for Years 9 to 13

Friday 16 March

10:00am to 12:00pm

Come experience what Dio has to offer at our Open Day 2018.

10.00am – Principal's welcome in the All Saints Chapel

followed by tours of boarding and the day school.

Waikato Diocesan School for Girls – on-site parking at Martin Street entrance (off McNicol Street). *No registration required

We welcome your enquiry about joining our school family.

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MEGAN'S SDR DREAM

We are fundraising to help our family member 15 year old Megan Hodgkinson go to St Louis Children's Hospital in the USA for SDR (Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy) surgery by top surgeon Dr Park in May 2018. This surgery is not performed in New Zealand.

Megan also requires follow-up rehab over an estimated 6 weeks following surgery.

The estimated total cost is \$120,000.

Megan (the third child in a family of 8) was born with diplegia cerebral palsy and over the years has courageously endured treatments but is deteriorating to the extent of being confined to a wheelchair if surgery doesn't take place.

This SDR surgery has successfully helped others including New Zealanders with this type of cerebral palsy to be able to walk

upright and experience life changing effects. This is our desire for Megan.

Your help would be very much appreciated.