

# 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:

“**Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other**”. John Fitzgerald "Jack" Kennedy, commonly referred to by his initials JFK, was an American politician who served as the 35th President of the United States from January 1961 until his assassination in November 1963.

## LEADERSHIP CAMP

Last week we took 70 x students to Papamoa for a leadership camp, working with Year 12 students from Taupo Nui a Tia College, and for their input, we are grateful and appreciative of the opportunity to work with them. So big thanks to Mrs Clarke for her organisation with assistance from Mr Fowler and Mr Thompson.

Our students were organised into groups and were required to participate in a number of Adventure Based Learning activities – ABL – and assessed by the Nui Students on their abilities and participation, their initiative and cooperation. Our Intermediate students were also asked to, not only participate and carry out the tasks, but also assess the Nui student’s capabilities.

We have presented all the written reports and reviews and have started to select our final 20 x students for the next leadership camp, which will include other Intermediates, Northcross from Auckland, Taradale from Hawkes Bay and Ilminster from Gisborne, who are our hosts.



So well done to all our students who participated in this camp and all the best for the final selection.

## SPORTING EVENTS

- **This weekend starting Saturday, Baz Haydon and myself will be driving our Triathletes to Nelson to compete in the New Zealand Secondary and Intermediate Schools Championships.**

The team is: Kaea Gage, Sophie Webber, Gabby Donald, Dougal Mackintosh, Kasper Lenoir and Ben Solomann.

We will stay in Wellington on Saturday night, catch the ferry at 9.am Sunday arriving in Picton and driving on to Nelson, where we will go over the course and register our athletes.

Monday is the start of the competition, for us an early start of 8.30am for the individual events, and in the afternoon the Aquathon.

Tuesday we have another 8.30am start with the teams Triathlon, and when we finish our event we will hit the road making our way back to Picton to catch the afternoon ferry at 2.30pm, arrive in Wellington and then drive our way back to Taupo.

- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March our Mountain Bike team** will be competing at the **New Zealand Mountain Bike Champs** (Rotorua) students: Lucah De Roo, Justin Rainbow, Kiara Thomasen and Josh Wigram will be competing in the X-Country section. Wednesday Myles Sprague will compete in the Downhill section.
- **On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March our Touch teams will be travelling to their tournament in Rotorua** – teams to be finalized.

– ALL THE VERY BEST TO ALL OUR TEAMS –

## **REMINDER- NZEI STOP WORK MEETING – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

On Tuesday there is a Stop Work meeting being held at Taupo Intermediate at 1.30pm. I sent out letters notifying you all that this was taking place and that some of our teachers will be attending.

School will remain open but we will be under-staffed to cater for all our students.

However, we did ask that you complete the return slip indicating whether your child was able to go home at 1:00pm or remain at school under our supervision until the end of the school day.

Any student who does not return their slip will be kept at school until 3pm.

All school buses will be operating as per usual – there are no changes to the times.

## **SCHOOL LAPTOP PROGRAMME**

A big thank you to all the families that have put their faith in us by continuing to support our laptop programme. Out of the 250 laptops that we pre-ordered, 240 Students/Families have chosen to join this initiative, which has a huge impact on what we are able to do as a school for our pupils.

There is still time to join this program but we will be returning the remaining laptops (10) at the end of this month and will not be getting anymore in for the remainder of this year. So if you would like to join up please see our office staff for more details.

## **POSITIVITY COMMENT:**

*I just wanted to pass on some POSITIVE bus feedback knowing that the majority of bus feedback is generally negative; I thought it was important that you get a positive as well.*

*“Our 5 year old daughter started at St Pats in September last year and from this year has been catching the morning bus from the Hyde Ave intersection near Waipahihi. She often is the only St Pats student or one of a small handful. There is a group of maybe 5-6 Taupo Intermediate students who catch the same bus. Every day without fail they say good morning to her, keep an eye on her while waiting for the bus, then let her and any other younger students board the bus first. All of this means catching the bus is a positive experience for our daughter and a positive start to her day. A credit to your students – I don’t know their names but if positive behaviour on buses is acknowledged then they deserve some”.*

*Danny Nichols – Leadership Advisor evaluation associates*

## **Taupo Intermediate Triathlon Results**

Great to see over 200 students competing in the school triathlon at Wharewaka Point on Tuesday. Thanks to the parents who helped with marshalling, along with Taupo Triathlon Club and Wayne Reardon for the loan of equipment, which helped with the running of this event. Congratulations to all competitors.

Top place getters were as follows:

**Individuals - Year 7 Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Webber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaea Gage, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rhiannon Scurr; **Year 7 Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> Dylan Gardiner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zach Forster, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joseph Brown; **Year 8 Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Mace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lexie Tupe, 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlotte Thrussell; **Year 8 Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kasper Lenoir, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dougal Mackintosh, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben Solomann.

**Teams 1<sup>st</sup> Placed – Year 7 Boys:** Ezra Waitai & Angus Thompson; **Year 7 Girls:** Shana Watkins-Purvis, Grace Triggell & Zoe Atkins; **Year 7 Mixed:** Greer Lane, Zoe Arnold & Benny Nicholson; **Year 8 Boys:** Caleb Martin, Myles Sprague & Declan Weal; **Year 8 Girls:** Bavneet Kaur, Sophie Fagan & Amelia Hamilton; **Year 8 Mixed:** Reid Locke, Mikaela Priscott & Samantha Hamilton.

## **BOP/Poverty Bay Intermediate Swimming Champs:**

Yesterday we took a team of 14 swimmers to the BOP/Poverty Bay Intermediate Swim Champs in Rotorua. All swimmers competed well against some very strong competition from schools in the Tauranga, Rotorua, Whakatane and Gisborne regions. Our top place getters being **Kaea Gage:** 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50m breaststroke & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m breaststroke; **Ben Solomann:** 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50m backstroke & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m backstroke. Our Yr 7 Girls Relay Team of Kaea Gage, Sophie Webber, Gabby Donald & Rhiannon Scurr, were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the medley relay.

Does your child want to learn to code?  
Code Club Aotearoa have free coding projects for kids age 9-13! We can help you set up a club, or find you a club in your area. Whether you are a parent, teacher, student, or volunteer, getting involved is easy! Drop us a line at [team@codeclub.nz](mailto:team@codeclub.nz) or visit our website: [codeclub.nz](http://codeclub.nz).

## **Young Peoples Holiday Art Club**

Thursday / Friday April 26 / 27, 2018, 10 am -3 pm For ages 8 – 15 years  
\$50 per day, \$90 for 2 siblings or 2 days

Art materials provided. **Thurs:** Watercolours **Fri:** Watercolours & Acrylics  
Classes will be held in **Room 12**, Hilltop School

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