

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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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:

“The ultimate victory in competition is derived from the inner satisfaction of knowing that you have done your best and that you have gotten the most out of what you had to give”. Howard William Cosell was an American sports journalist who was widely known for his blustery, cocksure personality. Cosell said of himself, "Arrogant, pompous, obnoxious, vain, cruel, verbose, a show-off. There's no question that I'm all of those things."

A fitting beginning to our newsletter this week, which will help me describe the efforts of the Triathlon team that Baz Haydon and myself along with some parents took to Nelson for the New Zealand Secondary/ Intermediate School Championships.

I can certainly say how proud we all were of the magnificent effort of the individual performances and the effort of the team with the following results.

- **Individual Triathlon – Under 12 Division – Female**
1st Lily Greenwood – Rangi Ruru – 38:23 2nd Sophie Webber Taupo Intermediate 38:27 3rd Jessie Coxon PNINS – 39:23
10th Kaea Gage TIS – 44:11 11th Gabby Donald TIS – 44.52
- **Individual Triathlon - Under 13 Division – Male**
11th Dougal MackIntosh - TIS - 37:09 12th Ben Solomann – TIS – 37:12
- **Aquathon - Under 12 Division – Male**
1st Kasper Lenoir – TIS – 13:57 2nd Luke Gibson – St Kentigern Boys – 14:03 3rd Joseph Connolly – Medbury Prep – 14:05
- **Aquathon – Under 12 Division - Female**
1st Sophie Webber – TIS – 14:17 2nd Isabelle Gibson – Baradene – 14:25 3rd Alex Campion Saint Kentigern – 14:40
10th Kaea Gage – TIS – 16:34 15th Gabby Donald – TIS – 17:48
- **Aquathon – Under 13 Division – Male**
9th Ben Solomann – TIS – 14:14 10th Dougal Mackintosh – TIS - 14:42
- **Tag Team Under 13s Category (each athlete had to complete a triathlon and then tag the next person, until all 4 x athletes had finished).**
1st - Taupo Intermediate School : Sophie Webber 1st; Kasper Lenior 2nd; Kaea Gage 3rd; Dougal Mackintosh 4th
2nd Team Huntley U13 – Huntley School – 1:32:56 3rd Team St Georges – Wanganui – 1:39:02



Professional Development:

CORE is bringing bite-sized professional learning to regional parts of New Zealand via live and recorded streaming of Breakfast Seminars in Wellington.

Our first one was held this morning 23rd March at 7.30am here at Taupo Intermediate – Topic: Mobilise my Reo – Moving on From Mihimihi – Rosalie Reiri & Te Mihinga Komeme facilitators.

These seminars will be held throughout the year

- 25 May – Colouring in the White Spaces – Ann Milne facilitator
- 29 June – Ten Trends 2018 – planning for change – Derek Wenmoth facilitator
- 28 September – What do the Technology curriculum changes mean for your school? – Cheryl Pym facilitator
- 2 November – Rethinking libraries to network community minds – Paula Eskett facilitator

Accounts Error: Lake Taupo Basketball association made an error with the Basketball fees for 2018. The good news is instead of \$70 for intermediate teams it is only \$50. If you have already paid the fees please phone the school so we can credit your child's account.

REMINDERS

• Absences:

If your child is absent from school then you have to contact the school to let us know what is happening. Our school operates under an electronic system, and from time to time you will get a txt from us if we haven't heard why your child is absent.

Under the Education Act, it is compulsory for all children to attend school. We need to mark the roll according to the circumstances, any unexplained absences will eventually be coded as Truant, and you will then receive a letter outlining what happens next.

Please help us by keeping us informed – two of the Ministry codes for attendance are :-

"G" Unfortunately Overseas trips or holidays during the school term are marked as G - **Not in class, holiday during term time. When a student is on a New Zealand, or, overseas holiday during the school term, the absence is Unjustified.**

A parent's note does not provide justification.

"J" Justified Absence falls in the following categories:

Not in class Justified absence – reason for absence within the school policy • Unplanned absences such as a bus breakdown, accident, road closure, extreme weather conditions etc • Planned nonattendance such as national/local representation in a sporting or cultural event in New Zealand or overseas. • Approved absence (including overseas) can also include bereavement, visiting an ill relative, exceptional family circumstances or a Section 27.

• Easter Break:

Holiday on Friday 30th March – to Tuesday 3rd April 2018.

School reopens 8:50am on Wednesday 4th April 2018.

Have a great weekend.

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National Schools MTB Champs – ROTORUA

On Monday at 'Crankworks' the Cross-country national were held, with our students competing strongly and posting the following results: U13 Boys -Lucah de Roo came in 13th, U14 Boys - Justin Rainbow came in 5th and U14 Boys - Josh Wigram came in 17th. These were followed on Wednesday with the Downhill, with Myles Sprague gaining 4th in the U14 Boys race. Well done to all competitors.

Taupo Harriers Club – 5km Fun Run Series

Congratulations to Dylan Gardiner, Luke Insley, Izaak Manders, Geogia Fox, Nanami Ishikawa, Sophie Webber, Kasper Lenoir, Dougal Mackintosh, Zach Forster, Riley O'Callaghan and any other Taupo Intermediate students who competed in this series. Great effort with 1st place in the School's Participation award along with a winner's cheque.

BOP Primary School Golf Championships:

Oscar McDougall had an outstanding round of golf at this tournament, winning the stableford section of the golf championships by 3 shots and coming 3rd in the gross.

Wairakei Tourist Park Local's Day 10.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday 7 April 2018. Discover the awesomeness, adventure, and action at Wairakei Tourist Park. A great day out for the entire family with discounts and offers available just for locals!

Experience all the exciting activities the park has to offer - jet or cruise the river, mountain bike, wakeboard, golf, fish for prawns, enjoy a thermal walk, hire a bike, get the kid's face painted, and enjoy great food.

The day will begin with a Greening Taupo community planting day (10am next to the Huka Honey Hive) and finish with a sausage sizzle and prize draw at Wairakei Resort.

Every family that participates will go into the draw for some major prizes. The total prize pack pool is worth nearly \$1000!

Visit www.wairakeitouristpark.co.nz/localsday for more info.

The 2018 TIS New Zealand Tri Competitors with some of their supporters

