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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura, te kura Waenga o Taupo Greetings to all of our families Newsletter Number: 10 Date: 4 May 2018



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

"We cannot stop the winter or the summer from coming. We cannot stop the spring or the fall or make them other than they are. They are gifts from the universe that we cannot refuse. But we can choose what we will contribute to life when each arrives" Gary Zukav (born October 17, 1942) is an American spiritual teacher and the author of four consecutive New York Times Best Sellers. Beginning in 1998, he appeared more than 30 times on The Oprah Winfrey Show to discuss transformation in human consciousness concepts presented in his book The Seat of the Soul. His first book, The Dancing Wu Li Masters (1979), won a U.S. National Book Award. [1][a]

What a variable change in weather to start our new term and as always an extremely busy term. We have started with some changes to our teaching staff and the impact that it has had on our students, with some having to start new relationships with teachers and other students. I am grateful for the support and understanding we have had.

One of the ways to overcome adversary, or to manage change, is to keep busy and focussed on those things we can control.

We have started our term with our sports teams up and running again, with our Year 8 Netball team playing in an **Indoor Netball Competition** at the AC Baths Events Centre on Tuesday evenings at 5pm for the next 6 x weeks. This is being organized by Tauhara College and this will give us an opportunity to play at a competitive level. The **TIS Blues** girls played their first game and won 32-5 against **Tauhara Jetts.**

Basketball happened again on Wednesday evening at the Centre (my new home) with some highly competitive and enjoyable games. I heard one coach say to his girls team as he approached a formidable opponent, that he "wanted the girls to show how much they have improved by the end of the game and not get too hung up on the score" – a realistic and achievable goal don't you think? And one which in my opinion they achieved.

Well done to all the players and thank you to the coaches and managers. Great standard of refereeing too!!











BASKETBALL ACTION SHOTS

We have had trails for an **Under 48 kg Boys' Rugby team** and I have selected the following players to represent us at Gisborne on Friday 11th May 2018:

• CJ Mienie Tyler Dunster Tiwai Ngarongo Tai Mildon Raymond Rimene Mat Cane Troy Day Jacob Hume Kasey Ali Manawa Snowden- Rameka Zac Harrison Jack Staite

10 x teams from the Bay of Plenty and Poverty Bay Intermediate Schools (Gisborne, Tauranga, Mount Maunganui, Mokoia, Taupo & Ilminster and Whakatane) plus our intermediate friends from Hawke's Bay region (Taradale & Heretaunga & Napier). We will be travelling up on Thursday, play in the tournament on Friday and returning to Taupo at the conclusion of the tournament.

I can thank **Gisborne Intermediate** in advance for billeting our players – This is much appreciated and helps to make this trip more affordable for our students.

The **Netball** competition starts again this weekend with the draw published and available on our Facebook Page.

Dance practices have begun in preparation for the **Dance NZ made** competition coming up, and fills an important void left by the demise of the JRock experience.

Auditions for our major **Musical Production** have also started and we look forward to the intense rehearsals which are starting soon.

Bonjour and magnifique, to all our **French Language** students who have started their lessons this week for some in preparation for their Cultural Exchange to Noumea in term 3.

Staff development covered a number of commitments for us this term including planning and preparation for the:

- Specialization has started with Students opting for a number of group activities including
- **TIS Band** which has 19 members while the **Kapa Haka** group has started with 180 members. The remaining students have picked to join the variety of 20 other specialisation groups e.g. dance, wearable arts,

These groups stay together for most of the year where the other activities are on a rotation cycle after 5 weeks of operation

- Baz Haydon has been taking students down the Waikato river kayaking for their Bevan Docherty Award this week
- School and Bay of Plenty **Science Fair** projects with our display planned for the week of the 25th 29th July 2018
- **Mathletics** to Hawkes Bay
- Life Education Trust Health and Well-being lessons (did you know that Harold the Giraffe helps to take the lessons?)
- Parent, Student, Teacher conferences during the week of 25th-29th June with one day and evening requiring the school to change its timetable so interviews are able to start at 1pm

Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Just a thought, why do we support Petrol Stations who charge high prices. It's called competition so support the cheaper stations to help bring the prices down. It's ironic that Gull and Waitomo have to buy their supplies from the bigger Chains and yet can keep their process down.

And if you don't want to pay the new GST for online goods then shop local??

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<u>Sponsored Clean-up of Taupo of Roadside Verges,</u> <u>Beaches and Tracks Leading Into Taupo:</u>

Next week we will launch our annual major fundraiser, where the students gain sponsorship for the collection of rubbish over a set distance of roadside, beach or walking track. Students will receive a sponsorship card along with a letter explaining the process and safety, along with a request for permission. The clean-up will take place on Tuesday 29th May and will require parent support. Please encourage your child to get in behind this fundraiser which helps both the local environment and our ability to assist students with sporting, cultural and academic events.

BOP/Poverty Bay Intermediate Mountain Bike and Climbing Champs:

Two events we host for the BOP/Poverty Bay Intermediate schools this term are the Mountain Bike Champs in week 6 and the Climbing Champs in week 8. Trials for the mountain biking will be held at the Tourist Trap track this Monday 7th, Sunday 13th at 4pm, and another date to be confirmed. Students can attend one or more trials with their fastest time being taken. For this event we normally enter 15 to 20 students, so if your child is a keen mountain-biker please get them to give it a go.



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