

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:

“Never forget that anticipation is an important part of life. Work's important, family's important, but without excitement, you have nothing. You're cheating yourself if you refuse to enjoy what's coming.”

– **Nicholas Sparks**, (born December 31, 1965) is an American [romance novelist](#) and [screenwriter](#). He has published nineteen novels and two [non-fiction](#) books. Several of his novels have become international bestsellers, and eleven of his [romantic-drama](#) novels have been [adapted to film](#) all with multimillion-dollar box office grosses.^[1]

Welcome to Term 3 where we have many experiences that will create much excitement, and it is imperative that our students are to get involved.

I visited all our classrooms first thing on Monday morning and apart from welcoming all our students back, I reinforced with them the need to take advantage of all the things that are happening this term, including some preparation for activities to be held early in term 4.

All of these activities involve students turning up for meetings or auditions and trials. These are advertised each day in our classroom notices and at the weekly assembly and in the school Newsletter.

So, why don't you ask your child which of these activities they have been or will be involved in this term? Did they go to the meetings or trials?

This is a list of the activities and experiences:

- **Inter-class Lunchtime competition, where each class has to enter a Football team**
- **Weekly Dance rehearsals continue for NZ Made Competition (21st September) and AIMS Games Hip Hop Competition (11th September)**
- **Rehearsals for our Major Musical Production “Creepy Town” are continuing in earnest for the performance nights during the first week of Term 4, 16th – 18th October. If your child is involved in the school production please make sure you have seen the letter we sent out, as it has the timetable of practices including the Sunday practices that start on 5th August.**
- **Friday 3rd August - Winter Sports Tournament – 1st XV Rugby, Netball Year 7A & Year 8A, Football, Hockey**
- **Monday 6th August – Thursday 9th August – Taupo Intermediate Ski Team Camp at Mt Ruapehu**
- **Wednesday 8th August – Dance NZ made competition – Taupo**
- **Friday 10th August – Bay of Plenty Inter- school X Country**
- **Tuesday 14th August – PCT Challenge – Police Fitness test / ICAS Mathematics test**
- **Thursday 16th August – Bay of Plenty Science Fair / Central Plateau Ski Championships Mt Ruapehu**
- **Friday 24th August - North Island Middle School Road Cycling event – Taupo Race Track / Bay of Plenty Inter-school 7's Rugby Mount Maunganui**
- **Monday 27th August – Tuesday 28th August – Information visits for our Year 8 students to Taupo Nui a Tia / Tauhara Colleges**
- **Monday 27th August – Our students will be flying to New Caledonia as part of our Cultural exchange with Jean Mariotti College in Nouméa**
- **Sunday 9th September – Friday 14th September – AIMS Games held in Mount Maunganui / Tauranga**
- **Wednesday 19th September – Thursday 20th September - Mathmatters hosted by Taupo Intermediate**
- **Friday 21st September – NI Dance NZ Made – Palmerston North**
- **Wednesday 26th September – TIS HAS TALENT – a show about our talent here at TIS.**

And speaking of experiences

• CLASS SKI TRIPS

By now, our Class Ski trips would be on the calendar for this term, but we have spent some time negotiating with RAL – the Ski Company about the cost of these trips. Initially they raised the cost to schools here in Taupo and district this year, by quite a margin, and we refused their first offers.

We had met with the company to express our views on the pricing structure. It also gave us an opportunity to inform them that we as a school promote the ski trips as a new experience for our students and for some this will

probably be the only ski trip to our mountain, and that in our school no student misses out on trips because of money. We have resubmitted our application for a fairer deal, and believe, we now have an acceptable level of costings that will help our students. We expect to be able to get our letters organized to let you know what days and dates your child will be able to participate in the ski trip and at what cost.

- **EOTC – YEAR 8 SCHOOL CAMPS / YEAR 7 DAY ACTIVITIES**

These happen toward the end of the year, but you should expect to be getting information about these camps and activities shortly – venues, costings, transport and Parent help and support.

- ❖ **WHAT DO WE EXPECT OF OUR STUDENTS FOR THIS TERM AND WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT???**

So that your child will abide by the rules and regulations as stipulated in the School Prospectus.

- **Wear our correct uniform with pride** and that includes footwear. We have a number of Polar Fleece, to give to students for a koha (donation), to wear so you won't need your own “hoodies” or puffer jackets
- Studs allowed in your ears, but, **NO BODY PIERCING and NO DYED HAIR** – save your money for the upcoming camps and activities
- To turn up to school every day and on time 8:50am – too many students wandering into school late – problems start from this habit on the way to school, if they make it, or when they get to school. RING OR TXT the school for student absences, or your child will be marked as being truant. This attendance figure goes onto your child’s record, and to the Ministry of Education. **HUGE THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS WHO DO THIS**
- **NO CELL PHONES** are necessary at our school, students can get teacher permission to use our school phone. We have no way of controlling cell phone use, or access to unsuitable sites or contacts. At least we have some control of the access for our computer systems in the school. If phones are required for after school, they should handed into the school office every morning and collected after school.

- ❖ **RESPECT FOR OTHER STUDENTS,**

FOR OUR TEACHERS AND FOR OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT ARE PARAMOUNT!!!!

- I make no apologies now that we will be taking a tougher stand on any breaches of these rules and protocols based on the extremely busy term we have committed to. We want to devote our entire time to supporting the students who are engaged in these positive activities and experiences, and help build up their confidence and abilities to achieve academically.
- Discuss with your child the need to focus on what is important, in particular the Year 8 students who only have 5 months left in this academic year, and to the year 7s who will be trying to cement their names into the Positive ledger – Kia kaha koutou nga tamariki, homai te tautoko ki a matou, nga matua whaea.

I want to thank you all for your continued support and commitment.

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#How does your child use the internet & mobile phone?



FREE INFORMATION TO HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

Mon 20 th Aug 7pm	Tauhara Primary
Tue 21 st Aug 6pm	Tongariro School
Wed 22 nd Aug 6pm	Taupo Primary
Thu 23 rd Aug 7pm	St Patricks School

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Hosted by NZ Cyber security expert
John Parsons who gives Real Life Examples
of children affected by Cyber crime.
contact: nelsaba.namkavish@online.govt.nz

New Tuckshop Menu

Monday – **Macaroni & Cheese \$2.50** Tues – **Nachos \$3.00** Wed – **Pizza \$2.50**
 Thurs – **Lasagne or Pasta Bake \$4.50** Fri – **Crumbed fish & Chips or Butter Chicken \$5.00**

Lunch needs to be ordered, forms are in each classroom, fill them in and take to the tuckshop before school starts.

Hot Foods: Chicken Burger, Hamburger, Ham or chicken roll, Wraps \$3.00 Hot Dog \$2.60
 Pies – mini or large \$1.30 – 2.60 Soup of the Day \$2.00 Super Chicken Wrap \$3.50

Sandwich – Chicken & mayo \$3.00 Salad sandwich \$2.50

Sandwiches – Choice of cheese, vegemite, ham or lettuce \$2.00

Toasted Sandwiches – choice of fillings: cheese, tomato, pineapple, ham, onion or spaghetti
 - One filling - \$1.50 Two fillings - \$2.00 Panini – 3 choices assorted fillings - \$5.00

Before School & Interval: Small pies \$1.30 Spaghetti & cheese grilled buns \$1.50

Muffin of the Day \$1.00 - \$1.50 Natural Popcorn \$1.00 Homemade cookie \$1.00 - \$1.50

Piece of Fruit \$1.00 Yoghurt \$1.50

Drinks: Bottle of water \$2.00 Hot Chocolate – small \$1.50 large \$2.00

Cross Country Results 2018 – These were held at the end of last term at Crown Park – congratulations to all those who competed.

Y7 Girls – 1 st Sophie Webber R8	2 nd Daniella Dodson R21	3 rd Anna Mounsey R8	4 th Emily Mortimer R12	5 th Kea Gage R7
Y7 Boys – 1 st Dylan Gardiner R12	2 nd Cody Griffiths R19	3 rd Riley Harrison R6	4 th Blake Aarsen R19	5 th Khan Stevenson R16
Y8 Girls – 1 st Lucy Fechney-Gooch R18	2 nd Chloe Triggell R2	3 rd Savana Painter R2	4 th Tatiana Peachey R22	5 th Grace Parker R22
Y8 Boys – 1 st Callum Pettman R13	2 nd Kasper Lenoir R10	3 rd Ty Christensen R22	4 th Kaylis Murch R3	5 th Udula Bandara R3

Class Results:

Yr 7 1 st Rm12	2 nd Rm8	3 rd Rm4	4 th Rm7	5 th Rm23	6 th Rm6	7 th Rm5	8 th Rm21	9 th Rm19	10 th Rm16
Yr 8 1 st Rm10	2 nd Rm22	3 rd Rm13	4 th Rm2 & Rm3	6 th Rm18	7 th Rm9	8 th Rm11	9 th Rm14	10 th Rm20	