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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
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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:

“A good vacation for me is going to warm weather. Being able to go outside, in the sun, hit the beach, play outside sports. Being active outside, going swimming, hanging by the pool, having a couple drinks, having a couple of your close buddies around, and just having a blast. Rob Gronkowski is an [American football tight end](#) for the [New England Patriots](#) of the [National Football League](#) (NFL). He played [college football](#) at [Arizona](#), winning several awards, including being named a [Sporting News](#) and [Rivals.com](#) freshman All-American

At this time of the year, wouldn't it be nice to take on Rob Gronkowski's advice, what with all the rain and cold temperatures we've had, I am assured that Spring is just around the corner and I guess that will depend on how big the corner is.

Yesterday, Thursday I sent two letters home with one concerning the upcoming Industrial action on Wednesday 15th August 2018 and the other concerning our School bus system.

The letter about the Pending Teachers strike, outlines what we will be doing, and what limited options we have available on that day. So please make sure you are familiar with the arrangements, with the bottom line being that the majority of us will be on strike, and therefore not here at school. A very small number of teachers who are non-union members, will be onsite. We will not be able to provide a normal teaching programme so supervision will be limited.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE TEAR OFF PORTION OF THE LETTER SENT OUT TO YOU FROM OUR BOARD, AND RETURN VIA YOUR CHILD TO OUR SCHOOL IF THEY ARE TO BE IN ATTENDANCE ON THAT DAY.

The letter about the school bus system, is a reminder that we expect our students to behave themselves on the buses so as not to distract the drivers while they are doing their job.

This has become much more important in light of the recent bus accidents, so we are seeking our parent / caregiver support and for our students to respond immediately.

The consequence of poor behaviour on the bus will be that the student/s will be taken off the bus for a period of time, or they could be removed altogether, dependant on the behaviour and whether this is a repeat offence. So let's not spend time debating this issue, let's just support each other with this and enforce with your child the need to cooperate.

Again, there is a tear off portion that you need to sign, to say that the letter has arrived home, and you have seen the contents and understand what we are asking.

WINTER TOURNAMENT ROUND UP

▪ BOP/PB Intermediate Hockey:

Last Friday a girls' and a boys' 11 a side Hockey Teams travelled to Mt Maunganui to compete in this annual tournament. Both teams played well, initially with games of 12 minute halves, which were later reduced due to the heavy rain causing the turfs to flood. The boys came away with two wins, a draw and a loss; while the girls had one win, a draw and two losses. **Top players were Kasper Lenoir and Rachel Mace.** Thanks to **Josh McDougall and Aniek Lenoir** for managing the teams on the day, also to the many parents who assisted with transport and support.

▪ BOP Boys Football:

Straight off the bus, we were 1-0 down to Mt Maunganui after 20 seconds and eventually lost 3-0. The boys were fully warmed up for their second game and smashed Whakatane 5-0 with two great goals by Sam Green and a wonder goal from half-way by Matthew Greenwood. Our third game in the pool, we had to at least get a result against Tauranga and in terrible conditions, went down 1-0 to a last minute goal, despite some amazing saves from Mr Dependable Ben Chapman. Unfortunately, the boys didn't go through to the semis, but came away with their heads held high. **Player of the day was Captain Fantastic: Dylan Gardiner.** Well done to all of the boys for two great tournaments and thanks to the parents for your outstanding support. **Mr B**

BOP Netball:

The 7A and 8A Netball teams travelled to Harbourside Netball Centre in Mount Maunganui last Friday for the Bay of Plenty/Poverty Bay tournament. The first two rounds were played in torrential rain, and both teams came out of their round robin pool plays victorious.

Both teams won their semi-finals convincingly, moving into the finals by the time the rain had cleared.

7A played Gisborne Intermediate in a battle of true netball skill.

At full time the score was 13-13, therefore they had to go into extra time. This is where the girl's hard work and determination shone. Unfortunately a couple of things didn't go the 7A's way, leading to a silver medal and a final score of 24-26.

8A girls played Mount Maunganui in the final, where they took a 5 x goal lead in the last 4 minutes. They worked as a strong and united team, showing off their polished skills and bringing home the gold medal with a win of 18-11.



Thank you to all the lovely netball ladies and their families who supported us. We are two very proud coaches.

- Rhi McMillan and Shauni Carpenter

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Bay of Plenty Basketball Tournament

Our school was represented last week with a girls and a boys team. Competition was fierce, with many competitors looking more like high school than Intermediate students. The girls team finished in 5th place overall and the boys team finished 7th. Thank you to Hariata Gordine-Akuhata for taking the girls team, and Garth Jepsen for helping with the boys team.

The TIS Girls Football team gained 3rd place at the BOP/Poverty Bay Intermediate Football Tournament in Rotorua on Friday 3rd August.

Arriving just before our first game at 9am, we loss 1/0 to Whakatane but came back with a win in our second game 2/0 to Te Puke. In our final game we smashed Rotorua with a 5/1 win. There were some amazing goals from Annika, Charlotte and Cassidy.

Excited we had made it into the semi-finals but unfortunately lost 1/0 to Giborne in the last minute with a corner. It was so close.

In the play off for 3rd & 4th, we has a victorious win of 1/0 against Tauranga. The girls show amazing sportsmanship and resilience in the wet & muddy conditions. "Player of the Day" was our Captain/Striker/All Rounder: Annika Nortje, and our "Most Improved Player" was our defense extraordinaire Freya Moss.

Last week, the **Kids Greening Taupo group** presented the plans for our restoration areas to members of the Waikato Regional Council, the Department of Conservation, and our major sponsor, First Credit Union. First Credit Union has been incredibly generous and have donated a substantial amount of money towards the planting of two areas of our school. Students have designed one area that will be an outdoor science space that will have plants that attract birds and invertebrates, as well as plants that are used for rongoa (Maori medicine). They have also designed an area that will stabilise a bank on the edge of the field and increase the biodiversity in our school. Thanks also to Graham and Al from Arco who gifted Manuka and Kanuka trees to the project.

The **Taupo Intermediate Science Fair** was held at the end of last term. There were 196 entries in the Science section and 22 entries in the Technology section. The Technology entries were particularly strong with entries including a toddler stand to be attached to a supermarket shopping trolley, and a survival hiking stick that has all the necessities for anyone lost in the outdoors. Joey Keehan also conducted a fair test into the best building materials to use in the video game Fortnite. Some of the prize winners will be selected to attend the Bay of Plenty Science Fair 16th Aug.

NZ Junior Darts - Jack Sheppard Rm 16 gained second place recently at the Charter Club Nationals in Invercargill (Ages 9-16 yrs). Then in Whakatane at the NZ Junior/Youth Darts Champs, Jack partnered with Ihaka, winning the junior boys pairs, with Jack making it



Above - Kids Greening Taupo after their tree planting
Below - Boys Bay of Plenty Basketball Team



into the top 8 in singles. This week he's competing at the NZ Darts Council Champs in Rotorua. We wish him well.



Science Fair Awards

Year 7 Science

- 1st Taylor Weston
- 2nd Sophie Webber
- 3rd Rory Mackintosh

Year 7 Technology

- 1st Reagan Watson
- 2nd Pieter Osborne & Seth Woodmass
- 3rd Nia Tawhai & Charlotte Barnett

Year 8 Science

- 1st Joey Keehan
- 2nd Izaak Manders
- 3rd Rachel Mace

Year 8 Technology

- 1st Amelia Hamilton
- 2nd Jed Walker
- 3rd Cooper Beresford Jack Painter & George Crawford