

# TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

Kotare Street, TAUPO 3330

Telephone: (07) 378 8097

Fax: (07) 378 8618

Email: [admin@taupointermediate.co.nz](mailto:admin@taupointermediate.co.nz)

Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,  
te kura Waenga o Taupo  
Greetings to all of our families

Newsletter Number: 18  
Date: 17 August 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:

*“Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, calibre, and future of an individual. If the people remember me as a good teacher, that will be the biggest honour for me. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam - Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen. Abdul Kalam was an Indian scientist who served as the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007. He was born and raised in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu and studied physics and aerospace engineering.*

*“Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.”*

-Scott Adams

### WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

*One day a man saw an old lady stranded on the side of the road needing help. He pulled his old, battered car up beside her nice Mercedes. She was worried when she saw the state of the scruffy man who approached her. Nobody had stopped to help her in over an hour and she was worried if she could trust this man. He looked poor and hungry even though he smiled at her.*

*He said, “I’m here to help you ma’am. Why don’t you wait in the car where it’s warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson.”*

*The old lady, had a flat tyre so Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles once or twice and getting dirty in the process.*

*She rolled down the window and explained she was just passing through and couldn’t thank him enough for his help. Bryan just smiled and when she asked how much she owed him he never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him, he was simply helping someone in need and plenty of people had given him a hand in the past. He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help she could give that person the help they needed, and Bryan added, “And think of me.”*

*He waited until she started her car and drove off.*

*A few kilometres down the road the lady saw a small café. She went in to grab a bite to eat.*

*The waitress came over and bought a clean towel to dry her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn’t erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly 8 months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan.*

*After the lady finished her meal she paid with a \$100 bill. The waitress quickly went to get change but the old lady had left when she returned.*

*The waitress noticed something written on the old lady’s napkin. It read “You don’t owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I’m helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do: Do not let this chain of love end with you.”*

*Under the napkin were 4 more \$100 bills.*

*Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month it was going to be hard...*

*She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a kiss and whispered “Everything’s going to be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson.”*

Perhaps, to this inspiring quote, I could add and be paid a descent “**Honorarium**” following this week’s industrial action, and certainly the decision to take this action is unusual for our profession. I can only apologise for any inconvenience it may have caused you as a family. But we also made provision to support any of our families who could not organise care for the day, of which there was a very small number who chose to do that.

I certainly hope that no further industrial action is necessary in the future, but we need to be taken seriously as a profession to be recompensed at a rate that is fair and equitable, and that conditions of work need to be considered as well. Areas such as funding for staffing, that allows us to employ an extra teacher who will have responsibility for the coordination of support and services for our high need students – a SENCO – presently funded from our Operations grant. We have 590 x students and surely that should generate a full time position??

I see no value in comparing our workloads and conditions with any other profession, for example the nurses – their workload and conditions are totally different to ours. Just look at our profession and ask the question why are we not attracting people into our profession??

Thank you to all the parents who support us and may that continue in our fight for a descent “**Honorarium**”. Our students are at the centre of our profession and the work that we do with them is extremely important and it is always delightful to see them achieving in so many areas.

I/ We, Baz Haydon and Rhiannon McMillan, were very proud to see the teams at **Hockey** Finals last night, with our teams playing with so much pride and energy and striving for excellence. I want to thank all the parents who have stepped up to coach and manage this season, as your efforts are much appreciated by us here at school, and all the students and parents.

**Netball**, comes to an end this weekend with only our Year 8 team playing on for another week in the Senior grade, as they try to secure a finals berth. I will look forward to the matches and the prize giving which usually follows around midday.

I wish to thank **Shauni Carpenter and Rhiannon McMillan** for coaching and coordinating our netball teams this year, at times a very difficult task. As well, these two teachers play Senior Netball for the Richmond Premiers. Your support and efforts are appreciated by us all, and we wish you all the best as you endeavour to do a “Repeat” in 2019.

### **HUGE CONGRATULATIONS – KA MAU TE WEHI !!**

#### **TIS SPELLING BEE**

Over the past couple of weeks, we have held the Years 7 & 8 TIS Spelling Bee. The 2 top spellers from each class were entered to compete against one another for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We used the say, spell, say, approach and the students were slowly eliminated, when they mis-spelt a word. ***Congratulations to the following contestants.*** – ***Rachael Barr HOD Literacy***

***Year 7: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Jai Dalisay - Rm 7; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Lucah de Roo - Rm 4; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Caitie Mitchell - Rm 7***

***Year 8 :1<sup>st</sup> place – Talia Barnes - Rm 9; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Kewene Thompson - Rm 2; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Rikki-Lee Durham - Rm 13***

#### **NETBALL**

Congratulations to all Taupo Intermediate Netball players, coaches, managers, umpires & supporters. We have made it to the final games of the season! It’s been a wonderful season, full of tough games, sportsmanship & commitment to a sport we all love.

Thank you for all the help and support from all who were involved this year, we really appreciate it. Good luck to TIS Pulse, Vixens, Fever, Magic and Firebirds for their final game. To the TIS Blues, we wish you the best in your semi final, and once again thank you to all the girls who put their hand up to play netball this year and showed a huge commitment for the entirety of the season.

See you all next year! - ***Shauni Carpenter and Rhiannon McMillan – TIS Netball Coordinators***

#### **NAVY BAND CONCERT**

Going to the Navy Band concert was an amazing experience for me. I loved how they introduced the different groups of instruments and what some of those instruments were. The types of music were even better because we knew all the songs and clapped/stomped along to the music. My favourite part was when they sprayed us with water. They were clever, funny and amazing. Overall it was fantastic and I hope to see them again. – ***Holly Read Rm3***

#### **BOP/PB INTERMEDIATE X- COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Last Friday 14 students from Taupo Intermediate competed over a tough 3km course in Welcome Bay, Tauranga. Ten schools from Gisborne through to Tauranga, Rotorua and Taupo were present giving fields of 35+ in each age/gender group. Top finishers were: ***Sophie Webber 4<sup>th</sup> Yr 7 girl; Dylan Gardiner 6<sup>th</sup> Yr 7 boy; Callum Pettman 9<sup>th</sup> Yr 8 boy.***

#### **PCT CHALLENGE:**

Four students from each class were selected to compete on this Police Challenge course which was to be set up at OD Park. Unfortunately, the wet weather on Tuesday led to the event being postponed, once an alternative date is set the students will be informed.

#### **HOCKEY:**

The Wednesday afternoon competition ended this week with some tightly fought games. It has been great to see the improvement both in individual student skill and in their play as a team. I would especially like to thank the coaches and managers who have put so much time, effort and enthusiasm into their roles. It is not easy, and at times thankless but hopefully rewarding. Thanks also to the parents who came along to support their child and team, they do appreciate it. While I am blown away by the skills of many of the students, stand outs on the final night would have to go to ***Georgia Fox*** for the girls and ***Hunter Davey*** for the boys. If your child didn’t hand back their team shirt at the end of the game could you please make sure it is returned to the office ASAP. ***Baz Haydon Hockey Coordinator (Huge thanks Baz for your support and effort here during the season)***

#### **SKI RACE CAMP:**

After trials during the school holidays, 16 students were selected to attend an inaugural race camp at the Memorial Lodge (management of this lodge is about to be taken over by 5 local schools). While the main focus of the camp was to improve student’s ability to race through gates, carving, stance etc, it was also an opportunity to see the setup of the hut. How it could work for our school, to get a feel of the layout, bunking, kitchen etc. The camp was a huge success, with some worthwhile training on 3 of the 4 days. On the one day the field was closed we managed a tramp to the Taranaki Falls, a visit to the DOC Centre and some cabin fever games. The hut worked well and will be a great asset for the schools involved

– ***Baz Haydon***