

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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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:

“Challenge is the pathway to engagement and progress in our lives. But, not all challenges are created equal. Some challenges make us feel alive, engaged, connected, and fulfilled. Others simply overwhelm us. Knowing the difference as you set bigger and bolder challenges for yourself is critical to your sanity, success, and satisfaction”. – **Brendon Burchard**

is a #1 New York Times best-selling author and "the world's leading high performance coach." His latest book, *High Performance Habits*, was a Wall Street Journal best-seller and named by Amazon as one of its top three best business and leadership books of 2017. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brendon_Burchard).

Monday 27th August – Saturday 8th September 2018

I can only stand in awe, and with an immense amount of pride as the Principal of Te Kura Waenga o Taupo – Taupo Intermediate School, to the challenges and achievements that we have accomplished in the past month.

I am continually impressed with the work and effort that our students put in when they represent our school, and you as a family. I was fortunate to be able to join the group in Noumea on their Cultural Exchange with Jean Mariotti College. I was suitably impressed by the way our students had embraced the experience, how they had mixed in so well with the families, their homestays as well as the programmes at school.

One of the highlights was our group's performance in front of the whole school. This didn't faze our students, and this was the first time Jean Mariotti College had got together as a whole for a gathering, let alone a school assembly, and they were all so supportive of our performance. They were so impressed that they have decided that their school should meet for a school assembly on a more regular basis – just shows what we can share and learn off each other. I informed them that our assemblies gave us the opportunity to acknowledge our successes and show case some of our talents, now they think they can do the same.

Returning to New Zealand on the Saturday, the group again were complimented on their excellent behaviour on the plane home, as we would expect, and they did, and again I was proud to be standing alongside them.

My huge thanks to Colleen Westerman for the work and effort in putting this exchange together, a major reason for our success here. We look forward to reciprocating the hospitality on the 30th October, when we host Jean Mariotti College here in Taupo.

Sunday 9th September – Friday 15th September 2018

The following Sunday I repacked my bag and headed off with the “A” Netball team to join the 10,000 other athletes from throughout the country in Mount Maunganui for the Anchor Aims Games. Some of our athletes started their competition on the Sunday – X Country, Yachting and Gymnastics.

Again we challenged ourselves against the best of our age groups, and stood proud with our results and involvement, and were honoured to receive the

OVERALL WINNER OF THE: “Team Mates Cup” – NZ AIMS NATIONAL SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIP – For Overall Excellence.

This cup was awarded to Taupo Intermediate across all codes and voted for by all the Code Coordinators, for our outstanding level of; Sportsmanship, Organization and Management, Dress standards, Fair Play, and Performance.

This was the “*crème de la crème*” for an outstanding week, which I have to say was headed by the Netball team who after a week finished 6th Place in the A Grade competition. There were 122 teams entered and these girls certainly took up the challenge playing some outstanding netball. I know I didn't get around all the sports to see the performances of the other athletes, but my reports state quite categorically that we can all be very proud of our performances, as shown with the awarding of the Cup.

Taupo Intermediate NZ AIMS Games Results

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– For Overall Excellence. As determined by all the Code coordinators

• Teams:

<i>Netball</i>	6 th from 122 teams – Qualified to compete in the A Grade Section of the Netball Competition
<i>6 A Side Hockey</i>	1 st in B Grade (33 rd overall)
<i>Hip Hop</i>	9 th from 25 teams

• Individuals:

<i>BMX</i>	- Zara Ranford 7 th	Angus Thompson 8 th	Joel Amrein 32 nd	Brock Harvey 37 th
<i>Cross Country</i>	- Sophie Webber 21 st	Callum Pettman 46 th	Dylan Gardiner 68 th	
<i>Multisport</i>	- Sophie Webber 5 th	Callum Pettman 13 th	George Crawford 25 th	Rachel Mace 25 th
	Lucah DeRoo 34 th	Ethan Staddon 40 th	TIS Ultimate Team 10 th	
<i>Gymnastics</i>	- Emma Hampson-Tindale 1 st	Xanthia Ellis 6 th	Hazelle Kshatri 74 th	
<i>Rock Climbing</i>	- Patrick Aitken 22 nd	Sophie Fagan 26 th		
<i>Squash</i>	- Kyle Steyn 11 th			
<i>Swimming</i>	- Ben Solomann (made freestyle final)			
<i>Tennis</i>	- Sophie Webber 29 th			
<i>Yachting</i>	- Zoey Brasell 33 rd			

A huge thank you to Baz Haydon for the Coordination and support for all of all these events.

🚩 Tuesday 11th September 2018

Well, we move on folks to the next outstanding achievement. On Tuesday afternoon our 130 x member Kapahaka group participated in the Tuwharetoa Festival and I can only say “**KA MAU TE WEHI**”, **nga tamariki o te Kura Waenga o Taupo**. This group has worked so hard this year and we have seen their confidence and self-esteem grow. We saw our Maori students against the usual statistics, had the opportunity to be successful, and all our other students embrace, and were totally committed to perform and experience Waiata and Kapahaka. Our members have also been responsible for tutoring in all our classrooms, so that now our whole school is able to experience and perform the majority of our Waiata and Haka.

“Ehara taku toa I te toa, takitahi engari he toa takimano, My strength is not of an individual but that of the collective”
Arohanui me te tautoko ki ahau – Nanny Simmonds, Jamie Pere, Rana Keeley, Jess Vincent and Stacey Hurunui.

🚩 Wednesday – Thursday 19th – 20th September 2018

We held the annual Mathmatters Evenings with the Years 5 and 6 students on Wednesday evening with teams from;

- Hilltop, Wairakei, Waipahihi, Taupo Primary, St Patricks and Pokuru Primary Schools.

The finishing positions were: Year 5 - 1st Taupo 3; 2nd Hilltop 3; 3rd Taupo 2, with Wairakei 1 - 4th coming within a very close margin.

Year 6 – 1st Hilltop 1; 2nd Taupo 3; 3rd Hilltop 3

On Thursday evening we held the Year 7 & 8s Intermediate event with schools from;

- Taupo, Hastings, Hilltop, Ilminster, Matamata, St Patricks, Morrinsville, Tauranga

The finishing positions were: Year 7 – 1st 2nd & 3rd placings were all taken out by Tauranga Intermediate Teams

Year 8 – 1st Tauranga Int 2; 2nd Ilminster 1; 3rd Taupo Int 3

I want to thank Baz Haydon for his organization and to all my staff for being available to help and support over the two evenings.

🚩 Saturday 22nd September 2018

Our dance troupe will make their way to Palmerston North for the finals of the **DANCE NZMade** Competition accompanied by Jos Harris. I want to thank her for her coordination of, not only these groups, but for her work with Tori Henson and the Hip Hop group who performed so well at the AIMS games in their first attempt. Best wishes to our dance troupe.

🚩 With the **Winter Sports** code coming to an end - would you please check your child’s room for outstanding uniforms, shirts, jackets etc. We would like to have them returned before the holidays to store for use next year.

🚩 WELL BEING SURVEY

- **Our school will be surveying our Students, and you as Parents and Caregivers. We would like to hear from you about the things that we are doing in our school, to see how well we support students to feel they belong and can learn. This survey is devised by the New Zealand Council for Research – Rangihau Matauranga o Aotearoa and will help us reflect on our current practices.**
- **We have provided the following link for you to access the survey:**
https://www.nzcersurvey.org.nz/survey_belonging.php?icode=AAws013&iloin=jyckqgsv&plogin=
- **The survey will close on Friday 19th October 2018 – the first Friday of week 1 of Term 4.**
All those who have supplied the school with their e-mail address will receive this link via an e-mail – please check in your junk mail if you can’t find it.

🚩 **CREEPY TOWN PRODUCTION TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY 24th September 2018 at the school office. There will be 3 x performances Tuesday 16th Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th October, this is week 1 Term 4. Doors open 6:30pm Show starts at 7pm. Prices - \$10 adults & \$5 children.**

SCHOOL TERM 3 FINISHES ON FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER AND REOPENS ON MONDAY 15th OCTOBER 8:50am

TIS Ski Team report 2018 - Following Ski trials, a group of 15 students were selected to attend the first ever TIS ski race camp. Staying at Whakapapa ski field Sunday to Thursday to race train for the Central Plateau Ski Champs on 16th August, with some very pleasing results, available on the Central Plateau Ski Champs facebook page. The kids’ skiing showed huge improvement throughout the camp and they represented TIS impeccably, with great skiing, and behavior. They showed grit and determination in difficult weather conditions (strong wind, and eventually zero visibility). I am very proud of them all. I’d like to sincerely thank the experienced parent helpers who were absolutely crucial to the successful running of this camp and attendance at race day.
Rana Keeley

Bay of Plenty Science Fair Recently 11 students competed in Rotorua competition displaying their scientific investigation or invention. They were Joey Keehan, Izaak Manders, Sophie Webber, Taylor Weston, Rhiannon Scurr, Amelia Hamilton, Reagan Watson, Cooper Beresford, Jack Painter, Pieter Osborne and Seth Woodmass. It was quite an intense experience being interviewed by the judges, really needed to know their topic inside out. The level of competition was really tough this year and unfortunately we missed the major prizes. The students presented and conducted themselves excellently and were great representatives of our school.



TIS HAS TALENT

Taupo Intermediate School’s annual Talent Show showcasing the skills of our talented pupils.
Wednesday 26th September 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Tickets \$3 per person.

Tickets must be purchased from the school office with this signed permission slip below
Students will not be allowed to leave the hall without an adult to pick them up.

I give permission forRoom.....to attend
TIS HAS TALENT - I have made arrangements to pick him/her up from the school hall at 9:00pm.

Signed:.....Name:.....