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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:

“I've learned in my life that it's important to be able to step outside your comfort zone and be challenged with something you're not familiar or accustomed to. That challenge will allow you to see what you can do” J. R. Martinez.- (born June 14, 1983)^[1] is an American [actor](#), [motivational speaker](#), and former [U.S. Army soldier](#). In 2003, Martinez sustained severe burns to over 34 percent of his body while serving as an Army [infantryman](#) in [Iraq](#). Since his recovery, he has travelled around the country speaking about his experiences to corporations, veterans groups, schools, and other organizations.

Huge welcome back to Term 4 2018 and yes, that's right, the last term for the year and only 72 days to Christmas Day. We have a lot to do before we break for the holidays, which will be on Friday 14th December 2018, only 61 x days away. We will indeed be taking on another lot of challenges, and for many, stepping outside our “comfort zone” and I have every confidence that we will “see what we can do”.

I am therefore reminding everyone of the enormity of these challenges and expecting that we will need everyone on-board our waka. That we all paddle in the same direction, and when the waters get rough that we will sit down and support each other so we don't lose anyone over board.

You will be receiving from all the classroom teachers a letter outlining the programme and commitments for this term. I encourage you to keep our lines of communication open, and that you will support our need for our students to remain positive until the end of the year by;

- **Wearing the correct school uniform and following the guidelines as set down in our school prospectus concerning ‘body piercing’, hair colour, cleanliness and correct attire.**
- **Attending school regularly and not turning up late.**
- **Participating in all our activities including representing our school with pride and dignity.**
- **Continuing to respect the rights of students and teachers to be able to learn and teach.**
- **Not bringing any substances into our school, regardless of what our politicians might say or think.**

➡ Toward the end of the year, we will be undertaking Outdoor Education activities – day trips for Year 7s and Week Long Camps for Year 8s, which all involve a cost to you – DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH?

➡ Have you kept up your Laptop Payments? – NO YEAR 8 STUDENT OR, ANY STUDENTS LEAVING OUR SCHOOL THIS YEAR WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE THEIR LAPTOP UNTIL ALL PAYMENTS ARE MADE.

- All leaving students will have the programmes registered/ licensed to Taupo Intermediate School removed from their laptops before they leave and will revert back to the original operating systems.

Our first major challenge is the **Major Musical Production – Creepy Town**, which our students and teacher have been working on for the past two terms. Over the next few days we will see the ‘fruits of their labour’, and of course I haven't forgotten to thank you as parents for your support in getting these students to and from rehearsals.

You will be immensely proud of the performances starting today at 11:00am hosting some of our Senior Citizens at a full dress rehearsal. The performance nights are as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 16th 17th 18th October 7:00pm.



A scene from the School Production ‘Creepy Town’ showing this week. Tickets on sale at the school office.



❖ INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS

During the first week of the school holidays we experienced extreme vandalism in our school, namely having over 20 x windows being smashed at a direct expense to our school. We haven't caught those responsible for the damage not only to our school, but also damage to our neighbouring schools. These thoughtless, disturbing and expensive acts of vandalism, along with an increase in the number of incidents of vandalism both during and out of school hours, has necessitated the installation of security cameras around the school.

We expect to use these cameras to help us alleviate these problems. The expense associated with the installation of the cameras and the cost for repairing the damage, has to be financed by the school and is an unnecessary waste of money, time and resources.

Any evidence we gather from these cameras, will only be used to identify those who are offending, and we will pursue any costs associated with repairs.

We will also be able to keep an eye on our general activities in the school, and trust that it will have a positive effect on the behaviour and atmosphere in our school. We used to pride ourselves on not having to spend money on catching people doing negative things and instead invest in positive activities and positive people.

❖ ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR 2019 – Week 2 Term 4

Next week we will be hosting our Prospective Students from all the contributing schools in our area as outlined below. **DON'T** forget Monday is Labour Day holiday and then from Tuesday 23rd October – Friday 26th October 2018 we will be hosting:

- **Student Orientation visits for prospective pupils each morning from 9:15 – 12:30**
 - **Tuesday** 23rd October – Waipahihi Primary School
 - **Wednesday** 24th October – Wairakei Primary School
 - **Thursday** 25th October – Tauhara Primary School
 - **Friday** 26th October – Taupo Primary School
- **Students from other schools – Hilltop, St Patricks, Mountview, Tongariro, Rangitikei, Marotiri, Tirohanga, Atiamuri, Reporoa etc. are most welcome to attend these visits any day.**

Enrolment packs will be issued to the contributing schools. All those students outside our traditional contributing schools can contact our school office to get an enrolment pack, or collect one on your visit.

- **During the evenings on the following days - 23rd October – 26th October 2018 the Principal will be holding Open Parent meetings at the following schools:**
 - **Taupo Primary** 5:30pm Tuesday 23rd October
 - **Waipahihi Primary** 7:00pm Tuesday 23rd October
 - **Wairakei Primary** 5:30pm Wednesday 24th October
 - **Tauhara Primary** 5:30pm Thursday 25th October
 - **Taupo Intermediate School** 7:00pm Thursday 25th October – *this is an open meeting for those outside our traditional contributing schools.*
- **Then on the 6th November 2018 at 9.am we will be inviting students who wish to test for the Children With Academic Ability (CWAA) class to attend the hall for the test.**
- **ABEL TASMAN TRAMP - 28thOctober – 3rd November 2018.**
- **NOUMEA CULTURAL EXCHANGE – 30th – October – 8th November 2018.**

HAVE A GREAT COUPLE OF WEEKS!!!

W.D.CLARKE

Kids Bike Taupo offers free afternoon sessions for all ages 3.30pm - 5pm. This friendly, relaxed environment is to support everyone to improve their knowledge and skills around bikes.

Mondays 3.30pm-5pm at the BMX Track in Crown Park, off Taharepa Road. **Tuesdays 3.30pm-5pm** at Spa Park, County Ave, off Spa Road. Starting Term 4 18 October **Thursdays 3.30pm to 5pm** at Craters Mountainbike Park in Wairakei Forest, Karapiti Road opposite the Hub. This is an introduction to Craters Mountainbike Park, no Bike Taupo membership is necessary if you are with this session. Bikes and helmets can be borrowed, but if possible bring your own. Term time the Community Bike Shed is open on Wednesdays 3:30 – 5pm at Spa Venture Park for recycled bike parts, support to learn how to fix your bike. Some secondhand bikes for sale. Contact Cath Oldfield on 027 280 4005.