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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:

“If you currently travel abroad or plan to in the future, make sure you understand the cultural convention of the country that you are visiting. Particularly with regard to greetings.

If someone gives you a weak hand-shake, don't grimace. If anyone takes your arm, don't wince. If you are in the Middle East and a person wants to hold your hand, hold it. If you are a man visiting Russia, don't be surprised when your male host kisses your cheek, rather than hand.

All of these greetings are as natural as way to express genuine sentiments as an American handshake.

I am honored when an Arab or Asian man offers to take my hand because I know that it is a sign of high respect and trust.

Accepting these cultural differences is the first step to better understanding and embracing diversity.”

– **Joe Navarro**, (born 1953) is an American author, public speaker and former [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) (FBI) agent and supervisor. Navarro specializes in the area of [nonverbal communication](#) and [body language](#) and has authored numerous books, including *What Every Body is Saying*, *Dangerous Personalities*, and *Louder than Words*.

We have certainly cemented our relationships with the students from Jean Mariotti College, New Caledonia who are spending 10 days with our families here in Taupo as a reciprocal arrangement from our visit in August. I picked the group up from Auckland and they were all so excited about visiting Taupo and catching up with their host families.

They certainly experienced a warm welcome when we arrived in Taupo. The interaction has continued with a school Powhiri on Wednesday morning, followed by a visit to one of the Donald family dairy farms followed by a visit to their home and farmlet. What a fantastic experience which was enjoyed by all. From the cow shed operation, to the calves and then the hands on experience with the farm dogs working with the sheep, the house dogs, the Kunikuni pig and the chickens all complete with a scrumptious lunch.

A huge thank you to Vanessa Donald and the Gardon Ltd employees who hosted brilliantly ably assisted by Gabby Donald.



Thursday they went White Water Rafting on the Tongariro and their reactions were – magnificent scenery, wet and cold but exciting, thank you so much, magnifique!!

We know they will continue to be excited and well looked after by our school and families.

– Thank you folks for your continued hospitality and support

LITERACY QUIZ REPORT

- Held in Tauranga on Tuesday 30th October 2018

On Tuesday a group of 10 year 7 and 8 students (split into two teams of 4) traveled to Tauranga for the second lit quiz competition of the year. We arrived at 10am, and were escorted into the school library by some students there. Tauranga Intermediate's principal asked us a few warm-up questions, and then we got started, with a short break at interval. Some of the questions were quite hard and random, but in the end, we didn't do too badly.

Results: Tauranga Intermediate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, with our top team coming 5th

Team 2 coming 7th from 23 teams. Overall, it was a really fun day and a great experience.

- report written by Skye Barbour

➤ **EARLY NOTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE INDUSTRIAL ACTION**

That there is planned, rallies, events and gatherings to support primary teacher and principal rolling strike action 13th November for Taupo Schools.

Events are happening up and down the country to send a strong message to the Government that it is time to fix the crisis in teaching.

This means freeing teachers to teach so every child receives the personal attention they need to learn and thrive. It means freeing principals to focus on leading and it means ensuring we have enough teachers by attracting more people to teaching, by respecting them as professionals and paying them properly.

➤ **EARLY NOTIFICATION ON THE LAPTOP PROGRAMME FOR 2018**

At the end of this year, subject to the behind the scenes configuration being complete, we will have a different decommissioning process for year 8 laptops and for any Year 7 pupils that are not returning or have been taken off the roll.

This process is designed to enable pupils to use their laptops at school right up till the end of the school year and requires no teacher intervention i.e. Teachers will no longer need to RIS the laptops at the end of the year.

Our teachers will work with our students so that;

- Pupils need to be fully aware that their laptop will be completely reset and that they will lose all personal files and programmes.
- Pupils need to be fully aware that all student accounts, of leaving students, will be deleted at any time between the 15th December and the 20th December which means that they will no longer have access to Office365 including One Drive.
- Pupils need to understand that their laptops will no longer have office programmes on them as these are licenced to the school. They do not need to buy these programmes as these will be available again to them from the high school they attend.
- Pupils need to understand the options that they have in terms of how to save their personal data and be given instruction if necessary.
- **Laptops that have not been fully paid for will be retained by the school until paid for or relinquished and these will be collected well in advance of the end of the year.**

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2018 Cricket

The following boys were selected to play in the 2018 Districts Primary Boys Tournament for Cricket.

These are the TIS students chosen:

Tom Martin – Room 16 Ben Solomann – Room 1
Lucas Neill – Room 8

The others were from surrounding districts including Rotorua, Whakatane and Hamilton. They have 3 tournaments during November and we wish them the best of luck. Black Caps in the making.



BOP U13 Hockey Team

Congratulations to Hunter Davey Who represented the BoP Hockey team recently. The team came 3rd from 24 representative teams at the National Hatch Cup.

Hunter was one of the tournament's leading goal scorers.

It was a sterling effort from BOP, who beat last year's champions, North Harbour, for the bronze.

It was a really tough competition.



Equestrian:

During the first week of term, 4 girls travelled to St Peter's Cambridge to compete in the North Island Intermediate and Secondary school Show Jumping Championships. The girls all rode very well coming away with clear rounds. Chloe Triggell was our best individually placed rider with a 1st and 2nd. However, with all girls contributing towards team points they came away as team points winners.

Thanks to those parents and caregivers who travelled with the girls.

During the school holidays the King Country Roller Mills team took part in the NRM Roller Mills Tournament at St Peter's college from the 6-13 Oct. A very successful tournament playing 6 games, the only losses were to the 1st Auckland East and 3rd Auckland West ranked teams of the whole tournament.

Results were as follows KC 36 vs Taranaki 27; KC 5 vs AKL East 55; KC 15 vs AKL West 35; KC 28 vs Northland 24; KC 27 vs Nth Harbour 12(Semi Finals); KC 27 vs Taranaki 17 (Finals)

Thank and congratulations the TIS players and their whanau who followed us in this journey.

Taiaho Mildon (Co-Captain); Kasey Ali; CJ Mienie; Lleyton Harris; Jack Dallas-Johnson; Hunter Arnold; Jacob Hume; Jed Walker; Manawa Snowdon-Rameka; Samuelu Sa'u; Wiremu Theodore.

To top it off, 1 of our boys were named in the tournament team which is very rare for King Country CJ Mienie. Well done!!