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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:

“We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open”. *Jawaharlal Nehru - was the first Prime Minister of India and a central figure in Indian politics before and after independence. He emerged as the paramount leader of the Indian independence movement under the tutelage of Mahatma Gandhi and ruled India from its establishment as an independent nation in 1947 until his death in 1964.*

Spirit of Adventure Trust

On Wednesday following our Easter break a group of 22 students were selected from the Year 8 classes – students who may have missed selection from the Leadership Camp and others who are not necessarily “stars” in their own right but who have always been positive. Baz Haydon and myself left Taupo at 8am with this group bound for Auckland as invited guests on-board the Spirit of New Zealand berthed in the Auckland Viaduct.

We want to thank **Jennifer Rea** and our local Hyundai Dealers for sponsoring us on-board for an experience of a lifetime! – **HUGE THANKS FOR INCLUDING US AND STUDENTS FROM ST PATRICKS!!**

Hyundai NZ is a proud sponsor of Spirit of Adventure and they were excited to share a day’s experience on-board the ship for Taupo’s aspiring leaders hosted by members of the Trust.

What a magnificent day it was, beautiful weather, ideal sailing conditions and all of us experiencing the thrill of sailing in the beautiful Hauraki Gulf.

There is an opportunity for our students when they reach the age of 16 years to apply for the 10 day adventure on this vessel so I am hoping that some of our students were inspired enough to keep this in mind.

The [tall ship Spirit of New Zealand](#) is a steel-hulled, three-masted [barquentine](#) from [Auckland, New Zealand](#). It was purpose-built by the [Spirit of Adventure Trust](#) in 1986 for youth development. It is 42.5 m in total length and carries a maximum of 40 trainees and 13 crew on overnight voyages. The ship's home port is Auckland, and it spends most of its time sailing around the [Hauraki Gulf](#). During the summer season, it often sails to the [Marlborough Sounds](#) and [Nelson](#), at the top of the [South Island](#).

The ship is used for a year-round programme of youth development, consisting primarily of 10-day individual voyages for 15- to 19-year-olds and 5-day Spirit Trophy voyages for teams of 10 [Year 10](#) students. Once a year an Inspiration voyage for trainees with physical disabilities is run, as well as board of trustees and Navy training voyages. In addition, adult day, weekend and coastal voyages are offered to paying members of the public. The ship is usually in dry-dock for refit in November and does not sail on Christmas Day.

Our sincerest congratulations to **Nicole Van der Kaay** who came 7th in yesterday’s triathlon at the Commonwealth games on the Gold Coast – our first Kiwi home as well. Wonderful to see Nicole continuing her tri-sport she started here at Taupo Intermediate School. Photo right ‘hot off the press’ from proud dad John Van der Kaay & whanau just after Nicole’s finish.



Equestrian: by Abby Garland

A group of 9 girls travelled to Te Teko on Tuesday for the BOP Gamblers and had some great results. There was a large number of entries for this event with Rachel Mace gaining 2nd place riding Chicks; and Chloe Triggell gaining 8th place riding Maverick. We also had 3 riders competing in Cambridge at the Leamington schools Showjumping.



Members of the TeTeko Equestrian Team

Together as a team, they placed 4th overall out of a large number of teams. All riders represented the school very well and had an enjoyable day. Thank you to those parents that provided travel to and from the events, as well as helping out on the day, or they would not have been able to enter.

Congratulations:

- **Payton Cook** went to Gisborne as a member of the Waiariki under 13 Netball team and the team were 3rd in their grade. Payton was identified in the top 10 players in the tournament under 13 grade.
- **Angus Thompson** from Room 8 competed in the BMX Nationals. He placed 7th allowing him to now wear the plate **NZ 7** on his bike.

Leadership Group:

This group of 20 x students are travelling through to Gisborne on Sunday at 12 noon approximately, and returning on Tuesday at 12 noon. We will be participating in team building activities and challenges with students from Northcross, Taradale and Ilminster Intermediates, with Ilminster being this year's host.

We are looking forward to the challenges and the team building and networking with the other Intermediates.

Have a great weekend and thank you all for the continued support

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Mt Tauhara Trek Thursday 6th April 2018

On Thursday 5th April, room 9 along with parent helpers Mr Tong, Mrs Canning, Ms Head and Mr McDonald the class teacher conquered Mt Tauhara as part of the TIS year 8 Outdoor Challenge.

The morning started off clear as a bell, as we clambered up the steep incline at the start of the trek. Once entering the bush, we walked at a good pace to the fresh water stream three-quarters of the way to the top. After a short drink stop, we continued the last 20 minutes to the trig station on top of Mt Tauhara.

We had lunch, walked to the rock out-crops and completed a short quiz. The view at the top was spectacular, and the 360 degrees panorama was stunning!

Heading back down the steep track to the carpark, we enjoyed each other's company, the continued views and the bright sunshine. Thanks for a great day out in the Taupo environment!

- Mr Steve McDonald – Room 9

Basketball

Draw next Wednesday 11th April

5.30pm:

TIS 1 V Hilltop Court 1

TIS 8 V Tongariro Court 2

6.10pm:

TIS 7 V TIS 2 Court 1

TIS 6 V TIS 3 Court 2

TIS 5 V TIS 4 Court 3

The \$50 fees are due to be paid by the end of this term.

Netball Draw Saturday 7th April 2018

10.30pm: Courts 3 & 4 - TIS Fever vs Mapihi Maurea

Courts 6 & 7 - TIS Mystics vs Hilltop Stars

Courts 7 & 6 - TIS Vixens vs TIS Swifts

11.30pm: Court 3 & 4 - TIS Pulse vs Hilltop Diamonds

Court 4 & 3 - TIS steel vs Hilltop Sapphires

Court 5 - TIS Magic vs Pikopiko

Court 6 & 7 - TIS Tactics vs Turangi Angel Bro's

Court 7 & 6 - TIS Firebirds vs Marotin 7/8

2.30pm: Court 4- TIS Blues vs Black and Blue.

Teams will have two 20 minute games this Saturday. The second game is decided by the winning and losing team's from the opposite court. Winners vs winners and losers vs losers. We wish all our teams the best of luck. Have fun and play hard!



Spirit of Adventure students



Wairakei Tourist Park Local's Day

10.00am - 4.00pm Saturday 7 April 2018

Discover the awesomeness, adventure, and action at Wairakei Tourist Park. A great day out for the entire family with discounts & offers available just for locals!

Experience the exciting activities the park has to offer - jet or cruise the river, mountain bike, wakeboard, golf, fish for prawns, a thermal walk, bike hire, face painting and great food.

Every family that participates will go into the draw for some major prizes. The total prize pack pool is worth nearly \$1000!

Visit www.wairakeitouristpark.co.nz/localsday for more info.

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- build confidence, resilience and self-esteem
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If you would like to know more about how we can help contact us directly or through your teacher.

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