

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, “te kura pai o Intermediate i Taupo”
Greetings to all our families and welcome to Taupo Intermediate School – “the best Intermediate in Taupo”.

In my opinion:

“In times of stress, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts and to be assured that our questions are just as important as our answers.” — *Fred Rogers was the host of the popular long-running public television children's show Mister Rogers' Neighbourhood. Fred Rogers was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania and attended Dartmouth College for two years before graduating from Rollins College... [The World According to Mister Rogers: Important Things to Remember](#)*

As we head on into the depths of term one, we find ourselves under some pressure to cope with the demands of a number of things that have a direct influence on our school. In particular the people who are in this system, and I am wondering whether there is much “listening with ears and hearts” being done outside our school.

NZEI has just released a result of a survey on Health – Hauora from 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- ***This report focuses on the effects that workload, hours of work, and other sources of stress have on school leaders' health & wellbeing.***
- ***The survey was conducted from August to November 2018 and is the third annual survey of school leader hauora.***
- ***The survey shows that school leaders are working long hours and are significantly more stressed than the general population, and that this trend has worsened since our first survey in 2016.***
- ***In 2018, respondents' levels of burnout, stress, sleeping troubles and cognitive stress symptoms remain at levels far higher than that of the general population.***
- ***Self-rated health has decreased by almost 8% since 2016, while burnout, depressive symptoms and somatic stress symptoms have all increased.***

I thought I would share with you what we have had to work on within the first 4 weeks of term:

- Employing and orientating 9 x new teachers into our school, which involves teacher registrations, payroll, setting up classrooms, and ensuring they understood our organisation and administrations, and the culture we are trying to embed in our school.
- Settling 630 x students and 30 x teachers into our school, which demands building of relationships and responding to parental requests to shift students into other classes. We do consider that some of these shifts will assist these students into settling more quickly, and in the majority of cases a period of time has elapsed, as requested by me.
- organizing and motivating students to ‘get involved’ in the huge number of activities we have on offer, asking staff members to help select, manage, coach and support. We have even started netball trials??
- completing, dissecting and interpreting the piles of varied information from our contributing schools caused by the demise of National Standards, and then carry out diagnostic testing and evaluation of all our students, to determine where, and what, their individual learning levels and needs are. This also includes those students who are already identified as having high needs – behavioural, learning, physical and emotional, as well as medical.
- Implementing our Computer scheme into the school – 290 new laptops and getting the Year 8 laptops back on line for this year, as well as setting up our work stations to ensure that 630 x students all have access to a computer already. We are waiting for 40 new laptops to arrive today as part of this system.
- Providing information and reports to the Ministry of Education such as the;
 - o Annual Report from 2018 by the 1st March
 - o A new 2019 School Charter by the 1st of March
 - o Submissions concerning the Tomorrow Schools reforms by the end of April
 - o Auditing of the School accounts from 2018 by the end of March
- Organisation for the upcoming Stop work Meetings and preparation for any industrial action
- And then we have had to head out into the fields to pick sweet corn, thanks to the generosity of Roger Garland and family, as a fundraiser to support our leadership programme.

We are grateful for the support from our community, and this year the demand has exceeded supply. We will have to wait and see if we can get more supplies, but at this stage, we are sharing the field with Marotiri School so we may have to wait until next year. Yummy corn by the way, Honey and Pearl ???

Reminders:

- We have far too many cell phones appearing in our school – far too many for my office staff to have to collect and redistribute each day. Can you think about the real necessity for having these at school.
- School uniforms especially shoes and PE uniforms – we have had to purchase these for some students at our own cost, and waiting for some students to adhere to our uniform code - we will not be waiting much longer.
- Can we park sensibly outside our school gates? – you cannot enter and park inside the school grounds before and after school, as you are likely to block the school buses of which we have 10 – take better care at Kiddle Drive, and all students are expected to use the crossing manned by our staff member to cross the road. DO NOT park across the road and call your child to walk across the road.

Coming up this weekend we have

- Across the Lake Swim with the 1 & 2 K swims at 3 Mile Bay
- Waipahihi Primary Schools Ironkidz event. We wish all these competitors the best of luck.

Have a great weekend

WIREMU

Across the Lake Swim:

Tomorrow we have 67 students entered, with 57 swimming 1km; 5 swimming 2km; and 5 swimming 4.2km!!

Great to see so many students completing goals for their Bevan Docherty Award, especially this event as it will be a test of courage and determination for many of them. At present the forecast looks okay, so best of luck to all involved.

Reminder to those competing:

- 1km & 2km; swimmers meet by the school van at the 4 Mile Bay boat ramp at about 7.10am tomorrow, where Mr Haydon will hand out transponders etc.
- 4.2km swimmers collect your transponders etc from registration (Rotary House/Storey Place) this afternoon/evening.
- Kayakers: Those assisting the 1km and 2km swimmers we would appreciate your keeping an eye on and encourage all our students, and not just your own son or daughter.

TIS School Swimming Sports

Monday 25th February

Year 8 students 9:15 - 11:30 approx

Year 7 students 11:30 - 1:30 approx

Postponement day

Tuesday 26th February

Students may bring their Team Colours to wear at poolside, correct school uniform to be worn to and from school.

Please bring Sunscreen, sunhat, bottle of water & 2 towels - have a hearty breakfast.

ARGYLE HOUSE

HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL'S BOARDING HOSTEL

Is hosting an

OPEN DAY

Thursday 7 March 2019

10.00am - 2.00pm

34 Argyle Street

HAMILTON

HOST FAMILIES WANTED FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS 16-28 March 2019

Host families are required to host a group of 30 Japanese students visiting Tauhara College from the 16th to 28th of March (12 nights and 13 days).

Payment of \$500 is offered.

Contact Keiko Ferguson at

0212889920fk@tauhara.school.nz

for more information/application form.

Lindisfarne College

Our Rector Ken MacLeod and Boarding Director Matt Ahern are visiting Taupo on Thursday 28th February

Hosts: Dineen and Michael Grantham

11 Kurupae Road, Taupō

6.30pm - 7.30pm Meet and greet and Introduction

7.30pm Breakout: prospective and current parents

For any parents interested in learning more about Lindisfarne and our boarding advantage.

For more information email

enrolments@lindisfarne.school.nz or call

Wendy Barker 06 873 1136 extn 705



2019 UNDER 13'S

Coaches: Graham and Mickey

Registration open to ALL Boys & Girls

Welcoming returning and new players

Contact: Audra Edwards

ph. or txt 022 033 4731 or

email audi1901@gmail.com

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Contact Jeff Marshall (B Ed)

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