

# TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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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:

*“If tolerance, respect and equity permeate family life, they will translate into values that shape societies, nations and the world.” –Kofi Annan was a Ghanaian diplomat who served as the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations from January 1997 to December 2000*

*“No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion. People learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.”*

*- Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader, and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was the country's first black head of state and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election.*

There is no doubt in our minds that this past week has been difficult to comprehend and I guess it’s because this type of thing doesn’t happen in our country. Well it has, and we need to take some time to reflect and then move on particularly for the sake of our students – your children. We need to look at ourselves and reflect on our own practices, and perhaps prejudices, and how we in fact treat other people.

I have spoken with staff and students this week, about the way we disrespect and treat each other, and this type of behaviour being no different than the attitude and actions of the gunman, be it on a greater scale.

I would like to see “no” violence between our students, and that we will find alternative methods of resolving issues. That verbal assaults with racist overtones would be forbidden, and that Social Media sites be permanently such down if they can’t behave responsibly.

I would like us to work on changing our attitude towards one another. If we are to truly respect those who have unnecessarily died, this would be a lesson learnt, that we don’t have to tolerate violence in our homes, streets and schools.

**Ezra Schuster** | Director of Education | Bay of Plenty-Wairariki for the Ministry of Education has asked me to share this information with you and as a school. We fully support the work of the Ministry and NETSAFE

*“I am writing to you so that you will be aware of the mosque shooting video that was livestreamed on Friday. Students may well have viewed this video. The Chief censor has classified this video as objectionable – anyone who shares it could face up to 14 years in prison. You may have seen the [NZ Herald](#) article which refers to this.*

*As a result Netsafe has drafted the below message to provide information and support for schools. They have asked the Ministry of Education and all the Directors of Education for our assistance to quickly get this message out to all students via our your own networks. Can you please disseminate the Netsafe advice below (in italics) to your networks as soon as you are able.*

*If you have any questions please contact Netsafe directly. <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/contactnetsafe/>*

*Netsafe has received a number of reports of online content relating to the attacks in Christchurch. Footage of the attacks has been deemed objectionable under New Zealand law which means that possessing or distributing the footage is an offence. Anyone who finds footage of the attacks online should report it to Netsafe at [netsafe.org.nz/report](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/report) but they should not keep copies or share it. Netsafe encourages schools to speak with students about what to do if they come across the footage and about the fact that sharing the footage with this classification is against the law.*

*The footage of the Christchurch attacks is disturbing and will be harmful for people to see. If students have viewed the video and are struggling with what they have seen it’s likely they will require additional support. Agencies which can provide free support include [Youthline](#), [Need to Talk](#) and [Kidsline](#).*

*While the content is online there is some risk that children or young people may come across it. Netsafe encourages schools and parents to proactively discuss with young people what they should do if they come across distressing content online. Further information is available at [netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content)*

*If parents or schools have questions relating to this incident or other distressing online content they can contact Netsafe for free and confidential advice at [netsafe.org.nz](https://www.netsafe.org.nz) or call 0508 NETSAFE.*

**On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 72 x students attended a Leadership Camp @ Papamoa** with 56 students from Taupo Nui a Tia College, who worked with our students, and who are assessed for this work as part of their Leadership programme. I thank Mrs Clarke, Mr Fowler and Mrs Sainsbury the teaching staff from Taupo Nui for organizing the programme. They, along with their students, and our final input, have chosen the next 20 x students who will go on to the next Leadership Camp to be held in Hawkes Bay – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019. This camp this year, is being organized by Taradale Intermediate and involving Northcross Intermediate from Auckland, and Ilminster Intermediate from Gisborne, along with ourselves.



**On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 we held our School Triathlon at Wharewaka Point**, where 236 x students, 28 teams and 152 individuals. chose to participate, and what a wonderful event we had.

The triathlon was held at Wharewaka Point, on the Taupo Triathlon Club circuit. All students put in an awesome effort

with many of them taking their first step towards a 'Bevan Docherty Award'. Thank you to all, Baz Haydon and John Kuper for their organization, and to the Taupo Tri-Sports Club for the use of their Management plan and equipment.

Thanks to our teachers and the many parents who either helped manage the course or supported their child. Though all who took part deserve credit, major placings were as follows:

**Yr 7 Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Amber Nicol; 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Speedy; 3<sup>rd</sup> Lacey Tupe;

**Yr 7 Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> Danilo Brandon; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Weston; 3<sup>rd</sup> Lewis Campbell

**Yr 8 Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Webber; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhiannon Scurr; 3<sup>rd</sup> Kaea Gage;

**Yr 8 Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> Dylan Gardiner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Brown; 3<sup>rd</sup> Zach Forster

**Year 7 Teams: 1<sup>st</sup> Boys-** Kane Harris; Romeo McIlvride; Victor Marian;

**1<sup>st</sup> Girls-** Tessa Smith; Alivia Hessell; Teia Simmonds

**1<sup>st</sup> Mixed-** Sally Ryu; Noah Massey Borman; Liam Fryer

**Year 8 Teams: 1<sup>st</sup> Boys-** Lucas Neil Angus Thompson Ryan Lloyd; **1<sup>st</sup> Girls-** Caitie Mitchell; Julia Leusink; Rory Mackintosh

**1<sup>st</sup> Mixed-** Patrick Fowler; Mathew McLaren; Kayleigh McLaren



### SCHOOL LAPTOP PROGRAMME

- Important notice** As of this week support for ex-lease hp laptops bought through the school in **2015 and 2016 ceases**. No new enrolments will be able to use these laptops on our system. Pupils already enrolled and using these laptops will still be supported until they leave the school. Toshiba laptops bought in **2017 will be phased out in 2020**. Desktops are available for pupil use or there is still an option of opting into the current laptop programme.

**Insurance for 2019 Lenovo 300e laptops;** The insurance process is slightly different.

\* There is a different claim form \* The terms and conditions are different \* You can find the forms etc in the following link. <https://taupointermediate.sharepoint.com/sites/staff/IT/General%20Information/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

**For the 2018 Model Lenovo n24**, the insurance process remains the same as last year.

**Laptop payments.** It is getting near the end of term so please do the following;

- Remind pupils the laptop belongs to the school, until it has been paid for completely **and** they have left the school.
- Remind pupils that laptops that are not up to date with payments, will remain at school over the holidays in safe keeping. The Laptops will not be going home.
- Remind them that if they want to keep their laptop at school over the holidays in safe keeping, that is fine as well.

### TAUPO TRANSPORT NETWORK GROUP COMMUNICATION PROCESS

The following flowchart outlines the process we use within our network to deal with concerns or complaints. In the first instance we want the concerns to go directly to the Principal of our school who will then decide where it should go next.

**PLEASE do not contact;**

- the bus company direct as they are contracted to our Network and as such are under our directive**
- the Taupo District Council as we have agreed that we would take the concerns to them once we establish who is directly responsible.**

Any matters for the TTNG must be in writing addressed to the Chairperson and will be taken to the next meeting. Any urgent matters will be dealt as appropriate. The Chairperson for 2019 is Mr Bill Clarke, Principal @ Taupo Intermediate School

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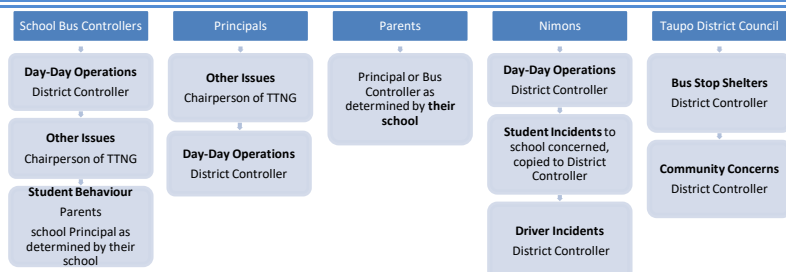
The District Controller for 2019 is Mrs Catherine Fraser, Taupo nui-a-Tia College. [Catherine.fraser@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:Catherine.fraser@taupocollege.ac.nz)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to TIS students winning \$200 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Starlight Cinema 5k Run Series Participation Competition 2019.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019** – Baz Haydon and myself will be working on Property Maintenance. We had two offers of help and appreciate and thank those people.
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Rooms 8 & 10** will be travelling to Wellington to view the Terracotta Warriors Exhibition. Both these classes are undertaking learning Mandarin as their Second Language
- Board of Trustees** monthly meeting @5.30pm in our Boardroom
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Monthly COL meeting**@ Suncourt @11.30am **Triathlon Team** NZ Champs in New Plymouth
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Triathlon team** competing – then travelling home in the afternoon following the team event

Have a great weekend and thank you all for your continued support - *Wiremu*



It has become a concern at school that students are eating Raro drink sachets for a sugar rush. Consumed like this it can cause serious harm to their liver and kidneys so please ensure you only use these as recommended on the packaging.