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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:

“Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the wrong. Sometime in life you will have been all of these.” George Washington Carver - (1860s^{[1][2]} – Jan 5, 1943), was an American [agricultural scientist](#) and inventor. He actively promoted alternative crops to cotton and methods to prevent [soil depletion](#).^[3] While a professor at [Tuskegee Institute](#), Carver developed techniques to improve soils depleted by repeated plantings of cotton. He wanted poor farmers to grow alternative crops, such as [peanuts](#) and [sweet potatoes](#), as a source of their own food and to improve their quality of life. The most popular of his 44 practical bulletins for farmers contained 105 food recipes using peanuts. Although he spent years developing and promoting numerous products made from peanuts, none became commercially successful.^[4]

Welcome to this week’s newsletter and as this is being published, I am with the School Triathlon Team in New Plymouth. The team is competing in the New Zealand Triathlon Championships on Friday, with the individual event in the morning and the Team event in the afternoon, then we will travel back to Taupo at the completion of the event.

Included in this week’s newsletter is a statement from the Board of Trustees Chairperson, which we need to read, digest and act upon.

Thank you to all those students who continue to make us proud of their individual performances who;

- play in their class touch teams at lunchtime, and the Boys Class who set up and referee these games
- have taken up the Bevan Docherty Challenge
- have trialed and will represent our school at Netball – disappointing that we will only field 9 x teams this year instead of the 14 we usually enter, but for those who have, thank you for your commitment.
- have undertaken the hockey trials for the school teams
- have enlisted for the Basketball teams
- have been chosen as our school leaders to represent us in Napier on the 7th – 9th April with Ilminster, Taradale and Northcross Intermediates
- have auditioned for the dance groups
- have embraced our Cultural Performances in their classes and bring it to the weekly assemblies – very heartening
- continue to be cheerful and work hard on their studies

For you students, whose positiveness creates a wonderful environment for us to appreciate, and a huge thank you to our staff and parents for giving of their time to organize and support these programmes.

Board update

On Monday we held our second meeting of the Board of Trustees for 2019. We discussed the Annual Plan, reviewed a number of policies and received a general update on how things are going at the school. The area where we spent most time in discussion was in regards to behaviour and hence this message today. We are very concerned about the number of incidents at school where students are fighting, threatening and encouraging others to fight, using abusive and offensive language and using social media to bully and upset other students. There have also been incidents where students have shown no respect to teachers and other staff. This has to stop.

Mr Clarke and the teaching staff are working very hard to deter and change this behaviour as it can lead to more serious consequences for students in the future.

We have encouraged the Police to visit our school and liaise with our students during the Interval and Lunch time breaks to support positive behaviour toward one and other.

We ask three things of you, as parents and whanau, to support and promote positive behaviour at school:

1. Go through the school rules with your child – make sure they understand what is expected of them at school – extracts of the Digital Citizen Code of Conduct unit is included further in the newsletter.
2. Check your child’s social media subscriptions and ensure they aren’t subscribed to any site where they are not old enough to meet the age restrictions – mostly 13 years and older
3. Ensure your child knows what to do if they experience bullying or are concerned about anything at school – speak to their teacher first and then to our Deputy Principals or Principal – most importantly walk away!

PLEASE HELP US AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL TO STOP THIS BEHAVIOUR. It takes a village to raise our children and create good citizens.

BOP/Poverty Bay Intermediate Swimming Championships:

These were held last Friday with Harmony Nolan, Alex Milne Carrie Buntting, Sienna Nepia, Ben Riordan, Thomas Kalan William Coleman, Gabby Donald, Kaea Gage, Sophie Webber Rhiannon Scurr, Ashton Upfold, Cormac Liddell, Angus Martin Pieter Osborne, Mason Beresford representing the school. All students put in a great effort and swam well with the following podium results:

Ben 1st 100m breaststroke; 2nd 50m breaststroke; and

3rd 50m freestyle: Kaea 1st 50m breast:

Ashton 3rd 50m fly; & 100m freestyle;

Mason 3rd 50m backstroke: Cormac 3rd 50m breaststroke.

Thanks to the parents who came and supported the students, and helping with transport and management of the day.

Tennis:

The Taupo Tennis Club held their senior club champs last weekend, resulting in a massive 'Changing of the Guard'.

Sophie Webber a Year 8 student took out the Women's Championship, and ex pupil Boaz Mellor who is now a Year 11 student took out the men's.

Congratulations to both these students.



At the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Athletic Championships help recently at Porritt Stadium in Hamilton Kamaia Minhinnick and Amelie Wood's performances earned them a spot on the podium.

Kamaia -2nd long jump; 4th 100m & 200m

Amelie -1st 400m; 2nd high jump;

3rd long jump; 5th 200 m.



On the podium for high jump at the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Championships.

Bus Transport Network Memo

For parents of students traveling on the Western Bay bus

The Taupo Transport Network Group (TTNG) has recently completed a review of the Western Bay bus route. This was based on eligible student numbers, home locations and a Ministry extension of the Taupo Transport Zone, as a result of the change of status for Mangakino Area School.

The following changes will begin on Monday 1 April for all students living on **SH32, Tihoi Rd and Kaahu Rd.**

You will **no** long have to travel to Whangamata Rd/Waihora Rd corner, or Waihora Rd/Marotiri Rd corner or Poihipi Rd shelter.

A bus will pick you up from SH32/Waimanoa Rd at **07.45am**: Tihoi Rd/Poihipi Rd corner at **07.55am** and Poihipi Rd/Kaahu Rd corner at **08.05am**.

Drop off will be approx. Poihipi Rd/Kaahu Rd **04.05pm**. Poihipi Rd/Tihoi Rd **04.20pm**. SH32/Waimanoa Rd **04.30pm**.

Please note at this stage all times are approx. until the run is settled and times can be adjusted if required.

Please be at your appointed stops 5 minutes before given times.

Should you wish for any further clarification please contact the bus controller of your child's school.

Catherine Fraser (District Bus Controller)

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TRIATHLON

On Monday we held our school triathlon with 236 students participating, 28 teams and 152 individuals. 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'.

Thanks to the Taupo Triathlon Club for the use of their equipment and to the many parents who either helped manage the course or supported their child.

Though all who took part deserve credit, the major placings were as follows:

Year 7 Girls: 1st Amber Nicol, 2nd Emma Speedy, 3rd Lacey Tupe

Year 7 Boys: 1st Danilo Brandon, 2nd Tom Weston, 3rd Lewis Campbell

Year 8 Girls: 1st Sophie Webber, 2nd Rhiannon Scurr, 3rd Kaea Gage

Year 8 Boys: 1st Dylan Gardiner, 2nd Joseph Brown, 3rd Zach Forster

Year 7 Teams: 1st Boys- Kane Harris, Romeo McIlvride, Victor Marian;

1st Girls- Tessa Smith, Alivia Hessell, Teia Simmonds;

1st Mixed- Sally Ryu, Noah Massey Borman, Liam Fryer.

Year 8 Teams: 1st Boys- Lucas Neill, Angus Thompson, Ryan Lloyd;

1st Girls- Caitie Mitchel, Julia Leusink, Rory Mackintosh;

1st Mixed- Patrick Fowler, Mathew McLaren, Kayleigh McLaren

Digital Citizen

Code of Conduct

- Use your laptop in a positive, meaningful, and supportive way.
- Say **NO** to cyberbullying.
- Respect others' opinions and recognise other's opinions or thoughts are just as important as ours.
- Respect the school's rules on laptop use.
- The school Wi-fi is for learning.
- Demonstrate Honesty, Integrity, and Ethical Behaviours when using your laptop.