

# 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".

**Hard Materials** - Year 8 students, during rotation 1 of Hard Materials, have made balsa wood dragsters. These cars will be competing in a drag-strip tournament next Monday lunch time. These dragsters were purchased from [bruce@getkidsracing.com](mailto:bruce@getkidsracing.com) and are powered by soda/carbon dioxide canisters. The students' Dragsters will be attached to high tension wires that span the length of the hall. From a custom-built launching station, a trigger punctures cannisters embedded in the rear of the Dragsters and sends them hurtling down the wires – up to speeds of 140km/hr! An electronic timer will gauge the winner. Students learn the science of speed (aerodynamics, drag, mass, lift, and friction) and how to use tools, including scroll saw's and drill press's accurately and safety.



**School Laptops** - 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. Desktops are available for pupil use or there is still an option of opting into the current laptop programme.

Toshiba laptops bought in 2017 will be phased out in 2020.

**Kids Greening Taupo** - On Tuesday evening, March 19<sup>th</sup>, our Kids Greening Taupo student leaders attended a talk by Ruud Kleinpaste (the bug man) at The Great Lake Centre. Ruud congratulated the four leaders who were chosen to represent our school. They are Toby Bowler, Kaegan Palmer, Chethani Wilegoda-Gamage and Larissa Nordstrom. Toby was also asked to deliver a speech to the crowd and he did exceptionally well. Our other school Kids Greening Taupo leaders were also in attendance. They are Catie Mitchell, Xanthia Ellis and Felicity Bridge. Miranda Allen and Freya Edwards were unable to attend.

Kids Greening Taupo is a community run project that has the mission of restoring biodiversity to Taupo. A group of 27 students will be involved in a number of activities during school time, including planting trees in areas of the school, making weta and gecko hotels, propagating plants and the maintenance of existing plantings.



Students with the 'Bug Man' Rudd Kleinpaste



Toby Bowler delivering his speech.

**SECOND HAND BIKE SALE**  
kidsbiketapu

**Saturday 13 April**  
Tongariro North Domain, Taupo  
9am – 12 noon

Cash up that old bike and/or bike parts or hunt for a pre-loved bargain.  
All proceeds from the \$5 bike selling fee goes to Kids Bike Taupo.

For more info visit [www.facebook.com/biketapu](http://www.facebook.com/biketapu)





### **School Holidays Printmaking Workshop**

**Ages 9-14 Wednesday April 24th**

**Taupo Intermediate School - Art Room**

**Cost - \$50 (bring a friend or sibling \$90)**

**Time - 9 - 3pm**

**Contact Sally Davies 0276869993**

**Email - sallyannartist@gmail.com**



### **Little Printmakers Holiday Workshop**

**Ages 5-9 Tuesday April 23rd**

**Taupo Intermediate School - Art Room**

**Cost - \$50 (bring a friend or sibling \$90)**

**Time - 9 - 3pm**

**Contact Sally Davies 0276869993**

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Sophie Webber mid cycle

### **Mountain Bike & Triathlon Championships**

Last weekend two major school events were held: The North Island Schools Mountain Bike Champs where Amber Nicol placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the under 13 girls; and the NZ Schools Triathlon Championships where Sophie Webber was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U13 Girls. Then our boys' team of Danilo Brandon, Tom Weston, Dylan Gardiner and Joseph Brown came 1<sup>st</sup> in the U13 T1T2 Relay, and a mixed team of Sophie Webber, Lewis Campbell and Ashton Upfold came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division. Well done to all competitors.

### **Home stay families needed!**

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College has new International students arriving this April, May and July that are staying anywhere from nine weeks to six months to one year.

We are looking for welcoming homes and families that would love to host a student and experience a different culture.

The homestay family allowance is \$230.00 per week.

For more information please get in touch with us:

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### **BOP Touch Tournament**

On Friday 40 students competed in the annual Bay of Plenty Touch Tournament, held at Westbrook park in Rotorua. It was great to see our students display great sportsmanship on the field. Our teams played exceptionally well with our year 7 girls team advancing to the semi-finals.



**Youth Town School Holiday Programme** are coming up and we have a huge range of activities to choose from for all ages 5-13 these holidays, and there's incentive to bring a friend. **Next term's After School Programme is also open for bookings.** This link takes you to everything that's available at Youthtown in our community: <http://www.youthtown.org.nz/locations/north-island/hello-taupo-community>

If the Youthtown team isn't already at your school during school time, you might want to take a look at all the ways we can help out. <http://www.youthtown.org.nz/programmes/schools>

Please don't hesitate to give us a call for further information 0800 004 566 on this.



**SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2019**

**10am - 3pm TONGARIRO DOMAIN**

**[www.easterfest.nz](http://www.easterfest.nz)**

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**TANE'S TAMARIKI  
NGA TAMARIKI O TE WAONUI A TANE  
SCIENCE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**ACTIVITIES**  
Wairakei Geothermal Power Station Site Visit - 'Behind The Plug' Science Experiments  
Introduction to Tuna Restoration Workshop - Tongariro National Trout Centre Site Visit

**Who:** Tamaki of Tuwharetoa Descent Aged 9 - 16 Years  
**When:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
8.30am - 4.30pm each day  
**Cost:** \$5 per day  
**Transport** departing from Turangi and Taupo.  
Lunch provided, tamaki to bring their own snacks and water.

**REGISTER NOW!**  
Register your child's interest by visiting [www.tot.co.nz](http://www.tot.co.nz) before Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
**Enquiries to:** [info@tot.co.nz](mailto:info@tot.co.nz) or phone 07 386 6843