

# 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:

**“All who have accomplished great things have had a great aim, have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high, one which sometimes seemed impossible.”** ~ Orison Swett Marden was an American inspirational author who wrote about achieving success in life and founded SUCCESS magazine in 1897. His writings discuss common-sense principles and virtues that make for a well-rounded, successful life. Many of his ideas are based on New Thought philosophy. His first book, “Pushing to the Front”, became an instant best-seller. Marden later published fifty or more books and booklets, averaging two titles per year.

Welcome to Term 2 of our school academic year, and yes that’s right, before you know it, we will be taking our next lot of holidays. I trust that we were able to participate in some relaxing activities such as fishing, and fishing, and if not, then something that you certainly enjoyed, and are now relaxed and ready for the challenges ahead this term.

Our Winter Sports have started with 9 x Netball teams playing grading games before the holiday break, and I wish them well for the upcoming season, and encourage our parents and supporters to be positive on the side-line. If you think you know the rules better than the umpires or referees, then please register with the association, do the necessary courses because some of the rules might have changed since we were playing, then take your whistle along and referee or umpire the game.

Once we have appointed our coaches, we then need you to also respect the job that they have volunteered to do, and again if you have “expertise” that we have overlooked, then please come in and meet with Baz Haydon or myself and we will see where we can fit you in or not. This applies to all our activities as sometimes we don’t know your skills and abilities. I would like to thank all those who have come forward for the various roles and I certainly support and appreciate those college students who have come in and offered their services in these roles, from my perspective I will expect that they are supported and not criticized.

Great start to the basketball teams who are in good numbers with us fielding 10 x teams this season. Yes we are having some teething problems with uniforms, we supply all these and our students all come in different shapes and sizes, and we will cater for them but miracles just take a bit longer to manage. If all our students and parents would check their wardrobes and dressers for any Taupo Intermediate School uniforms that have not been returned to school, then I would appreciate their return. For example we have sets of “touch singlets” that have not been returned over the past two years along with netball skirts and track suits??

Hockey gets underway next Wednesday and other sports such as Rugby, Football and League are either taking registrations and or playing grading games, so well done to you all who have committed to playing and participating in something positive. Just a reminder that once you have committed then don’t let your team down by not turning up, or at the very least letting your coach know.

As well as these sports we have a number of inter-school tournaments spaced throughout the term. These dates and times will be well advertised via our Newsletter, 9’o Clock News, and meetings and trials in the school.

This Friday we have the Bay of Plenty Golf Tournament and next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 we have the Under 48kgs Rugby tournament in Gisborne.

We have plans underway this term for the integration of some of our curriculum areas to undertake. One of our major focuses being the Science Fair and the Mathematic unit being the study of Statistics.

Our Year 7 classes are visiting the War Museum in Waiouru as part of their study of conflict, and our Year 8 classes are making the annual pilgrimage up Mount Tauhara as part of the Tuwharetoa Knowledge Project.

We have also worked on reviewing our Student Management and Pastoral Care systems with the view to improving the culture of our school – the way we do things around here. The numerous negative incidents in our school during the first term has enabled us to reflect on our practices and to work hard on focussing on the positives, and not wasting time on the negatives.

There will be expectation on our students to be part of the changes and your support will always be an integral part of the system by insisting on maintaining standards;

- Cell phones are not necessary in our school
- Absences need to be communicated to the school office – Unexplained absences will be followed up with a txt and then letters or a visit from the truancy officer.
- No variations to our uniform will be tolerated
- Continue to support our school in maintain a positive environment for all to operate in
- Lateness leads to tardiness
- Report any bullying or threatening cell phone or online messages directly to your service provider – Vodaphone, Spark, Facebook etc who will contact the offenders
- Students of our age group should not have their own Facebook site??

Have a great weekend and thank you to the majority who are doing a great job here – I appreciate your ongoing support.

**In my opinion:**

- The road - whatever nonsense is going on the control gates stretch of highway, is totally confusing – over the past two days we have had vehicles trying to travel at the imposed restricted speed limit of 50 km, when traffic is still speeding up the passing lanes at 80-km – drivers tooting horns because people are going “too slow”.

If you come out at Pohipi Road or Huka Falls Road onto Wairakei Drive, there are no signs restricting the speed to 50km. And for what reason? – well you have to read the new Billboards on the side of the road which means you have to be a speed reader or be distracted from driving? Confused? So am I?

**-STOP THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS FROM BEING INSTALLED ON WAIRAKEI NORMAN SMITH INTERSECTION !!!**

- Where did the money come from to apparently fix the teacher shortage when we were told during the teacher pay negotiation that the coffers were dry?? And now \$93 million is available for a non-existent workforce  
**– REMINDER YOU HAVE BEEN SENT A LETTER REGARDING THE STOPWORK MEETING ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 1.00PM FOR OUR SCHOOL, WHERE WE WILL BE VOTING ON FURTHER ACTION INCLUDING STRIKE ACTION.**

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**Mountain Biking:**  
 Week 6 of this term we are hosting the BOP/PB Intermediate Mountain Bike Champs at Craters of the Moon. Trials for this will be held at 4pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Students wanting to trial can turn up to 1, 2 or all 3 trials.

**AIMS Games:** The National Intermediate age sporting event 'NZ AIMS Games Championships' this year run from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> through to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September in Tauranga. The championships cover a large range of sports, including the individual codes of **badminton** (Monday to Friday), **golf** (Monday to Thursday), **tennis** (Monday to Friday), **yachting** (Saturday to Tuesday), **swimming** (Monday and Tuesday), **gymnastics** (Sunday to Wednesday), **squash** (Monday to Thursday), **rock climbing** (Sunday to Wednesday evenings), **table tennis** (Sunday to Friday) and **BMX** (Monday to Friday). A newsletter is available at the office for interested students, so if your son or daughter is competitive and ranked in one of the above codes, they should collect a newsletter.

We often select one or two teams to compete at these championships, along with students for the multisport, cross country and mountain biking (new this year) events.

Though with entry and referee fees for one team alone being approx \$1000, along with the need for staffing, accommodation etc, teams have got to be highly competitive for us to consider entering them.

**Netball and Basketball** are now underway, with **6-a-Side Hockey** starting next Wednesday, thanks to the many parents who have offered their time to coach or manage these teams. The school and students very much appreciate your help.

**Other Events this Term:** **Sporting-** U48kg rugby, badminton, squash, road cycling, ultimate frisbee and climbing. **Academic-** Year 7 Army Museum visits, EPRO 8 Technology Challenge Competition. **Fundraising-** During week 3 of this term we will launch our annual 'Sponsored Clean-up of Roadside Verges, Beaches and Tracks Leading into Taupo'. The clean-up day will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, when parent help would also be appreciated.

**Year 7 Vision Testing**

Dear Parents & Caregivers

On Week 3 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Vision Hearing Technicians will be visiting our school to carry out routine distance vision screening. All students in Year 7 are included in this as part of the National Screening Programme.

The screening test used checks **distance vision** only. It is **NOT** a full eye examination. (If you have concerns about close vision, please take your child to an Optometrist).

- The student covers one eye and reads letters from a chart at a distance of 4 metres.
- Parents will be notified of results by post, **only when** the screening results require further testing by an Optometrist.

If you **DO NOT** wish to have your child’s vision tested for any reason, **please sign below and return it to school before the testing date.**

**REQUESTING FOR ‘OPTING OUT’ OF VISION SCREENING**

I do not wish my child .....Room.....to have a vision test at school.

Parents Name:.....Date:.....

Signature:.....