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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:

*"Challenge is the pathway to engagement and progress in our lives. But not all challenges are created equal. Some challenges make us feel alive, engaged, connected, and fulfilled. Others simply overwhelm us. Knowing the difference as you set bigger and bolder challenges for yourself is critical to your sanity, success, and satisfaction. Brendon Burchard - is a #1 New York Times best-selling author^[1] and "the world's leading high performance coach."^[2] His latest book, *High Performance Habits*, was a *Wall Street Journal* best-seller^[3] and named by Amazon as one of its top three best business and leadership books of 2017.^[4] Burchard was on the cover of *SUCCESS Magazine* in October 2017 where the article named him the world's highest-paid motivation and marketing trainer.*

Welcome to this week's newsletter which contains some important information for you to remember.

In **2018** a number of schools extended their holiday break at Queen's Birthday weekend, which caused some consternation and logistic problems. So it was decided at our Principals' planning for the **2019** year that all schools should be synchronized to alleviate any confusion.

So, this year 2019, Taupo Intermediate School, along with the other schools in the Taupo area had agreed to be **closed on Friday 31st May 2019, and of course on the Public Holiday Queen's Birthday Monday 3rd June 2019**. This would have meant our school would be finishing the academic year a day later than advertised.

Under the Education Act, all Primary schools, which includes the Intermediate schools, have to be opened for instruction in 2019 for 390 half-days (195 full days). So we need to adjust our year each time we have an extended holiday weekend or "Teacher Only Day" etc. Why are our years measured in "half-days?" – because we have to mark our attendance rolls first thing in the morning and then again in the afternoon – twice a day.

Because of the strike action set for the Wednesday 28th May 2019, some schools have re-evaluated the decision to close on Friday 31st May 2019. Our Principals are meeting today to decide and confirm what action will be taken. Notification of this decision will be sent home by letter on Monday 20th May.

Thursday 30th May 2019 – we will be hosting up to 20 Intermediate School Principals from the Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Poverty Bay and one from Masterton, where they will be holding their regional meeting here in Taupo and at our school. Following our school Powhiri – Welcome, they will be visiting classes in action and it will be an opportunity to share some of the wonderful things we do here and to meet our fantastic students.

And speaking of fantastic students;

- **Thursday /Friday 9th- 10th May** – Jess Vincent and myself took the Under 48kg Boys Rugby team to Gisborne. Thursday we had a 5 hour journey, where the boys were billeted by families from Gisborne Intermediate and for that we were grateful. We had an outstanding tournament on Friday, winning all our lead up games and only losing the final to Gisborne Intermediate. We lost our key player Zach Forster to injury just before semi and final games. Matty Cane was our MVP for the day, but all our players contributed to the team's success and their performance on and off the field was recognized by the organizers, supporters and management from the other schools – **Made Miss V and myself "VERY PROUD!!"**
- **Team - Zach Forster – Captain, Boston Paul, Matty Cane, Darion Betty- Dais, Ethan Staddon, Blake Flavell-Painter, Carlo Mienie, Baxter Topless, Travis Miers, Travis McClay-Talivai, Caylis Elmiger, Culann O'Donovan-Wi**
- **Saturday 11th May** – I travelled to Cambridge to join up with Abby Garland and members of the Equestrian Team who were competing in the St Peter's School Cambridge Interschool Showjumping.
- Well done to all the students who are involved in the mid-week hockey and basketball, representing the schools. Your positive performances are much appreciated by our school.
- There are a number of students who are involved in dance practices, with contemporary and cheer leader performances
- Our current lunchtime interclass competition is football and this provides a positive activity during our break and again thank you to the Boys Class and other students for their organization and refereeing.
- Today we have participated and celebrated **"Pink Shirt"** day and thank all our students who have joined in. Thank you to Constable Tash and her helpers for the BBQ they have provided for us today and thanks Tash for visiting our school along with other colleagues to be positively involved as opposed to only visiting when we have a problem. We really appreciate the relationship and the initiative. Long may this continue.
- **A reminder to all our Parents and Students** that we have an established counselling service set up in our school – **REAL** – this can be accessed by students referring themselves, or Parent application and or Teacher referral. They have and are an excellent avenue to seek advice and support and it is free, can be seen here at school and there is provision for home contact and visit.

"A teacher' profession is the one true profession which asks for nothing in return , but only gives and gives till the very end"

Hermann J Steinberr

A message from NZEI REGARDING THE Industrial Action:

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on **Wednesday 29 May 2019**.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

On **Wednesday 29 May 2019** we hope you will join us at our local public event, likely to be from midday. We would love to see you and your children standing with us – together we are a community and we can make a difference. We will advise you of further details when they are confirmed.

Lynda Stuart

NZEI Te Riu Roa President/Te Manukura

Have a great weekend and go the "Blues"

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Junior Motocross National Championships 2019

On Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April, I raced in the Junior Nationals for Motocross. Over the three days, seven races were held. I raced in the 12-13 year, 85cc age group. Nationals were held at Flips MX Park in the Manawatu. With a top ten goal, I knew if I put everything into it, I could be successful. After some intense battles with the competitor's in my class, I achieved placings of 13th, 13th, 10th, 10th, 8th, 11th, and 12th. This gave me an overall placing of 10th at the Nationals. It was a tough and trying track, and the aim of the weekend was to ride smart and be consistent, as others made mistakes. I believe I achieved this goal and am very proud of my efforts.

By: Cody Griffith



Robotics Club

Robotics Club meets up twice a week in the hard materials workshop. Students last week were set two Lego technics challenges: Build a free standing machine that will launch a 4x4 brick the longest distance and/or build a vehicle that can cross an obstacle strewn Lego surface. Students have been collaborating together to overcome these challenges. (Photo Kaz and Tahoe – Room 19 with their motorized catapult)



real is once again running a six week self-defence course for female students at Taupo Intermediate starting Tuesday 28th May from 3:15 - 4:15 at school with Tau Thompson. Tau has 10 years' experience and has a brown belt and head coach of Tsunami Southern Tribe Tuwharetoa Jiu-jitsu team. Consent forms available at the school office limited spaces.

Last Saturday three equestrian girls travelled to **St Peter's School Cambridge for the Interschool's Showjumping**. They represented our school very well by helping on the day with course changes and their positive and polite attitudes. Katelynn Gainsford placed 5th in her first round and Reianne Walker placed 6th in her second round. Unfortunately, Indie Baker had some tough competition but rode very well. Thanks to those parents that helped on the day to make sure they were all prepared for their rounds.



Taupo Table Tennis

Is offering the chance to play Table Tennis Thursday nights 6:30pm 7:30pm for year 7 & 8 students.
Starts – Thursday May 9 – August 29
Where – Event Centre AC Baths
Cost - \$2 a night or \$20 for season (17 wks)
What to bring – Table tennis bat if you have one. The club does have some bats to use. Sports shoes.
Further information contact Dave Kilmister 027 349 0204.