

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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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:

“Environmental cleanliness begins with each individual desire to be clean.” — Lailah Gifty Akita - is a Ghanaian and founder of Smart Youth Volunteers Foundation. She obtained a BSc in Renewable Natural Resources Management at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi-Ghana. She also had MPhil in Oceanography at the University of Ghana. She obtained a doctorate in Geosciences at International Max Planck Research School for Global Biogeochemical Cycles-Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, Germany (June 2011 to March 2016). Lailah is an influential lady with the passion of empowering the mind of young people to make a great difference.

Another week has flown by as we head to the half-way point of the year – yes, 6 months and it's because we have been so busy here at school and your families.

I think the winter sports season adds to this increase in the workload, and so I am appreciative of the support that you as parents give, to get these students to the many practices and matches, and to the many coaches and managers who give of their time, we thank you very much.

I also include the many rehearsals and practices that some students are involved in, with music and dance, and the preparation for our interschool events, such as the Literacy Quiz which was held at Tauranga Intermediate School on Tuesday 21st May, having us travel over at 2.45pm and arriving back in Taupo after the event at mid-night.

What a fantastic effort from the two teams, and, but for a strategic placement of the double score round, we would have been heading to Wellington on Saturday to compete in the New Zealand final on the Sunday.

- **Tuesday 28th May 2019** – We will be undertaking our Major Fundraiser – Our Sponsored Walk and Roadside Clean-up operation is planned for Tuesday – weather permitting. We will make any postponement announcements on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. I thank all the students and parents who have embraced this community fundraiser which in the past has earned us \$22,000 – twenty two thousand dollars – all this money going back to support our students, with all of their trips and experiences (excluding overseas trips) and equipment that supports these activities. NO funds are used for the general operation of the school such as electricity or property maintenance etc.
- **Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help on the day as your support helps with our Health and Safety on the day. If you haven't volunteered yet, please contact the school office as soon as possible.** – All our students will be bused to and from their sections of the roadside clean up, and high-vis jackets will be worn – supplied by Wayne Reardon – NZ Ironman. Full traffic management plans have been completed by our school management – Baz Haydon TIC – Students are supplied with gloves and are instructed to not pick up animal or human matter. We are to pick up general rubbish, the majority being rubbish discarded from moving vehicles and often dumped by people on the roadside instead of taking it to the “Dump”.
- **THIS IS OUR PROTEST AGAINST DESTROYING OUR ENVIRONMENT – SO PLEASE SUPPORT US**
- **REMINDERS**
- **BOT ELECTIONS** – Nominations for candidates for the upcoming Board of Trustees Election are due before **noon on Friday 31st May 2019**. Our election date closes noon Friday 14th June 2019. Anyone may stand for election for the board of trustees, other than those ineligible under section 103 and 103A of the Education Act 1989. Information about who is eligible is on the back of the nomination form. If you are not on the voting roll you must be nominated by a person who is. Candidates are invited to submit an optional statement (up to 400 words) signed by the candidate to be received by the returning officer no later than **noon Friday 31 May 2019**. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Board of Trustees please contact the Returning Officer Julie Paterson at Taupo Intermediate for information ph 378 8097.
- **STRIKE ACTION**
 - **Wednesday 29th May 2019** – The majority of our teachers and Principals will be on strike and there will be limited number of staff available on this day. **NO** normal classes are possible, so we ask for your support in this matter.

• **Correct school uniform**

We are constantly reminding students of our consistent policy of wearing the correct uniform each day, including shoes. This might sound like it doesn't matter – well one of the things that we don't do well in society is being consistent. I have supplied aspects of the uniform for those who are financially short, I need to be contacted though.

• **Use of Cell phones**

These are banned from being used during school hours – We can't control their access to illegal sites and any misuse of these. So again, let's be consistent.

• **Absences**

The attendance at school is compulsory, but for any reason the students are absent it is in fact your responsibility to contact the school and explain the absence. Our teachers are required by law to mark your child's attendance – they have to enter the correct code of absence i.e. explained, unexplained, overseas holiday, medical, if we don't get this information they are marked as truant. These are recorded for the Ministry of Education, and also for the Truancy Service who work in conjunction with the Police Youth Aid and Child Youth and Family.

Have a great weekend

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Congratulations to Jade Hasse, Lilliah Wade and Karl Vaile who competed in the St John's BOP Lakes District Comp. Jade lead the Taupo Aces winning Champion Leader & District while Karl leading Taupo Cool Kids team came 2nd in District.

Host Families - We are looking for families who might be interested to host an overseas student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. Welcoming an overseas student into your home is a very rewarding experience and help provide students with the chance to experience NZ life. It's a great way to develop language skills, share stories and establish a lifelong link to a family overseas. For more information contact HeeJin Park at **EDURO** Ph +64 9 273 0007 Email office.eduro@gmail.com

NZ Modern Schools of Music

Held their annual piano and keyboard competitions last Saturday in Taupo. Below is a list of Taupo Intermediate students who competed and achieved recognition:

Annabel Pepper - 1 Silver, 1 HC, 1 VHC

Austin Gibson - 1 Bronze, 1 HC

Caitlin Collins - 2 Bronze, 1 VHC

Charlotte Rosenberg - 6 Gold.

- **Trophy Winner** - Classical Piano 11 years

- Modern Piano 12 and under,

- Boogie Woogie 11 Years,

- Latin American 12 and under,

- Modern Piano Most Promising

Felicity Bridge – 1 HC

Georgia Johnson – 1 VHC, 3 HC,

Jasmin McManus – 2 Silver, 1 Bronze, 2 VHC

Luella Jensen – 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze, 2 VHC

Nanami Ishikawa – 1 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 HC

Neeve Buckingham - 1 Silver, 1 Bronze

Raine Salvacion - 2 Silver

Romeo McIlvride - 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 HC.

- **Trophy Winner** - Contemporary Piano 12 & under

Toby Bowler - 2 VHC

Congratulations to all these students.



Justin) and Team 2 finishing 5th (Caitie, Rory, Angela, and Beau). There was only half a point between our two teams and only half a point between 3rd and 4th place! So both teams should be very proud of their results. Well done!

Huge congratulations to our **Lit Quiz** teams who competed in the BOP Lit Quiz in Tauranga on Tuesday evening.

Both teams did extremely well - winning one of the ten rounds each and even taking home some individual cash prizes. The scores were very close the entire evening, but unfortunately, we just missed out on a podium finish; with Team 1 finishing 4th (Rhiannon, Angus, Lucy, and

AIMS Games: This is the national Intermediate age sporting competition which covers a large range of sports, including both team and individual codes. A newsletter is available at the office for interested students who are ranked in one of the following codes: badminton, golf, tennis, yachting, swimming, gymnastics, squash, rock climbing, table tennis and BMX. Returns must be in to the office by next Friday so that registrations can be made.

Find out more about Dyslexia?

Join us on - Tuesday 18th June

at 7pm REAP 73 Titiraupeanga Street
Guest speaker Joce Moyle will be talking about Dyslexia and the testing she carries out. She will be available to answer any questions you may have. For more information contact: Katie on - 021 901 593 taupodyslexia@gmail.com



Building Awesome Whanau

Cost: \$75 per person 6 Wks Tuesday mornings 9 - 11am. Starting 28th May 2019 at Taupo Primary School.
Contact: Sue Forsyth (027555 3339 or suef@taupoprimary.school.nz)

Taupō Winter Festival 4 – 14th July!

Featuring 32 events over 11 days.

16 events are free of charge, while the others are ticketed.

Highlights include an Ice Skating Rink, Light Hub, Drive-In Movie, Art sessions, Talent Quest, a Magic Show and some awesome ticketed shows for the adults!

Find more here

www.taupowinterfestival.co.nz

2019 TAUPO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
ANNUAL FAMILY PASS SPECIAL

\$215

Taupo DeBretts SPA RESORT

is offering your family a 12 month family pass for ONLY \$215. Not only do you now save \$105 off the normal \$320 price, but \$105 will be donated to your child's school when you present this flyer at Taupo DeBretts Pool Reception.

Access includes: Main Pools, Private pools, Cold Pools and up to 4 Children under the age of 18.

Hydro slides are additional.

Offer valid 1st of May - 31st of July 2019
NO EXTENSIONS

To be eligible to purchase the School fundraiser you must have children attending a local school

Nominate your SCHOOL >>>

If you wish to take up this offer please call into the school office and pick up a form to fill in and deliver to Taupo De Bretts Thank you