

# 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:

*“The world is a complicated place, and there's a lot of division between people. The performing arts tend to unify people in a way nothing else does”.* David Rubenstein (born August 11, 1949) is an American [financier](#) and [philanthropist](#). He is a Co-Founder and Co-Executive Chairman of [The Carlyle Group](#),<sup>[1]</sup> a global [private equity investment company](#) based in [Washington, D.C.](#) He also currently serves as Chairman of the [Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts](#), Chairman of the Smithsonian Institution, and President of [The Economic Club of Washington, D.C.](#) According to the [Forbes](#) ranking of the wealthiest people in the world, Rubenstein has a net worth of \$3 billion.<sup>[2]</sup>

This week has been an interesting mix with our last Board meeting for the current Board members, on Monday evening. Our expected fundraiser was supposed to take place on Tuesday but weather intervened, and then our teacher strike action on Wednesday. Thursday we hosted all the Principals from the Intermediate Schools in the Waikato, Te Moana a Toi (Bay of Plenty) and Te Tairāwhiti (Gisborne), and today at our Friday assembly, we have our music groups showing us what they have been practising since the start of the year, and that is that for the week.

But wait, and then there was the “leaky budget”, my only comment would be, for what it is worth, that we should invest in our children while they are at school, then we would not need to spend mega- bucks on mental health and finding solutions for young people at risk. Why didn't the government fund us to do our jobs here at school? We wouldn't then have the drop-out rates that we have now, or the stand-downs, suspensions and exclusions.

Why did they put unnecessary pressure on the Charter Schools, who basically exist as an alternative to our state system, and don't fit our model? We are not the only ones who can educate students, there are schools and institutions along with home schooling that could fill this void.

We don't have enough support and resources to cope with the growing needs and high levels of negative and disturbing behaviours, so we are forced to exclude students from our schools, and 9 / 10 of these students never go back to school. So, living on the streets leads to .....?

So our frustration leads to negative actions such as the strikes that are unproductive, and disruptive to the learning of our students, but it appears there will be more disruptions and we will slowly erode the strong relationships between home and schools.

I thank our parents for your continued support as you also recognize that unless we make changes now our problems in schools will only get worst.

To the majority of our students, you are doing a magnificent job and you continue to make us proud of your involvement and your achievements.

**To our Board members**, as the Principal of Taupo Intermediate, I wish to thank each and everyone of you for your work and efforts in your governance of our school. I have been extremely fortunate to have worked with some dedicated and knowledgeable people, I know that I am supported and I know that I can manage the school with confidence that the Board is there to help. To all of you whatever the outcome it has been an absolute honour to work with you all, a lot of work but very satisfying.

- **Vanessa Donald (Chairperson)** whose leadership, hard work and dedication to ensuring our school is performing to the best of its potential. Vanessa has certainly set the platform and standard for our new Board and at this stage has indicated that she wishes to remain for a further term which will be determined by the election process.
- **Kim Sullivan (Finance)** for your business like approach to ensuring that we have a budget that provides for the necessities that help this school to operate effectively and is well resourced. We have a healthy surplus which we have tagged for future developments such as the replacement of the artificial turf, and investigating a roof over these courts, replacement of the carpet in the hall, building a stage in the hall etc. Kim has joined the Tauhara College Board and we wish her all the best.
- **DJ Tupe (Property)** who has helped with the maintenance and upkeep of our school property and liaise with myself on the property projects and matters. DJ has also indicated his desire to continue on the Board subject to the election process.
- **Emma Brennan (Community Liaison/ Policy)** who had a shortened time on the Board, but was very supportive and dedicated to learning and being upskilled in the intricacies of the Board and our school. Emma is not seeking re-election
- **Greg Dick** the voice of reason, and experience that you need to have on our Board, in a role that fully supported the functions of the Board. Greg is not seeking re-election.
- **Kerri Robinson (Staff Representative)** who represented the views and thoughts of our staff, and reported directly to the Board on the daily happenings. Her invaluable support for me as the Principal ensured that we were both able to keep a positive and happy relationship between the Board and the Staff. Kerri has indicated that she intends to stand for the staff representative position for the upcoming elections.

**The Board of Trustees election process – nominations closed midday today with 5 nominations and all 5 being duly elected. R.O.**

**Our visiting Intermediate School Principals** were completely blown away by our school powhiri, waiata and haka, and I was very proud as our Principal to be able to show them what our classes and Kapa Haka group have been working hard on – **Nga tamariki o tenei kura, 'ka mau te wehi'**, what an awesome effort and level of performance.

Following the powhiri, the Principals were given a 'hakari' – our morning tea, which had some of our new tuck shop chef, Kristie, whose delicacies were well received, especially the home made sausage rolls and savoury scones - our students are certainly enjoying the new choice of menu from our tuck shop which is fantastic.

The principals then visited our classes in action to look at what we have to offer. Such as our laptop programme, in a number of classes, and the variety of teaching classrooms - the Boys Class, CWAA, Technology classes, new built classrooms / teaching spaces. The feedback was much appreciated, in particular with the student inter- action and conversation, and our Student Leaders were outstanding ambassadors for our school, dressed in our "Number Ones" (uniform).

**Thank you for a very productive day everyone. Keep up the awesome work Bill. Your students, especially your prefect leaders, were commendable. Proud of your school cultural responsiveness too. Loved it and I could feel how proud you are of your school, students and staff. Well done! Good singing of our waiata tautoko too, almost ready to take parts. Lol. - Rawiri Wihapi – Mokoia Intermediate Principal**

**Thanks Wiremu for showing us around your awesome school. I especially enjoyed the waiata and was very impressed with your student leaders. Nga Mihi Michael Webster Principal Whakatane Intermediate**

**A BIG thank you to Wiremu for hosting us at TIS, it was great to have the opportunity to visit your school and hear about the initiatives you have, or are in the process of implementing. Please pass on our congratulations to your student leaders who did a wonderful job of guiding us around your school – Jenny Clark Principal Morrinsville Intermediate**

Well that's the week that was, complicated, but we in our school know that we can overcome all these things when we bind together by our performing arts.

Have a great holiday weekend, and apologies that we couldn't extend the weekend holiday to include Friday, but with the strike action this would have placed undue stress on our already stressed community – NEXT year we might install it again. Weather doesn't look good so let's all travel safely out there.

Have a great weekend

*Wiremu*

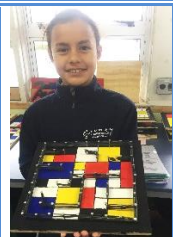
### **Events next week:**

**Wednesday-** Clean-up day, bus timetable for drop off and collection at clean-up sites remains the same, if postponed again, this will be moved to the following week.

**Wednesday-** Rippa Rugby Tournament at OD Park.

**Thursday-** Chess Tournament at Tauhara College.

**Friday-** BOP/PB Intermediate Mountain Bike Champs at Craters of the Moon.



Waikauri Wineera-Ellis



Donavin Savage



Brooklyn Gapper

The **Specialisation 'Envirogroup'** visited the Taupo Community Gardens yesterday to seek inspiration and knowledge in growing our own fruit and vegetable in the schools raised garden, sustainably. Volunteer Aylex, showed us around their extensive raised gardens and students learnt insights into what to plant, including techniques for starting our own wormery and compost. To help us on our venture, she kindly donated a bag of worm casings and has generously offered us free Tiger worms. A big thank you to parent helpers, Ahmad Al-Selati and Tracey Moore, who accompanied us there.

**Technology** The second rotation of technology has finished this week, with students in hard materials completing their Mondrian marble mazes and balsa wood dragsters. Students have learnt skills in measuring accurately, using tools accurately, such as rulers and try squares and/or how to use scroll saws, drill presses, Dowling and sanding machines with precision and safety. All students should be proud of their accomplishments.

### **Tri-sport TAUPO Presents The TOPGEAR CYCLES**

**Taupo Winter Duathlon Series 2019 – 10am start**

**16 June WALLACE MOTORS AC Baths Loop Duathlon**

Run 1.8k – Bike 10k – Run 1.8k

**30 June EMPOWER FITNESS Craters M' Bike Park Duathlon**

Run 1.4k – bike 6.3k – Run 1.4k

**14 July PUB N GRUB – Taupo Velodrome ODP**

Run 1.6k – Bike 10k (30 laps) – Run 1.6k

**28 July TERRAIN Craters Mountain Bike Park Duathlon**

Run 1.4k – Bike 6.3k – Run 1.4k

**\$10 per race – \$30 for the series – Everyone Welcome**



Jake Edgeworth  
Ninja Warrior

### **2019 Inaugural TIS Ninja Warrior Championships**

In term one the first Taupo Intermediate School Ninja Warrior Championships were held. All Year 7 & 8 classes were encouraged to practice the Ninja Warrior course on the adventure



playground, navigating 12 obstacles in the fastest possible time. Each class put forward their fastest boy & girl for the championships held in week 11. Each day at lunchtime, a different group competed enthusiastically to become the school Ninja Warrior Champion for their level.  
Yr 7- Girl Regan Hasse Rm 21; Boy -George Green Rm 8  
Yr 8- Girl Harmony Habib Te Patu Rm 20; Boy - Jake Edgeworth Rm 15 Many thanks to Mr Elliot for designing and producing the Inaugural TIS Ninja Warrior Trophies!