

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:

“Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, calibre, and future of an individual. If the people remember me as a good teacher, that will be the biggest honour for me”. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam 15 October 1931 – 27 July 2015) was an aerospace scientist who served as the [11th President of India](#) from 2002 to 2007. He was born and raised in [Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu](#) and studied physics and aerospace engineering. He spent the next four decades as a scientist and science administrator, mainly at the [Defence Research and Development Organisation](#) (DRDO) and [Indian Space Research Organisation](#) (ISRO) and was intimately involved in India's civilian space programme and military [missile development efforts](#).^[1] He thus came to be known as the *Missile Man of India* for his work on the development of [ballistic missile](#) and [launch vehicle](#) technology.^{[1][4]} He also played a pivotal organisational, technical, and political role in India's *Pokhran-II* nuclear tests in 1998, the first since the [original nuclear test by India](#) in 1974.^[1]

My immediate thought upon reading this quote this week, was to send a message to our politicians that the quote is what we believe in, and that teaching gave you the satisfaction that you were, and did make a difference to our young people's lives. But as they say “man/woman cannot live on bread alone”, so it is time to recognize our profession financially and stop making excuses.

In my opinion, too many decisions and allocation of funding has been made on the populous vote, those things that make us look great in the eyes of the rest of the world. While the more mundane things like rewarding public servants like teachers, will have to wait or compromise for things to happen. That we as teachers should be grateful that we had National Standards removed, and we got promised that we will get a SENCO – Special Needs Coordinator in every school. But we don't know how this will happen yet, as we don't know whether that person will be fulltime in our schools or be an itinerant teacher shared amongst a number of schools based on our school roll?

We now have to wait 3 x years before we get our full salary increases – why is that?

Here is my take on this. *“The previous government did this as well, so these teachers will accept this system again and they should be grateful they are getting a pay rise, be it over 3 x years”.*

Thursday's meeting with the Teacher and Principal representatives, and the Minister of Education, will be to look at how we have to compromise, because we have been told time and time again that there is no more money. To all of us and our community, I say it is about time we were “honoured” and that it is no longer acceptable for us to continue to find solace from within all the time.

My time is often spent with our students in so many different situations, and it always gives me satisfaction and a sense of pride and admiration for the way our kids perform. That will never change but I hope I get more “change” in my pocket and that the “changes” they promise for our schools will make a significant difference to our workload and our longevity in this “noble profession”.

Speaking of our Students.....

Thank you to our basketballers and coaches, along with our supporters, for your efforts at the competition on Wednesday – some great games and results. – photos below.



REMINDERS:

- Friday 7th June 2019 **Bay of Plenty Intermediate Schools Mountain Biking**
- Monday 10th June 2019 **SPONSORED CLEAN-UP** — we are hopeful that the weather will oblige
- **Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews** – will be held during the week of the 24th-28th June 2019 with our school finishing early on Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 12.50pm – lunchtime. Letters and information will be sent out today Friday 7th June 2019 – You will need to respond to book an interview.
- Tuesday 11th June 2019 – **Rippa Rugby Tournament**
- Friday 14th June 2019 – **Ultimate Frisbee Competition to be held in Gisborne**
- Date for the **Taupo Intermediate School 50th Reunion – Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd November 2019. If you wish to contribute to this weekend, offers of help, to be involved, please call at the school office.**

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Taupo Chess Competition:

Twenty-five students from Taupo Intermediate competed at the Chess Competition held at Tauhara College on Thursday.

Third placed team was TIS Team C: Regan Hasse, Lucy Dale, Beau Condon, Ezra Ball-Peat, Justin Schur, Kane Harris, Noah Massey-Borman.

Second placed team was TIS Team B: Phoenix Barnett, Sophie Webber, Caitie Mitchell, Gabby Donald, Paige O'Sullivan, Makayla Thorley, Jade Hasse, Cadence Goodhead, Annabel Pepper.

While in first place was our Intermediate A Team: Angus Putt, Angus Thompson, Mani Ngata, Lucas Neill, Cormac Liddell, Jayden Holland, Solal Mourot, Lucas Downs, Logan Wilson.

In the girl's division Regan Hasse came 2nd and Jade Hasse 3rd, while in the boy's Solal Mourot came 3rd.

Several students also gained badges for a range chess moves, well done to all involved.



Looking Green and Good

Next time you visit our school, you will notice that things are looking good! Over the last four weeks, a specialisation group has weeded, removed old plants, pruned, spread compost and filled our front garden beds with beautiful plants. Thank you to the following students for their enthusiasm and hard work: Asain Arachchige, Caitlin Dunne, Xanthia Ellis, Riley Harrison, Blaze Holtz, Noah Lester, Jasmine Penberthy, Jamie Robinson, Chloe Strange, Mikee Tuialii and Angus Martin. (Photo left) Your outstanding effort is greatly appreciated.

TIS Tuck Shop – Kristie's Kai

Breakfast is now being served at the Tuck Shop – so inviting this time of year to warm the soul for the start of the day.

Toast – Choice of Topping;

jam, vegemite, marmite, peanut butter – \$1.00 per slice

Crumpet – with jam – \$1.00 each

English Muffin – with cheese – \$1.50 each

Porridge – with brown sugar & milk – \$3.00

Lunch Specials next week:

Tuesday – Panini with Port Riblets – \$5.00

– Panini with scrambled egg – \$4.00

Friday – Pancake or Waffles with banana & maple syrup – \$5.00



BOP / Poverty Bay Squash Tournament

Last Friday Luke Insley, Bayley Robertson-Rakei and myself, Oscar McDougall, represented the school in the Bay of Plenty/Poverty Bay Squash Tournament in Tauranga.

It was our first tournament for Luke and I, so we were all quite nervous. Bayley was in the 2nd grade, Luke in the 3rd grade and I was ungraded.

Unfortunately Luke and Bayley lost their first games but then found their form and won their 2nd. Luke went on to win the plate final, while Bayley lost his final in a close 5 setter (11-13 in the 5th).

I won my first 2 games but lost the final in straight games. We will benefit from the experience and are looking forward to the next tournament. Thanks to my Dad for taking us over.



Design a Black Caps Bumper Sticker Competition

Winner Dekoda Thrussell Room 18 –right photo

Second Jayden Holland Room 10 Third Caitie Mitchell Room 10