

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:

“What breaks you down is not the amount of pressure you feel at one time, but it’s the way you perceive and handle it.”
— Ashish Patel *An enthusiastic creative practitioner with an honors degree in Media Production. With a key interest in Marketing and a passion for multimedia based formats...*

We have had lots of discussion lately about workload, and the stress levels that go with this, in respect to our jobs as teachers. I hear a lot of comments both personally and via our media outlets, and wonder if I am on another planet and I am not actually in a school environment at all. Quite frankly, unless you actually work in schools every day, you will not completely understand what happens on a day to day basis.

My fear for the profession is that you will not get people wanting to join it. The profession I joined up for, and took on the challenge with a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm, was where I really thought I was making a difference to the lives of the students in front of me every day.

I ignored the backgrounds, well at least I attempted to keep their up-bringing in the background, and tried to create a place in school, in my classes which was happy, challenging, exciting and lots of physical activities. Students felt challenged, they felt important and they were led to believe that there was a better life out there, and we could all achieve at our own level.

I know I made this difference because I have met a lot of my previous students who have led interesting and successful lives, and I have also heard about what finally happened to many, and that’s the part that probably hurts the most. You see people think that once these current students pass through our school, we will forget them, some have created such an impact that they will never be forgotten, both in a negative and positive way.

We do live in a much more sophisticated world today with so many more complex problems and issues, and in a world that is on our screens in minutes, if not live, as it is happening and from across the world. Our students can speak to others from across the world, where we use to have to write a letter and so it goes on.

In my opinion, the real problems of mental health, general health and poverty, poor housing and unemployment along with hardship, drugs and alcohol, being exposed to violence and abuse constantly, are things that have got worse instead of better. Who deals with these things every day? Who has to try to understand why a student reacts the way they do? Who has to deal with those students who suffer from mental health issues, or who have severe learning difficulties, those who are hungry, can’t pay their fees or expenses, those who need to be supplied with shoes, uniforms, and then try and assist some of our students who live in sub-standard accommodation, who have little heating or running hot and cold water?

The people who have to deal with this daily are those who were once employed as teachers, to help our students learn and experience some of the wonders of this world, to stimulate their minds and to find the switch that turns these kids on to a better education.

That’s what we were employed to do originally, how our job has changed.

So please don’t talk to me about workload and how you will make it lighter, or that you haven’t got enough money in the treasury, or someone has hacked into your budget and left the cupboard bare, or that you will one day give us some support, and you will also give us some money so we won’t have to ask parents for donations.

In my experience parents pay the donation because they want to support their local school because the government doesn’t give them enough to run a decent school. And how we waste money on buying “big toys” and running useless referendums, especially this latest one coming up, because again who is going to clean up the mess when it arrives at our schools???

I want to publicly thank my teachers for your endless support and effort for the students of Taupo Intermediate, for being those people who have to balance their programmes between being social workers, counsellors, coaches, managers, mentors, accountants, psychologists, medical attendants, truant officers, ‘bus drivers’, and of course learning and teaching – Workload, what workload??

I want to thank our parents and community for your continued support for us as a school and for your positive messages of support. Just keep on working with us to help us do a better job, to support the students in our school who do have issues, and for your understanding

I am very proud as the Principal of Taupo Intermediate for “the way we do things around here” and will continue to support our students and teachers at all occasions.

Here is a “wrap” on some of the fantastic things that continue to happen:

Sponsored Clean-Up

What a fantastic effort by all involved with the Sponsored Clean Up, as we raised an impressive \$21,200. All the funds raised will go directly to supporting our students in their cultural, sporting and academic endeavours.

BOP/PB Intermediate Mountain Bike Championships

Last Friday Taupo Intermediate hosted the Intermediate Mountain Bike Champs at the Craters of the Moon Mountain Bike Park. Twenty-four teams, one hundred and thirty students from eleven Intermediates competed in the event.

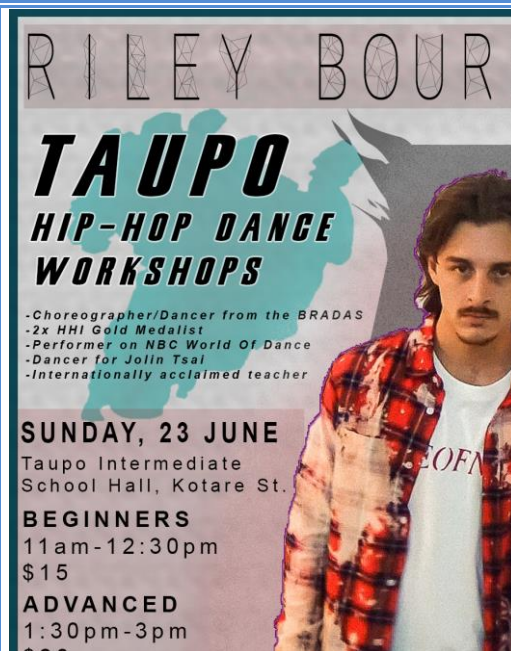
Our students all raced well, with our top team of Toby Bowler, Ethan Staddon, Solal Mourat, Paige Cameron and Sophie Webber winning the team trophy.

While in the individual girl standings, our best placings on time were Paige 3rd, Sophie 8th and Amber Nicol 11th.

Of the boys our best placings were Toby 5th, Ethan 7th, Austin Gibson was 9th and George Simpson 11th.

Many thanks to all the parents who helped with the running of this event.

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BIO: Riley Bourne is a Dancer, Choreographer, and Dance Educator from New Zealand and has been a consistent force in the NZ Street Dance scene since 2007. He has had several years training in Hip Hop Syllabus earning credentials and techniques for teaching dance. Riley has experience in the commercial dance industry choreographing and performing in music videos for NZ Hip Hop artists, Kings, and SWIDT, performed as a backup dancer for the X-Factor NZ. Riley is one of the core members and choreographers for the ‘Bradas’ who won two Gold Medals at the International World Hip Hop Championships. The Bradas featured on Season 2 of the TV series “World Of Dance” judged by Jennifer Lopez, NeYo, and Derek Hough

KCRFU U13 Development Day

Come on down to Rugby Park, Te Kuiti

Friday, 21 June 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Everyone Welcome

ALL Junior Rugby Players, Mums, Dads, Caregivers, Coaches, Managers & Whanau

- 3.15pm Arrive at Rugby Park
- 3.25pm Players will be split into Age Grades
- 3.30pm David Galbraith, Sports Psychologist for the Chiefs Super Rugby Team will address U13 players.
- 3.45pm U6 to U11s will participate in fun games & activities
- 4.00pm U13s will participate in skills & drills with some upcoming Chiefs players, current King Country Rams coach Craig Jeffries & players, former King Country Rams players, and Rugby Manager, Josh Standen.
- 4.00pm For the adults, David Galbraith will present an inspiring workshop in the Waitete Rugby Clubrooms. This is a not to be missed opportunity to ‘Unleash your Greatness’ and learn from a man of David’s calibre.**
David Galbraith (DG) specialises in supporting individuals, teams and business to establish a robust and productive culture. He has been a sports psychologist with the Chiefs Super Rugby franchise for many years (11th campaign currently). He has also been involved with National 7s teams, BMX and Golf.
- 5.00pm Sausage sizzle at the Waitete clubrooms sponsored by The Lines Company – Proud supporters of King Country Junior Rugby.



TIS Tuck Shop

Kristie's Kai

Lunch Specials next week:

Tuesday - \$5.00

– Butter Chicken

Wednesday - \$3.50

– Chicken Noodle Soup

Friday - \$3.00

– Nacho's

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(during school terms)

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