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 Newsletter Number: 16 Date: 20 June 2019



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".

My opinion:

"There's nothing I believe In in more strongly than getting young people interested in science and engineering, for a better tomorrow, for all humankind." — Bill Nye (born November 27, 1955), popularly known as **Bill Nye the Science Guy**, is an American <u>science communicator</u>, <u>television presenter</u>, and <u>mechanical engineer</u>. He is best known as the host of the PBS and syndicated children's science show <u>Bill Nye the Science Guy</u> (1993–1998), the Netflix show <u>Bill Nye Saves the World</u> (2017–present), and for his many subsequent appearances in popular media as a science educator.

My quote this week coincides with our school hosting and participating in the EPRO8 Technology Challenge in our school, with huge interest from all our local schools in the various year group competitions.

The EPro8 Challenge is organised by a small team passionate about science and engineering. Kelvin has an engineering background. He enjoys organising and competing in running events. He combined these two passions to create what he describes as "what would have been my dream event when I was 11 years old". Andrew joined the team in 2017 so that they could run events nationwide. Andrew has experience in youth work and event management. Andrew is based in Auckland and runs the majority of our events in the upper North Island.

Having run over 700 EPro8 Challenge events throughout New Zealand, the EPro8 Challenge continues to grow and improve. We invest in heavily in new equipment and challenges, so that every year is something different.

The challenges incorporate engineering, science, electronics, mathematics and problem solving. They are all designed to be rewarding and visually stunning. The challenges involve the use of life-sized props and equipment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Our Ultimate Frisbee Team who competed at the Bay of Plenty/Poverty Bay Intermediate Champs.
- EPRO8 Science and Technology Challenge Teams

REMINDERS:

Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

These are taking place next week from Monday 24th June 2019 – Friday 28th June 2019 and we are expecting that all our parents will be involved.

You will have received a letter explaining the process for an EARLY finish to our school day taking place on **Tuesday 25**th **June at 1pm.** This will allow us to run our interviews from 1:30pm through to 8:30pm with a dinner break from 5:30 - 6:30pm for our staff.

There is a sign off slip that requires each student to return to us, to help us determine, who we will be looking after at school from 1pm – 3pm.

Our school buses will be operating as usual – **THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES TO THESE BUS RUNS** Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Science Fair

The School Science Fair will be set up in the school hall from Monday morning to allow parents / caregivers an opportunity to view the work of our students. Thank you for the wonderful support that you have provided for our students.

School Holidays

Friday 5th July 2019 3:00pm is our last day of the term, and we reopen on Monday 22nd July 2019 8:50am.

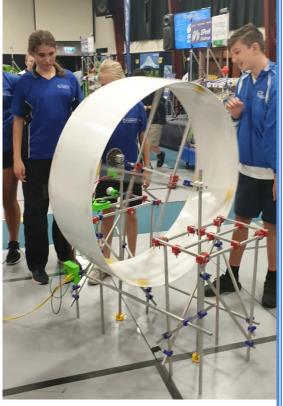


EPRO8 Challenge:

Great effort on Tuesday and Wednesday nights by our six teams in the technology challenge competition.

Special mention to 'The Cabbages' (Jessica Thomsen, Summer Maulder, Sophie Webber & Noah Lester) who came first by a huge margin on Tuesday night, and "The Mechanics" (Kobi Spence, Tahoe McLean, Caitie Mitchell and Mikayla Turley) who came 1st equal on Wednesday night.

Best of luck to both these teams who are now going through to a semi-final in Rotorua next Wednesday night.



Tane's Tamariki Holiday Programme 16 - 18 July 2019

The Lake Taupo Charitable Trust, in conjunction with Scion Research is offering another schools holiday programme. This is available to children of Ngāti Tūwharetoa descent, aged 9 to 16 years old.

If your child/ren are interested in attending a three day/two night holiday programme in Rotorua - please go to www.ltct.co.nz/he-mahuri-toa/tearatika/ to register. Spaces are limited to 60.

All successful applicants will be notified by the 2nd of July 2019.

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

BOP/PB Intermediate Ultimate Frisbee Competition

Last Thursday our Ultimate Frisbee team of Dylan Gardiner, Baxter Topless, Joseph Brown, Culann O'Donovan-Wi. Zach Forster, Rawinia Heurea, Kamaia Minhinnick, Joanne Nortje, Jessica Bennett. Sophie Webber travelled to Gisborne. There they were billeted overnight, then competed on the Friday morning.

Though nervous with the billeting, they all seemed to have a good night and made several new friends. Friday dawned slightly wet, though calm and ideal weather for frisbee.

The competition was tough, with several close games and our team giving it all, displaying great sportsmanship and skill. After a winning run, the team made it to the final where they were finally defeated by the Gisborne Intermediate Team. Congratulations to all our players.

TIS Tuckshop Kristie's Kai

Lunch Specials next week

Wednesday - 26 June Chicken Kebab on Rice with Satay Sauce - \$5.00

Friday - 28 June Spaghetti Bolognese -\$4.00







Model railways, toys and hobbies, trade stands. Activities and entertainment for the kids. Refreshments. EFTPOS available.