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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
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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”.

My opinion:

“There are no grown-ups. We suspect this when we are younger, but can confirm it only once we are the ones writing books and attending parent-teacher conferences. Everyone is winging it, some just do it more confidently”.

Pamela Druckerman is an American writer and journalist living in Paris, France. In fall 2013, she became a contributing opinion writer for The New York Times International Edition.

This week has been devoted to **Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews** and we have had a tremendous turnout with at least an 80-90% attending. We intend to catch up with those we haven't completed by the end of this term, except those parents and students in Room 18 as Mrs Alice Adams has been on sick leave, and we are wishing her all the best for a complete recovery.

I trust the information shared was helpful in establishing the students learning levels and accomplishments, and that there was established a clear path for future development – next steps for learning.

It would have been great to have shared some of the activities and experiences your child has been involved in, and be assured that there will be many more opportunities available in the next half of the year. At the end of the year you will receive a summative report which includes a list of all the activities students can be involved in, so it is very helpful to remind our students to keep getting involved in these positive experiences.

This week we have also had a hall full of **Science Fair Projects** with some extremely interesting and well thought out projects. I want to thank all those students who spent many hours, along with their parents working on these projects – Thank you to Mrs Turanga for her hours of work in organising and motivating the teachers and students, and for setting up the displays in the Library.

Jean-Marie Turanga has also spent time assessing the exhibits with the aim of perhaps finding some to represent our school at the Bay of Plenty Science Fair.

Today Friday 28th June we have students away with such activities as;

- The Hockey 6 a-side teams in Rotorua
- The Ripper Rugby teams competing in the Finals in Hamilton representing our school
- And of course this week we have had teams representing us at the local Hockey and Basketball Competitions with the basketball finals next week.
- We have our netball teams competing at extraordinary levels and we thank them for their efforts

Huge Congratulations !!!

The winning Taupo Intermediate Team – “The Mechanics” at the Heat Event held at Taupo Intermediate and the Semi- Final winners who will go onto the Finals “The Cabbages”

It's always great to receive emails and reports about how well our students are performing when they are out representing our school. Today I want to share the following email which we received and I want to thank Miss Vincent, the Boys and the supporting Parent group for this outstanding accolade.

Dear Jess and Boys Class

First of all I would like to personally thank you and your students for braving the chilly waters of the Wairoa River during the winter season and giving Logan and myself a chance to escape the office and do what we love doing. Both Logan and I thoroughly enjoyed instructing your students and were truly amazed at the ability, enthusiasm and how respectful they all were. They were a pleasure to have in the park for the day and I hope the rest of your winter camp was as successful as the day you spent with us.

All of your students are great examples of what kiwi kid's should be, and they should all be very proud of themselves. From my few years of instructing, your class was the best class I've ever had the pleasure of working with, many of which I believe would have a great future working in the outdoors.

Thank you very much for letting Waimarino be a part of your Winter camp, we hope to see you again next year :) If you could please pass the above message on to your students that would be much appreciated.

Best Regards, Royce Morgan Operations Manager 21C

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The Semi- Final winners who will go onto the Finals “The Cabbages”. Well done to both teams.

Bake it Better for Starship – a nationwide bake-sale for Starship children this July!

The first ever Bake it Better for Starship is happening this July.

Almost every kiwi is connected to someone who's been through Starship and our nationwide bake-sale is an easy way for your school to get behind the work our national children's hospital does for the children from your community who have a Starship story.

The money you raise will bring better health and brighter futures to our children by funding new equipment, training and research at Starship. Email me at charlotte.barnett@adhb.govt.nz or call (09) 307 8949 so I can help.



In spite of freezing conditions, the TIS Girls Football Team took away an outstanding win in Rotorua on Thursday 20th June.

We played 4 games back to back, drawing 1 & winning the other 3, which put us into the finals against Kaitao Girls.

With broken toes, sprained ankles, sore knees, and a superb kick from Charlotte, accidentally giving the goalie from the previous game a serious concussion, the girls dug deep. With fire in their bellies they secured the win by 3 – 0.

Congratulations girls and a big thank you for the parent support and help with transport.

Ms Wood (One proud coach).

EPRO8 Semi-final:

Great effort on Wednesday night by our two teams in the technology challenge competition semi-final held in Rotorua. 5

"The Mechanics" (Kobi Spence, Tahoe McLean, Caitie Mitchell and Mikayla Turley) worked hard, though struggled a little with the more difficult set of challenges.

While 'The Cabbages' (Jessica Thomsen, Summer Maulder, Sophie Webber & Noah Lester) won the event, reveling in the electrical challenges, producing first a conveyor belt carrying bananas, electronically counting them, tipping the bananas into a trolley which then powered off!

After that they built a milkshake maker, which also lit up and counted the shakes. This team will now move on to the finals early next term.

BOP/PB Climbing Competition:

Taupo Intermediate hosted this event, with 8 Intermediate schools from the BOP/PB area competing.

Each climber attempted two climbs with points from these added to their team totals. The top climbers were then tested on more difficult routes to get the individual winners.

Along-side this a table climbing comp was held, with the fastest competitor going under the table and back up the other side without touching the floor in a staggering 4 seconds.

Our team of Regan Hasse, Teagan Curtis, Jade Hasse, Amelie Wood and Gabby Donald all had good climbs with Regan coming 1st in the year 7 girls individual competition.

TIS Tuckshop Kristie's Kai

Lunch Specials next week

Tuesday - 2 July

Macaroni Cheese - \$3.00

Friday - 5 July

**Fish or Sausage & Chips
- \$5.00**



RACE WEEK COMES TO THE HARD MATERIALS WORKSHOP

This week year 7 and 8 students will be racing their air-powered recycled racers, made collaboratively in groups.

Students learnt about aerodynamic and the science of speed.

Thinking organisers were also used to help guide and reflect on learning, and students were assessed using the key competencies.



Reminders: The school Cross-Country event will be held on **Tuesday 2nd July at approximately 12 noon weather permitting.**

- We break for the holidays next Friday finishing at the normal time 3pm and return Monday 22nd July 2019 8:50 start.