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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".

Message from the Board Chairperson

On Monday night we held the first meeting of our new Board of Trustees for Taupo Intermediate School. As we received only 5 nominations, we did not hold an election.

I was very humbled to be confirmed back into the Chairperson role for remainder of this year and excited to welcome three new faces to our Board for a three year term:

Donna Hemopo - Donna is an experienced Trustee who has been on the Wairakei School Board of Trustees for the last 3 years. Mother of 3 boys currently moving through Intermediate School and College, Donna is passionate about the education system and has a keen interest in cultural responsiveness. Donna works as a care worker for the elderly and is an active member of the Wairakei Village community. Donna is assuming responsibility for our Policy Review portfolio, and has been elected for an 18 month term.

Bridget Hayes - Bridget is also an experienced Trustee, serving on the Broadlands Primary School Board of Trustees, and also on the board for an 18 month term. Living in a rural community, Bridget is firmly connected to the grassroots people working as a bus driver for the local school. Bridget has two children just starting to move from Primary School into the Intermediate schooling system. Like Donna, Bridget shares a passion for creating the best educational environment for our kids, Bridget is assuming responsibility for our Communications and Community Relations portfolio.

John McIntyre - John is the Chairperson of the Wairakei Primary School Board of Trustees and also is the Board representative on the Taupo Community of Learning. John has three children just starting to go through the Intermediate school. During the day, John works as a livestock agent for Greenlea. Balancing all his roles, John is very involved in educational issues for Taupo and is firmly committed to making a positive impact through education. John is taking on the Finance portfolio.

Joining Donna, Bridget and John we welcomed back:

- Kerri Robinson as the Teacher Representative;
- DeeJay Tupe as a Trustee, continuing his role with the Property portfolio;
- Bill Clarke as the Principal and Board member; and
- Julie Paterson as our Board Secretary.

This year we adopted a split election structure, meaning that Donna and Bridget are appointed for an 18 month term and at the end of this term we will hold a mid term election for two Trustee roles. This was done to ensure that we have continuity as a Board and to better support the Principal and school.

Our meeting focussed on trustee induction and we were very lucky to have Kim Sullivan come back to help hand over the Finance portfolio. Kim we will miss you!

On behalf of the Board, and the School, I would like to warmly welcome our new Board and to thank all of them for giving their time and energy to Taupo Intermediate. Together with our excellent staff, we will make a positive difference. I would also like to acknowledge our departing Trustees, Kim Sullivan, Greg Dick and Emma Brennan for their service and commitment to our Board. It was great to work alongside each of you!

More from us to come! Our next meeting is on 26 August 2019 5:30pm in the Board room. You are warmly welcome to attend.

This being the last newsletter of term 2, have a wonderful break over the school holidays and we hope that you have some good time out with your whanau.

Warm regards Vanessa Donald

Basketball

The 2019 basketball season is now over. Taupo Intermediate had 10 teams entered into the Youthtown competition playing on Wednesday nights. The teams were all of mixed abilities, which enabled more experienced students to be mentors.

The Lakers (in blue) and the Pihanga Panthers (in yellow) played off for 3rd & 4th place in the competition. It was an intense game, with the Panthers winning the game 34-17.

The competition winners were Tongariro School. Well done to all the players that competed this season.



Science Fair

Over 300 science fair boards filled the hall last week. Students (and probably parents) put a huge amount of effort into scientific investigations and technology inventions.

Well done to everyone who participated.

This year's winners are:

Technology – Year 7

Highly commended – Adam Blair, Cadence Goodhead (both Room 8)

3rd – Victor Marian (Room 8)

2nd – Lucy Dale (Room 8)

1st – Emma Staples (Room 16)

Technology – Year 8

2nd equal – Danica Birksoe Pearson (Room 22) teamed with
Tia-Rose Unsworth (Room 18)

2nd equal – Pieter Osborne (Room 1)

1st – Paige Cameron & Jade Hasse (Room 3)

Science – Year 7

Highly commended – Alex Milne (Room 8), Emma Speedy (Room 8)

3rd – Justin Schur (Room 8)

2nd – Max Hart (Room 23)

1st – Abby Cameron (Room 8)

Science – Year 8

3rd equal – Jasmin McManus (Room 10)

Angus Putt (Room 10)

2nd – Taylor Weston (Room 10)

1st – Sophie Webber (Room 10)



TIS Tuckshop

Kristie's Kai

Lunch Specials Wk 1 Term 3

Tuesday - 23 July

Butter Chicken - \$5.00

Friday - 26 July

Waffles or Pancakes with
Banana & Maple Syrup

- \$5.00



Environmental Award

This year a special environmental prize for the science fair was sponsored by Perrin Ag Consultants.

Students were encouraged to conduct a scientific investigation that was related to conservation, sustainable agriculture, or other topics related to the environment.

Rachael Mitchell from Perrin Ag judged and presented the awards in last week's assembly.



The winner was Alex Aitken of Room 3, who investigated the use of wastewater to grow plants.

The runners up were Rhiannon Schur, who investigated the effects of nitrates, and Jasmin McManus, who trialled different methods of desalination of sea water.

Well done.