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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”.

In my opinion:

“The journey is never ending. There's always gonna be growth, improvement, adversity; you just gotta take it all in and do what's right, continue to grow, continue to live in the moment.

Antonio Tavaris Brown Sr. is an American football wide receiver for the Oakland Raiders of the National Football League. Raised in Liberty City, Miami, Brown attended Miami Norland High School where he played both football and track. He played college football at Central Michigan University, where he earned All-American honours in 2008 and 2009 as a punt returner. A sixth-round pick by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2010, no player has amassed more receptions and receiving yards than Brown

In our school our challenges and the journeys are definitely never ending. In our quest for growth and improvement we do have to face adversity, on a daily basis. As the quote rightfully says though, we must continue to live in the moment.

Speaking of challenges, our students and teachers have continued to take on other schools, such as our Intermediate Schools Winter Tournament held at the Mount last Friday. Our representative teams included; 2 x Netball teams, 2 x Football, 1 x 1st XV Rugby, 1 mixed Hockey and we had mixed results with the hockey and Football teams featuring in the finals of their respective sports.

Our teams players all start off the day at a very early time in the morning, some at 5am, then having to travel for 2 hours, and start their games after stepping from their transport at 9.am

I can only thank my students and teachers for their efforts on this day and thank the many parents who came along and supported us.

Our weekly competitions continue, with our hockey teams all competing on Wednesday evening, and our netballers battling it out on Saturday morning. Again, I want to thank my teachers for giving of their time to be with these teams, and to the college students and parents who help coach, manage and umpire.

Please respect their time and effort, and I repeat many times, that we would be one, if not the only school in this town, that has so many teachers looking after our school teams and getting so much support by us all.

It is disappointing when our students are so proactive in getting involved with some of our community held events that the rules change, or the fees increase. This tends to put more pressure on our parents who are already trying to fund other aspects of life.

In my opinion some of these conditions and expenses are totally unnecessary, and I refer for example, to the changes to the Around the Lake Cycle Event, which has had some many changes, that it has taken the gloss off such a prestigious event. The relay aspect was changed, the fees have increased, and now this year changes have been made to the student eligibility. We have had students involved in this event for many years – 15- 16 years – and is one of our Bevan Docherty Challenges. Well you have to bring along another adult or you can't ride the event, and that adult will have to pay an adult price. Is this necessary or just another way of increasing revenue??

We are seriously looking at running alternative challenges for our students for the future, another adversity???

It doesn't help us getting students physically involved when we are faced with these obstacles. Makes a mockery out of all the political campaigns wanting schools to get students active, and helping with obesity and health issues, when they don't actually realize how expensive it is for them to join in these activities.

Well done to all our active students, teachers and parents – **KEEP UP THE EFFORT!!!!**

We have a number of planned activities coming up – (thanks Baz for the reports)

ICAS Tests: Students wanting to sit one or more ICAS tests (these are part of the Principals Academic Award) can collect an entry form from the office. Subjects include Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling Bee, Writing, English and Mathematics, with all subjects this year are being sat online. Entries must be in by next Thursday 15th August.

Taupo Cycle Challenge/Bevan Docherty Award: Several years ago, we put together goals for the three awards (Bevan Docherty Award, Principal's Academic Award and the Donovan Bixley Award) to promote the involvement of students in outdoor, academic and cultural activities. The goals initially set have altered over time, especially with the Bevan Docherty Award as events change, costs increase etc.

This year the Taupo Cycle Challenge management have placed a minimum age of 12 years, and the requirement is to have an adult accompany each student on the 40, 80, or 160km road cycle.

While on the Huka Teaser Mt Bike, the age restrictions state students 12 years and over can ride alone, or 10-11 year old with an adult. For those families who have difficulty with this new requirement, we are trying to get use of the Taupo Motor Sport Park to run a 40km road cycle in October, and for those wanting to Mt Bike we will arrange a group ride on the Huka Teaser early in November.

Class Ski Trips: Unfortunately, due to the prolonged spell of rough weather we have had to postpone or cancel several ski trips. While there is a slim chance we can reschedule, with there being so many called off, we will probably end up cancelling them. As stated in the original newsletter any money paid will be credited to the students accounts for activities and camps later in the year. We ask that if at all possible, payments are left credited to your account as refunding puts a huge amount of extra work on our office staff due to current school banking requirements.

Next week I will bring you up to date with my thoughts on the traffic lights recently installed, and other changes to the roads, footpaths and speed limits.

Have a great weekend and go the ALL BLACKS!! – WARRIORS!! AND ALL THOSE OTHER ACTIVITIES WE ARE INVOLVED IN. Thank you all for your continued support.

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BOP Football Last Friday we travelled down to Tauranga for the winter tournament. We had some tough competition in our pool. First game was against Mokoia, we fired shots early finishing with 8 goals to nil. Our next game was against Tauranga and we had an unlucky defeat. We kept our heads high and came out on top of our next game against Gisborne, slipping a goal in just before the hooter. We had a tough game coming up against Otumoetai, it finished 2-2. Our only chance of getting into the semis was if Tauranga lost or drew to Mokoia. And that miracle happened, but the Mount were a tough side and we sadly lost 1-0 in the semi. Last game against Rotorua was a great contest but we came away with the 6-1 win to achieve third place. The boys played very well and now we are looking forward to Aims Games in September.
Dylan Gardiner RM22

GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM *Pamela Wood (Coach)*
So proud of my girls. A win, a loss, a draw, then into the semis. After going to a penalty knock out against Gizzy & winning, we then played for 1st and 2nd against Mt Maunganui but unfortunately lost 6-0. The girls did themselves, TIS & their whanau proud. You're all winners to me. Thanks to the parents who provided transport & support on the day, you rock.

BOP Basketball Tournament

Two teams travelled to Rotorua on 25th July to compete in the Bay of Plenty basketball tournament. The boys' and girls' teams were both coached by Tony Strange. Considering they had not played as a team prior to the tournament, both teams did very well. The calibre of the teams they played was a lot higher than they were used to, with many of the opposition looking more like 16 year olds than 12 year olds. The girls finished the competition in 4th place, and the boys in 8th. The kids looked fantastic in their new school basketball representative uniforms, and they were a credit to our school. Well done.



Youthtown Basketball Tournament

The boys' and girls' tournament teams also represented the school at the Youthtown Tournament at AC Baths on July 31st. Both teams were very successful and won the majority of their games. As it was a round robin tournament, the teams also had to play a grudge match against each other. The boys team won by a narrow margin. The boys team finished in 3rd place and the girls came 5th.

Many thanks to Tony Strange for his contribution to basketball at our school, and for giving up a great deal of his time to coach both of these teams.



1st XV Rugby Report I want to thank the Rugby boys for their effort at the Winter Tournament in Mount Maunganui and it would be fair to say we had a tough day at the office. I can't fault our commitment and effort, especially against the bigger sides, as we lost all our pool games by two points in each of our matches, but won our last match by a considerable margin.

I appreciated the way our team performed on and off the field, your listening and cooperation was much appreciated. I was also impressed to get the reports from all the other codes about Taupo Intermediate's behaviour at the various venues. **You all make me very proud as the Principal of the school.**

Thank you to our parents and grandparent support for our teams in the way of transport and vocal support.

Congratulations to the 'Chiefs' team Saturday morning rugby for their Championship win vs Taumarānui on the Saturday following our tournament - great effort as the majority of our players are in this team.
Mr Clark

BOP Netball Tournament The Year 8 girls BOP Netball team travelled to Mt Maunganui to play in the annual Bay of Plenty tournament. We were placed in two pools with 5 teams in each. Games were short, only 10 minutes each way. We lost our first game by 4 goals against Tauranga Intermediate. We then went straight into our next game against Te Puke which ended up being a 9-9 draw. Next game we came up against Kaitao and lost. The last pool game was against a slick Whakatane team and we went down to them. In the final game we played Mokoia and won this game convincingly. All-in-all a tough day at the office, hopefully the girls can take a lot from this tournament and build forward from here on in. A big thank-you to Lisa Arnold for umpiring for our team she did an amazing job!

HOCKEY In preparation for Aims Games our Hockey 6-a-side mixed team attended the winter tournament in Mt Manganui on Friday 2nd August. The team progressed throughout the tournament to come away with second place.