

# 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

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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:

*“I want someone to sit beside after the day's pursuit and all its anguish, after its listening, and its waitings, and its suspicions. After quarrelling and reconciliation I need privacy - to be alone with you, to set this hubbub in order. For I am as neat as a cat in my habits.” — Adeline Virginia Woolf was an English writer, considered one of the most important modernist 20th-century authors and also a pioneer in the use of stream of consciousness as a narrative device.*

These past two weeks is best summarized in the quote above with the happenings all around us, and of course the weather has indeed played its part in a lot of the uncertainty.

I have invited all our teachers and students to share with you this week the many things that we have attempted and achieved, and it has been an absolute thrill to bear witness. Sometimes it often feels like we are trying to “herd cats”, but as one student who heard me use that phrase commented, “have you tried that Mr?” Quite simply I can't get my cat to follow instructions.

Well done to everyone involved in these activities and thank you to all the teachers and parents who have supported in many ways, as coaches, managers, mentors, instructors, counsellors, ‘uber drivers’, support and of course financiers.

**Individual Standout so far this term is Angus Putt**

- Best Vocalist at the Bandquest, valued member and Lead vocalist of the band ‘Twisted’ who won the Provincial Bandquest Competition.
- Science Awards – Best Intermediate Science Exhibit, he also won 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Overall in Fair, and Won Best Energy Related exhibit.

And a very modest humble young man as well – Thank you Angus for your efforts.

Let's keep up the great effort and that includes the wonderful work that happens in the classrooms, with our Write That Essay programme, the Mathematics achievement levels, the Technology specialist areas of Food, Fabric, Art, Science, Workshop, Social Science, Physical Education particularly our unit on Sexuality Education.

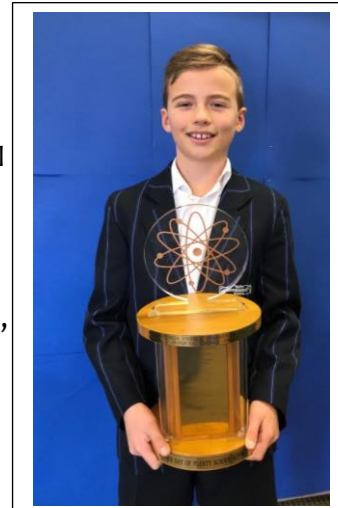
We have many more activities coming up. I will again share with you what we have set up, and what is coming up for the rest of the term: (This was published in the first newsletter of the term).

Have a great weekend and thank you for the ongoing support.

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## **OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP THIS TERM:**

- ❖ **SKI TRIPS PLANNED FOR THIS TERM ARE ALL DEPENDANT ON WEATHER**
- ❖ **NORTH ISLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SKI CHAMPS** week of the 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August
- ❖ **BAY OF PLENTY / POVERTY BAY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS TOURNAMENTS**
  - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - **Rugby 7s** - Mount Maunganui
  - **North Island Schools Cycling Championships @ Taupo Car Racing Circuit** – Friday
  - **AIMS GAMES** - Mount Maunganui 8th September - 13th September
- ❖ **NOUMEA CULTURAL EXCHANGE**
  - Colleen Westerman / Baz Haydon - 25th August – 1<sup>st</sup> September / Bill Clarke – 30<sup>th</sup> August - 6<sup>th</sup> September
  - **NOUMEA - Jean Mariotti** return visit to Taupo - Monday 16th September - 26th September
- ❖ **CUTURAL EVENTS**
  - **SECONDARY SCHOOLS ORIENTATION VISITS** -to Tauhara and Taupo Nui Year 8s 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> September
  - **BIG MUSIC DAY OUT** - 12th September
  - **Tuwharetoa Kapa Haka Festival** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September TIS perform
- ❖ **ACADEMIC EVENTS**
  - **NMSSA** – National Monitoring for some Year 8s students Testing 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August
  - **Mathletics** in Havelock North - 28th August
  - **TIS MATHSMATTERS** – Yr 5/6 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September Yr 7/8



## Bay of Plenty Science Fair



Ten students competed in the Bay of Plenty Science Fair in Rotorua last Thursday and Friday. They were Jade Hasse, Paige Cameron, Angela Harris, Jasmin McManus, Emma Speedy, Taylor Weston, Paige O'Sullivan, Sophie Webber, Angus Putt and Julia Leusink. They displayed their scientific investigation or invention and were interviewed by the judges.

This year was one of the most successful years we've had. Sophie Webber and Emma Speedy both received Highly Commended Awards. Julia Leusink won the Red Stag Award for the Best Timber related investigation. Angus Putt won the award for Best Intermediate Science Investigation, the Best Energy Related Investigation, and he won

the prize for 2<sup>nd</sup> Best In Fair - this included secondary school students. Angus came out with a significant amount of prize money - \$100 of this he donated to the school science programme.

**Cheer Leading** Fifteen girls from Taupo Intermediate Cheer Team went to Tauranga to compete in the battle at the Bay Competition.

This was a really tough competition with some of the best Cheer Teams in the country. The girls came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition with their amazing performance.

The girls can't wait to go back next year for the gold!



**DanceNZ Made** Congratulations to all the girls who competed at the DanceNZ Made Regional competition on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August, held at the Great Lake Centre. Carrie Bunting placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cara Collins placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Year 7 solo competition. Our contemporary group placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 7-8 group category which gives them an

automatic entry to compete at the National competition next month in Palmerston North. Special thanks to Grace Bilbie for her awesome choreography and coaching.

**Hockey** In preparation for Aims Games our 6-side mixed hockey team attended the winter tournament in Mount Manganui on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August. The team progressed throughout the tournament to come away with second place.



### **Taupo Cycle Challenge/Bevan Docherty Award:**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, this year the Taupo Cycle Challenge management have placed a minimum age of 12 years and the requirement that 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 have booked the use of the Taupo Motor Sport Park to run a 40km road cycle on Wednesday afternoon 9<sup>th</sup> October. While for those wanting to Mt Bike we will arrange a group ride of the Huka Teaser early in November. Letters will go out prior to both of these events, with students expected to train to a level where they could complete their event in under 3 hours.

**AIMS GAMES:** With AIMS Games just over two weeks away, teams and individual athletes in a range of codes are training. Those parents who are managing their child in an individual code should be up to date with times, requirements etc via the AIMS website or the app below. Those students in the multisport and mountain bike events will have onsite training in Tauranga during the week after next. Any parents/managers who can't locate required information should email Mr Haydon.

App download:

- iPhone - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/nzaimsgames/id1473659164>
- Android - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app.p2266CG>

### **TIS Tuckshop Kristie's Kai**

#### **Lunch Specials**

**Tuesday - 27 August**

**Curried Sausages - \$3.50**

**Friday - 30 August**

**Waffles or Pancakes with Banana & Maple Syrup - \$5.00**



### **TIS Spelling Bee**

During the last two weeks, 28 students participated in our schoolwide Spelling Bee. It was fantastic to see so many learners with a rich vocabulary and positive attitude. Well done to every student who made it into the competition; you were the top 10% of your year.

Congratulations to these outstanding students taking the top three places:  
Year 7: 1<sup>st</sup> Cadence Goodhead 2<sup>nd</sup> Vanessa Keith 3<sup>rd</sup> Sienna Pilkington  
Year 8: 1<sup>st</sup> Caitie Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup> Nanami Ishikawa 3<sup>rd</sup> Uhasa Devundara

