

# TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,  
te kura Waenga o Taupo

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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:

*'Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro nona te ngahere Engari ko te manu e kai ana i te matauranga nona te ao'*

*The one who partakes of the flora and fauna that will be their domain. The one who engages in education opportunities will be boundless*

## He Pitopito Korero

### A bulletin from the Secretary of Education

#### New long-term strategy for COVID-19

You'll be aware that New Zealand will move to a new, long-term approach to COVID-19. These changes have been made based on public health advice and reflect high levels of immunity and declining case numbers across New Zealand.

This new approach will only result in minor changes to the way we operate.

The very positive news is that household contacts of a person with COVID-19 do not need to isolate, but instead are asked to complete a RAT test each day, for five days. Therefore, ākongā who are household contacts but test negative and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, should continue to attend. It is the best place for them to be so they can be engaged in their learning, and connected with their teachers, classmates, and friends.

Mask wearing is no longer required as from the government announcement.

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19.

These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows and, most importantly, staying home and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting our community.

## Noho ora mai

### Iona Holstead Secretary of Education.

On top of having to cope with Covid Protocols, we now expect that we will now concentrate on getting through the rest of this term and next and to do this we expect your support.

### At Taupo Intermediate we will still require you to:

- **Sign in** at the office and only enter the school when you have an appointment.
- **Don't visit** classes during the school day.
- **Contact us** if your child is absent from school.
- **A reminder that our school has a NO PHONE POLICY** as stated in the prospectus. If it is necessary for your son/daughter to bring their phone to school, they must drop it to the front office when they arrive to school in the morning and collect it at 3pm. We will not be held responsible for phones that are not in our lockbox. Our teachers **will not be responsible** for looking after phones. If your son/daughter is caught with their phone during school hours, it will be confiscated by a teacher and taken to the front office for parents to collect.

**During the school day, should you or your son/daughter need to be contacted please do so via the school office on 07 378 8097.**

- We have a well-publicised school uniform in our Prospectus and expect our students to wear it at school. We have allowed other warm jackets to be worn to and from school but not at school.

Your cooperation with us will ensure we don't have inconsistencies in our school. We have several things to do in our school especially with all the activities we organize or participate in, so your support is essential.

**During these stressful times we are providing more and more for our students:**

- Food for breakfast and lunches
- Uniforms – shoes, socks, polar fleeces, jackets jerseys
- Counselling and health services
- Financial support for our students who can't afford the various fees and resources for school.

Put this alongside the number of teachers who have illnesses, some high needs and high maintenance students to cope with every day and when they are absent, we don't have enough relief teachers to help us, so we are forced to "whangai - adopt" classes out for other teachers to look after for a day or several days.

**The things that we have been involved with and are to complete before the end of this term:**

- **Our Kapahaka group** has been practicing for a period, interrupted by Covid for our performances at the Powhiri at the **100 Year Celebration of Intermediate Schools** conference at **Wairakei Resort on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**. A magnificent performance, with many positive comments coming from the many Intermediate Principals who were welcomed there. I thank Colin Rangī for supporting us at our Powhiri.
- All our **Year 8s** visited the 2 x high schools – Tauhara and Taupo nui a Tia on to see what they had to offer for 2023.
- **The week of 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September** was the **AIMS GAMES** where we were represented by our outstanding Mixed Hockey team, our Year 8 A netballers, a team of Swimmers and Mountain bikers. With over 11,000 athletes competing in a huge number of sports it was good to be able to mix and compete in this fantastic tournament.
- I would also acknowledge **Taupō's Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Whakarewa - Te Reo ki Tūwharetoa** who became the first kura kaupapa to win an **AIMS Games hockey title**.
- The **Kapahaka group** followed the powhiri at the conference with an excellent performance at the **Tūwharetoa Kapahaka festival on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**.
- **Next week we are hosting the Mathsmatters** competition on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September for our Year 5 and 6s** – Contributing schools and **the Year 7s and 8s competition on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**.
- **On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** a group of dancers are heading to Palmerston North to represent us at the **NZ DANCE MADE** competition and we wish them all the success they deserve for all the many hours of practice.
- **In the last week of this term**, we will be putting on our major musical production performances of **"MATARIKI"** – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September - **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**.

So, a huge thank you to all my students and staff for your magnificent work and effort and for the continued wonderful support we get from our parents and community. We need to work together to achieve great results for our tamariki.

*'He aha te mea nui o te ao? Māku e kī atu, he tangata, he tangata, he tangata'*

*What is the most important thing in this world? It is people, it is people, it is people.*

NGA MIHI NUI I TENEI WIKI O TE REO MAORI

*Wiremu Clarke*

Te tumuaki o te Kura Takuwaenga o Taupo

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# COMPETITION TIME!!!

"Taupo-nui-a-Tia and Tauhara Colleges are running a competition where everyone who enrolls at their schools by the end of **September (End of Term 3 - Friday 30th September)**, gets in the draw to win a school uniform package for each of the schools.

These uniforms are kindly donated by **BrandFuel Promotions**, Taupo (Tauhara College Uniform suppliers) and **Argyle Schoolwear** (Taupo-nui-a-Tia College uniform suppliers).

Regards

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**Adam Chamberlain, Aiden Hart, Teegan Price, Kian Weston, Riley Burley, Makenna Giles, Dominic Leusink, Regan Arderne, McKayla Griffiths, Nathan Hawes**

## AIMS GAMES 2022 – TIS HOCKEY

Well done to all players that competed in the **7-side AIMS Hockey tournament from Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September - Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September.**

All players demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and a high quality of play. The team did exceptionally well, were they won all their pool games.

Unfortunately, after a close second half the team went down in their quarter finals, however they came back to win their remaining games. The team walked away with a convincing **5<sup>th</sup> place in the A grade.** What an awesome effort!!

Thank you to all players and *Greg Weston* for his amazing skills and dedication to the team.

A massive thanks to *Heidi Patterson* for assisting with the wellbeing of players.

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Taupō Intermediate School  
proudly presents our musical production:

### The Stars of Matariki



Script, lyrics, and music by Dr Dave McMillan

**Tuesday 27th September**  
**Wednesday 28th September**  
**Thursday 29th September**

Taupō Intermediate School Hall  
Doors open 6.30pm  
Show starts at 7pm

Tickets: Adult \$10 Child \$5

## AIMS GAMES 2022 MOUNTAIN BIKING



In the Year 8 boys TIS student Harrison Fletcher competed in both the Enduro and Cross-Country events.

Enduro is raced over 3 races and the times accumulated. He was 7<sup>th</sup> (out of 89) in the Enduro and was 9<sup>th</sup> (out of 76) in the Cross-Country race. Leon Campbell competed in the Enduro race and placed 39<sup>th</sup>.

He was also awarded the Team Player medal, an impressive achievement for his first Enduro Event.

The fields were very competitive and the starts very full on, so we are very proud of their results.

The students were supported by their parents, and we thank them for their time and commitment in getting the students to this amazing event.



## AIMS GAMES 2022 – MOUNTAIN BIKING

Taupo Intermediate School was well represented at the recent AIMS games in Tauranga.

The weather before the races meant the tracks were quite challenging but our students performed with extremely well.

In the Year 8 girls Cross Country race we had Bianca Stewart who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Olivia Shepherd was 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fantastic results by these talented athletes!!



### HARRY POTTER MINECRAFT COMPETITION

Second



Zach Scarlett

First



Teegan Price & Jessica Riley

Third



Fara Walker



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<b>WEEK ONE</b>	<b>MONDAY MADNESS</b> Join us as we get into some up tempo games and fun activities to unlock your wild side! ● 550 ● 540	<b>DELUXE DAY - BOUNCY CASTLES!</b> Let's jump and have some fun. Today we have a bouncy castle on site all day so lots of bouncing to be done. ● 640 ● 365	<b>HAUORA CHAMPIONS</b> Today is all about being your own house champion, unleash your creativity with our craft activities, get these bodies moving with yoga and group games and fuel your bodies with healthy home made wash! ● 500 ● 540	<b>DAY TRIP - POOLS &amp; BOCKWALL</b> Today we head to the swimming pool to enjoy the sun with hanging out with our friends! Bring those brown faces as we get ready to harness up and climb up up up! ● 375 ● 545	<b>BACKYARDS, BIRDS &amp; BUTTERFLIES</b> It's all about getting back to nature today, nature paintings, bird feeders, designer paper mache pots and explore the wonderful world around us. ● 390 ● 540
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> Arrgh-rrr-hee-hee, it's time to find your inner pirate as we search for hidden treasures and set the high seas! ● 550 ● 540	<b>DAY TRIP - THE MOVIES</b> Kick back and relax as we head to the cinema to watch the latest release review completed with popcorn and an ice cream. ● 675 ● 545	<b>PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES</b> Build up everyone as we travel on an adventure filled with Trains, Planes and Automobiles! ● 500 ● 540	<b>DELUXE DAY - DISCO DAY</b> Let's have a party in our disco day, lots of dancing, games and food. Make sure you dress in your Halloween costumes and put your dancing shoes on. ● 545 ● 555	<b>WE ARE 90 - LET'S PARTY</b> We are celebrating Youthtown's 90th anniversary with an epic end of HFP party complete with a youth programme star! PLUS show off your amazing skills & talents with Youthtown's Got Talent. Let's finish the holidays with a bang! ● 590 ● 540

● FULL DAY: 7AM - 6PM ● SHORT DAY: 7AM - 3:30PM

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Aims Games 2022 – TIS Netball Girls



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**SEPTEMBER, SCHOOL LUNCHTIMES:**

FRI 23RD: REPOROA COLLEGE  
MON 26TH: TAUPO NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE  
TUES 27TH: INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
WED 28TH: TAUHARA COLLEGE  
THURS 29TH: TONGARIRO SCHOOL  
FRI 30TH: MOUNTVIEW SCHOOL

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A huge thanks goes out to Sheree Gage for coaching the girls for the past two seasons and to our parents on the side-lines.

A special mention to Heidi Patterson for all your physio helps between games.



## AIMS GAMES 2022 – TIS NETBALL

The TIS Blues netball team competed at the Tauranga Netball Centre in Mount Maunganui last week, along with 109 other teams from around New Zealand.

Our week didn't start off too well with wet and freezing weather conditions. From within out pool we lost three games, and we won three games, putting us in B grade.

We won one and lost two games during grading and ended up in Division 3 for B grade where we won against Sacred Heart Girls College (New Plymouth) and Dio for Girls (Auckland) to proceed to the final.

We won this against North Street School (Feilding) 20 to 19 - a real nail biter! Overall, this placed us 49th.



## AIMS GAMES 2022 - TIS SWIMMING

**TIS Swim Team Makes a Splash at Aims games at the Bay wave pools in Tauranga.**

The commitment to their training of the swimmers at the Aims Games was clear to see. The team **Michaela Mundy, Mia Elliot, Travis Welch, and Ashton Spurr** all swam with skill and determination, with a team PB rate of over 90%. All made significant moves in their national rankings. **Jovarn Merz** also qualified for the event but was unable to compete due to illness. In total approx 450 students attended!

A big thank you to Pete McCullam for being an amazing, supportive coach, to the parents that were team manager, official timekeepers, and cheer squad.

The Team is already eyeing some of the open water events that are around the North Island. **If you are interested in doing some of these, come and talk to us.**



**The team Michaela Mundy, Mia Elliot, Travis Welch, and Ashton Spurr**



**Chaos in the warmup pool**