

# 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:**

**“In times of great stress or adversity, it’s always best to keep busy, to plow your anger and your energy into something positive.** – Lido Anthony “Lee” Iacocca

([/ˌɑː.əˈkoʊkə/ EYE-ə-KOH-kə](#); born October 15, 1924) is an American automobile executive best known for the development of [Ford Mustang](#) and [Pinto](#) cars, while at the [Ford Motor Company](#) in the 1960s, and then later for reviving the [Chrysler Corporation](#) as its CEO during the 1980s.<sup>[1]</sup> He served as President and CEO of Chrysler from 1978 and additionally as chairman from 1979, until his retirement at the end of 1992.

Well, we have arrived at the end of the term and I would be prepared to describe it as being stressful. At times we have had to face adversity, including the major tragedy in Christchurch, and the uncertain political decisions about our teacher pay and conditions.

Our school culture has been upset by unnecessary levels of violence and negativity. It actually shows that we need to continue to learn from the lessons in Christchurch, about our lack of tolerance for each other, and social media needs to be more accountable for the rubbish they allow to be published online.

Yes, we do have a responsibility to keep our students safe, but this is not helped by allowing our aged students the use of their “own” face-book and Instagram sites, and the encouragement of cell phones being taken to school when our rule is quite explicit and simple and it says **“NO CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL”**.

Our **Digital Citizenship** unit is only effective if we all work together, and at this stage, in my opinion we are not, and as such we will continue to experience bullying and threatening behaviour online.

Non- conformity to things such as, wearing the correct uniform and turning up on time for school, or representing your school with pride, all seem minor things. But these are the start of things that happen in life that are the difference between being successful and succeeding, as opposed to being a dependant or liability in society.

It has taken far more time than usual for our students to settle in, and in my discussions with other schools it seems to be a common trend, so here’s looking at term two with more positivity and with all of us **“paddling our waka in the same direction”**.

As it says in the quote by Lido Anthony Lee **“that we plow our anger and energy into something positive”**, and I can honestly say that we have plowed and have managed to achieve so many positives this term such as;

- **The enrolment of students and placing them into 23 x classrooms, the gathering and processing of their information to help us with establishing their learning levels and abilities, and the establishment of the learning and relationships, that has taken place throughout this term**
- **Our swimming & multi sports events including the culmination at the NZ Triathlon Championships in New Plymouth**
- **The interclass lunchtime competitions organised and refereed by the Boys’ Class**
- **The participation and contribution by our staff, students and parents to the many Community Events – Round the Lake Relay, NZ Ironman, Iron-kidz, Taupo Harriers, Taupo Tri- Club, Motocross, Dance and School of Music, Kids Greening, just to mention a few – please accept my apology if I did not mention your wonderful organization.**
- **The Leadership camps with Taupo Nui a Tia and the 3 x other Intermediates Ilminster, Taradale and Northcross, with the final camp in Napier hosted by Taradale Intermediate**
- **The Bay of Plenty/ Waikato / Taupo and District Inter-school sporting events and all the coaching and preparation that has to happen, along with the travel to the venues with the majority being held out of Taupo.**
- **Education Outside the Classroom -EOTC – trips to Climb Mount Tauhara, to explore Mount Ruapehu and stay over-night at our Memorial Ski Lodge, driving all the way to Wellington to view the spectacular Chinese Terracotta Warriors display and visiting Parliament, Science trips etc**
- **Full on professional development for our new teachers, started in January and continued through the term, and will include days during the holidays for Literacy, and all staff being involved in a First Aid Qualification course. Our Senior Leaders and management have continued to participate in furthering our professional development.**
- **Organization of all the winter sport codes, where netball has started, and basketball, hockey and rugby will begin in Term 2. Thank you to all the coaches and managers who have offered their support**
- **Huge thanks must go to all those parents for your wonderful support in so many ways, with the organisation and participation of all our events, and also to my Staff, who give of their time to ensure that our students are given the best possible support to be successful**

So, we head into the holiday break with still some uncertainty as far as our contracts are concerned. This is somewhat disappointing, especially now we have been informed from the highest level that there is no money left in the budget. My question is where is the money coming from to buy back weapons??? Just a question?

I don't want to pass opinion on the proposed traffic lights on Norman Smith, Wairakei Drive but it is a typical bureaucratic solution, you just shift it on to the next person – that's when you are held up on Norman Smith Street, you will be held up on Wairakei Drive, and when we have cyclists and pedestrians??? I think I might have passed an opinion.

Don't get me started on the way we are ruining our sport for our kids, and for them in the future?? I will wait until next term when I raised the issue of falling numbers and raising fees.

So let's enjoy our break, or our family time together, I am off to do something different – yeah right, heading East Coast way to do a bit of R&R and F&D.....???

Thank you all for your continued support and let's be careful out there.

## Wiremu

**Waikato Schools Mt Bike Championships:** On Wednesday 18 of our students travelled to Te Miro Mountain Bike Park, where they competed against students from a large number of Waikato schools. Students raced in ideal conditions, completing 3 laps around the lake.

All students raced well with the following top results:

**Year 7 Girls-** 2<sup>nd</sup> Amber Nicol, 5<sup>th</sup> Amelia Beavon;

**Year 7 Boys-** 3<sup>rd</sup> Toby Bowler, 4<sup>th</sup> Austin Gibson;

**Year 8 Girls-** 1<sup>st</sup> Paige Cameron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sophie Webber;

**Year 8 Boys-** 5<sup>th</sup> Ethan Staddon.

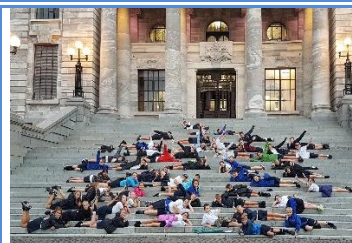
Trials will be held early next term on the 'Tourist Trap' for our BOP/Poverty Bay Intermediate Competition which is on the 7<sup>th</sup> June.

The **Kiwivolley Competition** came to a close on Friday. After four weeks of positive competition, we had an amazing finals day. 1st: MILA MILA & the Hohas 2nd: TIS Fairies

3rd: Team No Name

4th: TIS Spikers

Well done to all of the teams and a huge thank you to Jason Rameka for all of his hard work in organising the competition.



Last week, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rooms 8 & 10 ventured down to our very windy capital city - Wellington. Both classes are learning Chinese this year and were fortunate enough to visit the magnificent Terracotta Warriors exhibition at Te Papa as part of their cultural studies. There were a number of warriors, horses, and a selection of precious jewels, cookery items, and weapons to examine close up (very cool).

In addition to the museum visit, Room 10 visited parliament (the Beehive) and Room 8 toured through Wellington's Supreme High Court. There was certainly lots to see and learn.

Room 10 learning how laws are made and/or changed, we saw the debating chamber and where the Prime Minister sits, and even passed Winston Peters in the corridors.

Room 8 took part in a mock trial at the high court, playing roles like the judge, jury, key witness and criminal. With some of the class even hanging out in the holding cells!

Overall, it was an awesome trip full of wonderful learning experiences for our CWAA classes.



## Central North Island Boxing

We would like to wish Joseph Hema in Room 16 all the best this weekend as he competes in the Central North Island Boxing Championships in Christchurch. He is competing with Nuki's Boxing Gym in the 48-50kg weight class.

## BOP Primary and Intermediate Golf Competition:

On Monday Hunter Wilson and Max Hart competed in Tauranga.

Both boys played well with the following cards:

Max gross 114/net 76 for 18 holes,

Hunter 118/net 66.

Congratulations.



The first project for year 7 and 8's has concluded in hard materials. Students have been collaborating in a STEM challenge of building an air-powered recycled racer. Students used 'thinking organisers' to guide and evaluate their learning - with a key competencies focus. Students concluded their learning journey - which included learning how to use tools safely and accurately - with a drag-race down the middle of the hard materials workshop. A lot of fun was had!

Over the last few weeks the **Equestrian Group** has been very busy. Three shows in two & half weeks. We have come away with some very good results. Our St Peters Event, the riders team came away with a 4<sup>th</sup> placing. Te Teko Gamblers Shana Watkins-Purvis came 8<sup>th</sup> in the Intermediate Division and Tuesday we had 22 riders competing in the Interschools Gymkhana. The overall points prize for the intermediate riders was won by Nicole Milne on Corona Sunrise. Thanks to all the parents that helped over these shows.

