

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
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Greetings to all 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 chief beauty about time is that you cannot waste it in advance.

The next year, the next day, the next hour are lying ready for you, as perfect, as unspoiled, as if you had never wasted or mis-applied a single moment in all your life. You can turn over a new leaf every hour if you choose.” — Arnold Bennett; was an English writer. He is best known as a novelist, but he also worked in other fields such as the theatre, journalism, propaganda and films

Huge welcome back to the new year 2020, an even year, a year filled with new experiences and challenges.

It was good for us to all share our holiday experiences and apart from the variable weather we have all returned refreshed and ready to go.

Thank you to all those of you who have enrolled with us for the next two years as we appreciate the opportunity to work with your children.

There has been a lot of information sharing this week and of course students and teachers beginning to form positive relationships which will help their development in a number of areas.

Please again I ask for your patience in allowing your child to settle into the year and get to know their new teacher and their classmates.

It does take time and work from all of us to help make this happen and I know that we may have not got things right, but it is not through a lack of trying.

I thank my staff for the work in this area as this process started in October 2019 with the gathering of information.

We have a healthy roll of 650 students which my staff had had to work with to get the students into 24 x classes taking into account all the information from the previous teachers and organizations and then having to find an ideal match.

We have students here with extremely high needs in learning and behaviour, allergies both life threatening and medically controlled, social deficiencies, high, average and low level achievers and all crossing a wide spectrum of development.

Some funding support has been allocated by the Ministry of Education but this has to be directly attached to ‘that student’ while other students with needs have to be catered for within the classroom by all our teachers.

Presently each classroom teacher is charged with getting to know their students and establishing relationships with them

They will have sent out a letter to you introducing themselves and this will be followed up by a;

- **MEET THE TEACHER/PARENT EVENING**

13th February 2020 - Thursday evening at 5.30pm starting in the school hall with the Principal address and then visiting the classrooms to meet the teachers.

This is an opportunity to put a name to a face and for the teacher to share with you what their organization and expectations are in their classroom and will also outline any important programmes and upcoming events.

The avenues for open communication will also be discussed at this meeting to ensure that we keep informed.

I will be sharing information with you the state of the teaching system and what’s install for 2020 with some changes to the Education Act following the recent Tomorrow’s Schools review.

- **VISITING OUR SCHOOL**

You are most welcomed to come into our school, but we do have the following protocols that we must adhere to for the Health and Safety of our students and teachers

- When the classes have started from **8.45am – 3pm** you cannot visit classes unless you sign in at the front desk. If you are wanting things dropped off leave them at the office and we will deliver them to their classes
- If you wish to interview a teacher, then you can make an appointment outside of class time and this can be done direct, with the classroom teacher or contact the office.
- First thing in the morning from **8.am-9.am and from 2.45pm – 3.30pm** you cannot use our front driveway as a drop off or parking area – This is reserved for school buses only of which we have at least 10 x buses shifting, 300 students each day. **PLEASE** do not abuse our duty teachers but be positive and cooperative. Even and more importantly when it is wet weather we **DO NOT** want cars using the front driveway
There is a loading zone at the front of the school for drop off and pick up only – You **CANNOT** park there and leave your vehicle.
There is another entrance at Kiddle Drive which I encourage you to use as well.

- **EMERGENCIES**

If you wish to contact your child with an important message, then please contact the office direct and we will ensure that your child gets that message, this particularly important when there is a change of arrangements, which can include buses drop offs or pick-ups.

If we have any “**LOCK DOWN**” or **EMERGENCY** situations at our school, please be reassured that we will take care of your children. All of us will remain at school until the emergency is over.

We will be sharing with you our new forms of communication for sharing such information so please don’t complicate the communication system by trying to contact us.

- **SCHOOL BUSES**

This service is only available to those students who live more than 3.2 kms from the nearest school and in the next week a Bus Tag will be issued to those eligible to use this service

If you choose to by-pass your nearest school, then you can apply to buy a Bus Tag and if there is room on that bus you should be able to travel on that bus. A different coloured tag will be issued for each term to indicate to the driver that you can use that bus. This situation will be reviewed each term in terms of numbers to stop overloading.

- **SCHOOL LAPTOP SCHEME**

“Thank you to those new parents that have opted to join our laptop program. As you can imagine it takes time to set up the laptops and top get the systems operating correctly so we appreciate your patience in this. New laptops will start to be distributed to classes next week based upon whether the deposit has been paid and we will let you know when they will be able to come home.

We thank our community for its continued support in this program as it makes a real difference in our school as to what the pupils are able to achieve. If you haven’t joined up there is still time.”

Thank you all again for a fantastic start to the year and in my opinion it is time for our local council to review not only the Intersection of Arrowsmith and Napier Road but also the traffic light system on Wairakei drive.

- We need to increase the speed limit to at least 60-70 kms heading up the control gate hill and return to two lanes to increase the speed and flow. I have seen two cyclist using the cycle land now being used by slow vehicles or those vehicles heading to Pohipi Road. Most of the cyclists use the footpath going up hill.

Wiremu

We now have a Mobile App for important School messages. To download the app click this

link. <https://taupointermediate.apps.school.nz/install/>



Taupo District Council - Back to School Safety Tips

Here are some great reasons for students to walk or bike school:

- less cars on the road makes it safer
- a fit, healthy, body & mind
- a fun way to be with friends
- less air pollution with less cars on the road
- \$0 and petrol = expensive
- a closer, friendlier and more supportive community
- Less car congestion at the school drop of zone therefor safer for children

On Friday 14th February there will be an education session on Gardasil for the year 8 students. It is taken by Lakes Health Nurses. If you do not wish your child to go to this session please let their teacher know prior. Thank you.

Keynotes Childrens Choir

Does your child love to sing ? Our childrens choir is for students aged 6-14yrs old. It is cost free and audition free. A willingness to attend most rehearsals on Tuesday 5.30-6.15. Rehearsals start on Tuesday 25th Feb. For more information please email the Principal on admin@tsom.co.nz



Taupo School of Music

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Is Your Child interested in learning an Instrument ?

Taupo School of Music is now open for enrolments for instrumental lessons at the Taupo School of Music! TSOM tutors students up to and including Year 8. Students learn in small groups and most lessons are on Tuesdays after school. Instruments such as clarinets, trumpet, trombone, Cello, violin, flute, keyboard and Alto Sax are available to hire. There is also tuition on guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, percussion (not drum kit) and recorder. For more information on cost and availability etc, please email the Principal - admin@tsom.co.nz Lessons start on Tuesday 25th Feb.

TIS Tuckshop Kristie's Kai

Lunch Specials

Tuesday - 11 February

Arancini Balls - \$3.50

Friday - 14 February

Fish or Sausage & Chips \$3.50



Greetings from Kristie's Kai Our canteen runs from 8.30am till 1.30pm

*LUNCH ORDERS are to be ordered at 8.30am (not morning tea time)

Specials Tuesday & Friday only

*BREAKFAST from 8.30am

There is a variety of cereals \$2.50, Toast 50c, English muffins \$1.00, crumpets \$1.00, fruit 50c, yoghurt \$1.00 available

*MORNING TEA is from 11.25am

With an array of food available see blackboard outside canteen

*LUNCH 12.55pm

Lunch orders picked up by lunch monitor only. There is no hot food available unless I have anything left from morning tea otherwise there is Fruit, yoghurts, Dorito's, Cookies and drinks available only.