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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:

“When we least expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change; at such a moment, there is no point in pretending that nothing has happened or in saying that we are not yet ready. The challenge will not wait. Life does not look back. A week is more than enough time for us to decide whether or not to accept our destiny.” — Paulo Coelho de Souza is a [Brazilian](#) lyricist and novelist, best known for his novel [The Alchemist](#). In 2014, he uploaded his personal papers online to create a virtual Paulo Coelho Foundation.

This week I took up the challenge along with the boy’s class and their teacher Karen Turdeich along with 4 parents to walk the Tongariro Crossing and I must say it was a challenge for me.

We stayed the night at the Memorial Ski hut which is now part of our school programme. Taupo Intermediate along with Taupo Nui-a-Tia College, Waipahihi Primary, Wairakei Primary and Tongariro College are involved with the ownership and management of this hut, an outstanding facility which we as a school propose to use on a much more regular basis. This is to be utilized throughout the year and not just in winter.

I am glad I personally made the commitment, to walk the Tongariro Crossing, although physically over the past two days the recovery has been a tad slow.

I am not sure how our parents recovered but I thank them very much for their involvement and support. It gave me an opportunity to see the different ways the boys in particular, reacted to the challenge and how they coped individually and as a team.

In summary, in my opinion they performed extremely well, as they were physically and mentally challenged. The way the group helped and encouraged each other throughout the walk was fantastic.

Don’t let anyone tell you that the Tongariro Crossing is breeze and anyone can do it, because it is not a stroll in the park and for me personally I found the down-hill from Ketetahi Springs was worst then the uphill climb, particularly with my old “war wounds”.

You need to be well prepared both physically and take into account the ever-changing weather conditions after all we were in the mountains. We experienced wind and rain, foggy conditions, as well hot sunshine all within the 7 hours of our walk.

I was surprised, well maybe not, to see on the track a number of people who were not well clothed or prepared. We saw some flimsy plastic covers for raincoats and a handbag carrier along with jeans and soft shoes just to name a few ill-prepared people.

I wonder what sorts of checks and balances are in place to ensure that people who take on this walk are well prepared?

Let’s hope the ability for all of us to undertake this walk is not compromised by any accidents that might occur because of lack of preparation or checks and balances.



Swimming Sports Organisation 2020 - Monday 24th February

9.15am to 11.30am - year 8

12pm to 2.15pm - year 7

All students are encouraged to enter at least one event, with a maximum entry of one entry per student per discipline/stroke (not including the three elite events).

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Laptop Update:

- Most laptops have been issued that have been paid for through a direct cash payment or the deposit amount for the lease.
- These payments need to be kept up to date to avoid any issues later on. We as a school need to have the money in the bank to be able to pay the lease company at the required times and it makes it difficult when we are chasing up payments throughout the year.
- If you have any issues and think that your pupil's laptop should have been issued then please contact the office. Sometimes things slip through the net in what is a very busy time of the year.
- We have an issue with laptop bags in that most of them have not arrived as planned. We believe that this might be due to the issues happening in china as this is where the bags are most likely coming from. We apologise for this but it is beyond our control.
- We would prefer that the laptops stay at school at this time as transporting them in bags not fit for purpose may very well void the insurance policy that you have all paid for in your agreement.
- Be aware also that laptops left unattended or not in a secure location may also void the insurance policy.
- We are working through now distributing desktops through the classrooms and due to the increased roll at the school this is putting a very temporary strain on our current resources. This will be sorted out in the next week or so on a class by class basis.

We thank all those in our school community that continue to support us in this programme. It is greatly appreciated.

Jon Wood T.I.S Laptop Programme Taupo Intermediate



Well done to **Amber Nicol** Rm 22 for successfully competing in the 'Oceania' and 'National' mountain biking champs in Dunedin during the school holidays. A podium finish was guaranteed as there was a shortage of U15 female riders. The course was extremely challenging and she shared the track with U17 riders up to 5 years older. A great start to the 2020 season.

Monster Mountain Bike Challenge Sunday 22nd March 2020

Craters of the Moon
10.30am to 2pm
Entries Close 21st March
Enter online at
www.monstermtb.org.nz

REMINDER NOTICE TO PARENTS:

All the year 8 students are due their
12 year old HPV immunisation
As per the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule.
They have received a consent form for a parent/ guardian
/caregiver to read, sign & send back to school, so that we
can check it. The online video link is on the form and I
encourage you to watch it with your child. Thank you.

Charlotte Rosenberg attended the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestral Summer School this year, from 13 – 17 January 2020. This year we had even more places available, as well as running our programme together with a specialist percussion programme TAPS with 94 students in attendance. We were very impressed by all the students, all of whom got involved, had fun and hopefully improved their orchestral performance abilities. All of our mentors (APO permanent players) and our Conductor, David Kay were impressed with the commitment of the students and thrilled with the quality of playing at the Finale Concert on 17 January 2020 at the Auckland Town Hall.

Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra does in the community, including for schools, please let me know or have a look at <https://www.apo.co.nz/community-education/>

TIS Tuckshop Kristie's Kai

Lunch Specials

Tuesday	Curried Sausages	\$3.50
Friday	Mini Slider & Chips	\$4.00



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

