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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
te kura Waenga o Taupo
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, *The Devil and Miss Prym*

There is no doubt that in the past weeks we have seen and been part of the many changes, some that will continue to change and some that will impact on many lives in our town of Taupo and across the country.

Some of us will have no choice but to accept our destiny and just get on with life while for others this is a very testing time.

I have been asking my staff to keep an eye out for our students and make sure they are being catered for and looked after and that we should be aware that things may have changed for the worst in their homes, that these children may need support. It is sometimes difficult to tell but we will endeavour to keep vigilant and where we find some difficulties we will try and help support.

I am asking that as parents and caregivers that you also keep in touch with us and me if you need some help and or support. We will do our best to help and if not us we will seek help from other agencies and people.

I am talking about uniforms, shoes, socks polar fleeces etc and maybe food parcels, firewood and or maybe things that you are finding hard to get direction or help with. If you are struggling to get food for your child’s breakfast or lunch or snacks at our school, then please do not hesitate to contact or email me.

After all we are told every day what a magnificent job we are doing, and we are all supposed to be doing all we can, to ensure that none of our citizens are suffering.

Do you have a business that needs workers or workers that are looking for jobs and we may be able to put you on to something or someone?

We are still in Covid 19 Level 2 and with that still have some restrictions in place.

- **HEALTH AND SAFETY DIRECTIVE - You are required to sign in and check in at the office during school hours and not just wander down to classrooms. Teachers are unavailable for meetings during class time. Please make an appointment through the office – 07 3788097**
- **No unauthorized entry into our school – Staff and Students allowed onsite with Contractors and parents required to sign in**
- **Students who are checking out during the school day need to be checked through our office system**

- **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT - ALL ABSENCES need clarification and or Justification by Parents / Caregivers. Absences are recorded on our Ministry Data base so you will need to contact us as to why the absence has occurred.**
- **Health and Hygiene protocols are paramount**
- **HEALTH AND SAFETY DIRECTIVE - DON'T use the driveway into the school in the morning and after-school as we have 10 x buses picking up and dropping off from this entrance each day as well as students walking into schools.**
- **If you feel unwell then stay home. We have had too many students being sent to school not feeling well then having to be picked.
We have had a 'tummy bug' come into our school and we are asking that anyone with symptoms associated with sickness and nausea to stay off our site.**
- **Students who are not observing set protocols will be sent home on Stand down and we also are expecting that if their behaviour becomes a problem, we will also be sending students home.**

We are in an unprecedented predicament and under pressure to adhere to the guidelines laid down by the Ministry of Health and Education and the expectation of our parents and community without having to deal with challenging behaviours as well.

Under level 2 we deem this to be unacceptable and will require your child to undertake more online or "distant" education.

- **SPORTS UPDATES**

- **Our local netball association has deemed that netball for our Year 7 and Year 8 A teams will start on the 20th June 2020 and all other teams after the holidays on the 25th July 2020. We have reduced numbers who now want to play.**

You all enjoy your long weekend and let us take some time out relax, fish, relax and fish.

It is interesting that our Prime Minister is looking to maybe increase the number of "Long Weekends" with a 4 day week to apparently help us generate some energy into the economy. The only thing is, will we only be paid for 4 x days or still be paid for 5 x days??

Thank you all so much, to my staff who are still working tirelessly to work under these conditions and to our students who have returned excited and positive and all they are interested in is being with their friends and being active again and that's all cool. A big thank you to our parents and caregivers for your continued support.

Nga mihi nui

Wiremu Clarke

BELATED BUT GRATEFUL THANKS:

- *To the Taupo Harriers Club for providing us with a \$200.00 cheque because of the number of runners and walkers participating at the Domain on Wednesday afternoons during their season.*

They had just completed their event that week then we went into Lockdown. Thank you to Lewis Campbell a regular participant, for delivering the cheque up to my place

Winter Sport: *The Netball and Hockey clubs have rearranged the season so that play will start in July, with fees, number of games etc being altered. With these changes in place students are having to reaffirm their decision re registration in a team. Earlier this week all netball players had to have their replies in and the new teams have now been formed. Hockey players also met and received a newsletter, replies confirming their wish to still play must be handed in to the office by Tuesday the 2nd of June. With both codes it is taken that students who do not return a reply no longer wish to play this season.*